

# In The Know

Five Important Highlights from the Jewish Federation of Broward County



## 1

### Security Community Programs Ensure a Safer Jewish Broward

Preparation and planning are key to navigating emergencies. Our Security Community Program ensures that Broward County remains as safe as possible. Last month, the Jewish Federation of Broward County's Security Team partnered with Goodman Jewish Family Services to teach 35 of their staff members about lockdown best practices and emergency response protocols.

We are proud to offer this service to the larger community to ensure a safer Jewish Broward. To schedule a training session, please contact Dennis May, Community Security Director, at [DMay@JewishBroward.org](mailto:DMay@JewishBroward.org).



## 2

### 2026 Community Mission to Israel: Be A Part of This Meaningful Experience



The Jewish Federation's Community Mission to Israel is our largest and most meaningful immersive journey—one that sparks connection, deepens Jewish identity, and brings our community together in unforgettable ways.

Watch this short video for a glimpse of the powerful moments and lifelong bonds waiting for you. [Click here](#) to learn more and register!

## 3

### Strengthening Solidarity Between Broward's Black and Jewish Communities

On Sunday, leadership of the Alcee L. Hastings Broward Black-Jewish Alliance joined Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz at New Mount Olive Baptist Church to celebrate Rev. Dr. Marcus D. Davidson, recipient of the third Annual Alcee L. Hastings Civil Rights & Social Justice Award. The gathering highlighted the Federation's ongoing commitment to strengthening solidarity between the Black and Jewish communities throughout Broward County.

The Alliance, a project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Broward County, is named for Rep. Hastings, z"l, an extraordinary champion of human rights and the state of Israel. For more information about the Alcee L. Hastings Broward Black-Jewish Alliance, please contact [Evan Goldman](#).



## 4

### Broward County's Jared Firestone Represents Israel at the Olympics



Jared Firestone, a proud Jewish Broward resident known as the "Jewish Jet," chased his Olympic dream at the 2026 Winter Olympics. His participation in the 2008 March of the Living, a Federation-supported program, inspired his commitment to compete for Team Israel.

Representing Israel, Jared served as the flag bearer at the opening ceremonies and competed in skeleton, a head-first race down a curved track in a skeleton sled. He honors the 11 Israeli athletes and coaches from the 1972 Munich Olympics by wearing a kippah bearing their names. We are proud of all that Jared has accomplished. Congratulations to Jared and all of the 2026 Olympians!

## 5

### A Meaningful Mission to Israel That Moved Generations

Over 100 women philanthropists from 32 Jewish Federation communities, including Debbie Gober and Lori Mizels from Broward County, joined the Ruby Lion of Judah mission to Israel. The Ometz Lev ("courage of the heart") mission highlighted the war's impact on women, children, and families, and showcased how the Federation is helping rebuild Israel.

Lori Mizels, a Broward County Lion of Judah, described the mission as "an incredible experience to travel with 100 women from across the country and witness firsthand the resilience of Israel and the hope for a better future." For more information about Lion of Judah, contact [Debra Zablotsky](#).

