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FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



Dear Friends,

This year, we are celebrating several important milestones in the history of our agency: the 30th anniversary of the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, the 15th anniversary of the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center, and the 10th anniversary of JFS at Home.

Over the years, the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, Weisman Center, and JFS at Home have had a profound impact on

our community. For many older adults, The Weisman Center has become a second home, providing friendship, connection, and enriching programs that combat isolation. I remain deeply grateful to the board members and donors whose vision made it possible, and to Shirley and Bart (z"l) Weisman for their enduring support.

JFS at Home was created to meet another critical community need, providing home health aides and companions to seniors and Holocaust Survivors. Over the past decade, it has grown steadily and is now implementing a strategic plan to expand its reach even further.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, I am reminded of a recent conversation with someone who shared that during a difficult period of illness and financial hardship, the pantry provided food when they had nowhere else to turn. We are especially grateful for the support of Anne & Norman Jacobson, whose generosity helped make this vital resource possible.

We have been hard at work all summer planning an amazing lineup of our Signature Events, the public launch of our "One Family. Our Future." Comprehensive Campaign and providing all the many programs and services to the community. Thank you for making this work possible, and for helping us build a stronger future together.

Danielle N. Hartman

President & CEO

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MAIL POUCH

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

After Jane lost her husband, grief and loneliness left her feeling isolated and overwhelmed. Concerned for her well-being, her adult children encouraged her to seek help, and she courageously reached out to Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) for counseling. Through compassionate grief counseling at JFS, Jane began to process her loss, reconnect with loved ones, and rediscover coping strategies that helped her move forward. “While the loss of my husband will always be a part of my story, it no longer defines my daily life.” Thanks to the support she received, Jane has found renewed hope and a path toward healing.

TOBY AND LEON COOPERMAN CENTER FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

“There are moments in a parent’s journey when you meet someone who truly changes the trajectory of your child’s life. Jodi Schechtman is one of those people. Jodi doesn’t just “do therapy.” She sees the child in front of her—who they are, how they think, what motivates them, and where they are stuck—and she meets them exactly there. Every session is thoughtfully individualized. She pivots in real time, adapts creatively, and brings a level of intuition and expertise that you simply cannot teach. The result isn’t just progress in speech or language; it’s growth in confidence, cognition, communication, and independence.” – Cooperman Center Parent

HARRIET & ED LEVINE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

“The Harriet & Ed Levine Meals on Wheels Program has given me peace of mind, knowing that each week I will receive a knock on my door and a friendly volunteer will drop off nutritious kosher meals for me to enjoy. I recently received a challah, and that brought me to tears. I was so moved thinking about how JFS truly cares about me and my traditions. This program truly is such a blessing.” – L.K.

SENIOR SERVICES

“After my husband was diagnosed with dementia, I was totally lost and found myself floundering in uncharted territory. I phoned JFS, where I have been helped, supported, and guided by Alex Chernis. He is kind, understanding, encouraging, supportive, and has endless patience. He is extremely efficient and always comes straight back to you with an answer, advice and education. The caregivers’ groups are invaluable—both the Zoom and in person sessions. We have become like one big family and are very interested in helping one another and finding out how our friend’s loved ones are doing.” – S.C.

COMMUNITY MENTORING PROGRAM

“I cannot express enough gratitude for the impact JFS and my child’s mentor have had on his life. Under his mentor’s guidance, my child has gained confidence, maturity, and motivation to work harder toward his goals. This mentorship has provided valuable support, new perspectives, and opportunities for growth. I am truly grateful for the positive influence and lasting impact JFS and my child’s mentor have had on his outlook, personal development, and future.” – B.R.

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REMEMBERING STANLEY “STAN” BARRY (z”l)

Stan Barry (z”l) was a devoted family man, visionary philanthropist, and respected community leader. He leaves a legacy defined by generosity, leadership, and heartfelt commitment to improving lives near and far.

For more than forty years, Stan’s extraordinary vision and exceptional generosity impacted the lives of countless individuals throughout the United States and abroad. He believed deeply in the power of philanthropy to uplift communities, strengthen institutions, and create lasting change.

Stan grew up in New York, where he built a successful career and, together with his beloved wife, Marilyn, raised their two sons, Mitchell and Richard. In 2000, Stan and Marilyn relocated to South Florida, where they became increasingly engaged in philanthropic and civic leadership, generously contributing not only financial support but also their time, wisdom, and expertise.

A passionate advocate for community growth, Stanley served on the Board and Executive Committee of Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS), where he chaired numerous events and played a pivotal role in securing properties that enabled the organization to expand its reach and impact, including the purchase of land from Temple Anshei Shalom for the construction of the Shirely & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center. His leadership and vision helped ensure the agency’s ability to serve future generations.

Stan also served as Chair of the Foundation for Boca Raton Regional Hospital and generously supported a wide range of organizations, including North Shore Children’s Hospital, Florida Atlantic University, the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Donna Klein Jewish Academy, and multiple religious and charitable institutions throughout the United States and Israel. His philanthropy knew no bounds and was guided by a sincere desire to help others succeed.

Above all else, Stan’s greatest pride was his family. In addition to his wife and two sons, he is survived by his daughters-in-law, his cherished grandchildren, and his beloved great-grandchildren. His enduring hope was that his family would continue to grow and prosper, carrying forward his passion for charitable giving, community involvement, and compassion for others.

“Stanley Barry will be remembered not only for his remarkable generosity and leadership, but for the profound kindness and purpose that guided every aspect of his life. His legacy lives on through the institutions he strengthened, the people whose lives he touched, and the family he loved so deeply. May his memory be a blessing”. – Danielle Hartman, President & CEO



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In Loving Memory

Kristin M. Beck
(1972–2026)

This issue is lovingly dedicated to the memory of Kristin M. Beck, whose life, kindness, and spirit will forever remain in our hearts.

2026 ANNUAL JFS GALA RALES HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

ETTA & RAYMOND ZIMMERMAN

Etta and Raymond Zimmerman have built remarkable legacies of leadership, philanthropy, and service, united by a shared commitment to strengthening Jewish life and supporting vulnerable communities.

Raymond Zimmerman is a successful entrepreneur who co-founded Service Merchandise with his parents in 1960 and served as CEO from 1977 to 1994, growing the company into a national chain of more than 400 stores. Following his retirement, he founded 99 Cent Stuff and continued mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs. Throughout his career, Raymond remained deeply involved in community service, holding leadership roles with organizations including United Way, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Jewish Federations in Nashville and Boca Raton.



Inspired by her father, Holocaust Survivor Alex Gross, (z"l) Etta Zimmerman has dedicated her life to Jewish philanthropy and communal leadership. She is a past chair of the Board of Jewish Federation. Her extensive leadership also includes Claims Conference, Jewish Book Council, Jewish Future Promise, PJ Library International Council, and National Women's Philanthropy of Jewish Federations of North America. Etta, Vice President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), is a grateful alumna of both the Wexner Heritage Program and the Wexner Leadership Summit Atid.

Together, Etta and Raymond have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving lives and advancing Jewish values. For nearly 20 years, alongside their esteemed partners, Edith (z"l) & Martin (z"l) Stein, Etta and Raymond

have ensured that no one in our community spends Thanksgiving alone by generously underwriting the Annual Thanksgiving Banquet. Each year more than 600 seniors and adults with disabilities come to celebrate.

Their leadership, generosity, and commitment to service have made a lasting impact locally and beyond. In recognition of their extraordinary philanthropy, including their support of the banquet, and their enduring dedication to helping others, Etta and Raymond Zimmerman are being honored with the Ruth & Norman Rales Humanitarian of the Year Award.



2026 ANNUAL JFS GALA CORPORATE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

ROGER & APRIL LEAVY | TASSEL DEPOT

After moving to Boca Raton in 1989, April and Roger Leavy have supported Jewish life and philanthropy for more than 35 years. As co-owners of a successful family business, they bring a shared commitment to leadership, service, and community impact.

Roger's passion for combating food insecurity has led to significant involvement with Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS), where he currently serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors. He has also held leadership roles overseeing the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and the Personnel Committee. Together, April and Roger co-chaired the 2018 Annual JFS Gala.



For more than three decades, the Leavy's have strengthened the Jewish community through leadership and philanthropy. Roger has served in key roles with Donna Klein Jewish Academy, the Adolph & Rose Levis JCC, Jewish Federation, and B'nai Torah Congregation, where he served as President. Professionally, he leads Tassel Depot, the family-owned company he and April own together.

April has held leadership positions with Jewish Federation, including Young Adult Division, Women's Philanthropy, Israel & Overseas, and she currently serves on the Program Funding Council, the Jewish Federations of North America, and the



In recognition of their lasting contributions, April and Roger received the 2020 Sandler Hanadiv Crystal Award.

Roger and April enjoy spending time with their daughter Alex, son-in-law Joel, and twin grandchildren, Aiden and Jordan. The Leavys share their home with their beloved dogs. Together they enjoy cooking, traveling, fine dining and great wine.





A NEW CHAPTER: CLIENT STORY

Barry started attending therapy at Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) due to feeling deeply unfulfilled and disconnected from his life. An empty-nester, Barry started working remotely, feeling isolated in his quiet home, which further intensified his sense of disconnection. He realized that his daily routine lacked meaningful social interaction and structure. His marriage had also become strained and contentious. Communication with his wife was limited with many periods of not speaking and lacking intimacy, causing him to feel lonely and emotionally distant.

His therapist at JFS helped him stay focused on the key areas of rebuilding communication skills to create more open and authentic conversations with his wife; gradually increasing social interactions; and looking at daily routines and activities.

Through consistent work in therapy, Barry began to make meaningful changes. He initiated conversations with his wife, where he was able to express his feelings and listen to her. He started initiating lunch plans with friends, began going into the office one day per week, and changed some of his daily routines, such as adding exercise classes and leaving the house more. Barry now feels more connected to his wife and knows how to care for his own social and mental health needs, feeling more fulfilled and purposeful about his life. ♦

GET YOUR GREEN ON FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

On May 14, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) participated in Palm Beach County's Get Your Green On campaign to raise awareness for Mental Health Month. A green fountain, snacks, swag, games, music, and a positive affirmations board created a welcoming atmosphere to highlight JFS Behavioral Health Services. Staff and students from Donna Klein Jewish Academy stopped by to pose for photos, write affirmations, and share experiences in a safe space.

This year's theme, "Rooted in Resilience," emphasized the connection between emotional well-being and the natural world. It was a perfect day to enjoy the outdoors while participating in a healing-centered activity. Our Outreach Department also visited several community partner locations to bring the Get Your Green On campaign directly to the community. ♦



LGBTQ+ SENIORS: JOIN US FOR SILVER PRIDE

Silver Pride is for LGBTQ+ seniors looking for a supportive community to connect with others who share the same experiences. No matter where you are in your journey, Silver Pride is here to provide a safe space, expert advice, and share conversations about topics that matter. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center.

For more information, call (561) 852-3333 or simply come in-person to our next meeting.

MEET OUR NEW FAU PSYCHIATRY RESIDENTS



Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) extends a warm welcome to our newest Psychiatry Residents, Dr. Joseph Perez, Dr. Jennifer Sanchez Teeling, Dr. Jordyn Lee, and Dr. Alexander Arnold, from Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Residency Program.

Under the supervision of Ashley Beattie, MD, a licensed Pediatric and General Psychiatrist, this partnership has expanded JFS psychiatry services to include children and adolescents. Since the program began in 2020, residents have provided more than 4,035 hours of care and served over 200 children. JFS is honored to be part of a program that increases access to high-quality, affordable psychiatric care and looks forward to working with these new residents. ♦



(From L to R) Joseph Perez, MD, Jennifer Sanchez Teeling, MD, Jordyn Lee, MD, Alexander Arnold, MD

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FEBRUARY 10, 2027—REFLECTIONS OF HOPE LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELIZABETH SMART

The abduction of Elizabeth Smart was one of the most followed child abduction cases of our time. After being held prisoner for nine grueling months, police safely returned Elizabeth to her family on March 12, 2003. Through this traumatic experience, Elizabeth has become an advocate for change related to child abduction, sexual abuse, human trafficking, recovery programs, and national legislation. The Founder of the "Elizabeth Smart Foundation," Elizabeth has also helped promote the National AMBER Alert, Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act, and other safety legislation to help prevent abductions. Elizabeth chronicled her experiences in the *New York Times* best-selling book, *My Story*. In addition, she and other abduction survivors worked with the Department of Justice to create a survivor's guide,

entitled, *You're Not Alone: The Journey From Abduction to Empowerment*. This guide is meant to encourage children who have gone through similar experiences not to give up but to know that there is hope for a rewarding life. In 2018, Elizabeth wrote a powerful and inspiring book, *Where There's Hope*, which is both an up-close-and-personal glimpse into her healing process and a heartfelt how-to guide for readers to make peace with the past and embrace the future. Her advocacy reached a massive global audience in January 2026 with the release of the top-ten Netflix documentary, *Kidnapped: Elizabeth Smart*. Her most recent literary work, *Detours: Hope & Growth After Life's Hardest Turns* (released December 2025), is a memoir-meets-guide empowering readers to navigate life's detours, embrace resilience, and find healing and purpose



after adversity. In *Detours*, she explores how trauma can derail one's path in life and shares her struggles with captivity, reintegration, and resilience, offering four key "Rest Stops" for navigating difficult turns. Elizabeth's abduction and recovery continue to motivate parents, law enforcement, and leaders worldwide to focus on children's safety. As our featured speaker for the Reflections of Hope Luncheon on February 10, 2027, Elizabeth will share her story and help raise awareness and critical funds for behavioral health programs and services in our community. ♦

TOBY AND LEON COOPERMAN THERAPY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

ETHAN’S STORY



When seven-year-old Ethan first came to the Toby and Leon Cooperman Therapy & Family Resource Center, his family was searching for answers and a deeper understanding of their son. Previous evaluations provided important information, but his parents often felt they did not fully capture the unique child behind the diagnosis. At the Cooperman Center, Ethan received a comprehensive evaluation that

combined observations, parent interviews, standardized assessments, and collaboration with caregivers. This approach created a fuller picture of his strengths, challenges, personality, and potential. When Ethan’s mother received the final report, she was deeply moved. For the first time, she felt an evaluation truly reflected who her son was.

“Ethan is more than a diagnosis,” she shared. “This was the first evaluation that reflected him so thoroughly and thoughtfully.”

The detailed recommendations provided a clear roadmap for next steps and empowered the family to advocate confidently for Ethan at home, in school, and in the community.

Stories like Ethan’s demonstrate the power of comprehensive, compassionate care. By seeing the whole child and partnering with families, the Cooperman Center provides the guidance and support children need to thrive.



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Students begin to experience success, strengthen their reading skills, and develop a more positive outlook on learning.

NEW AT THE COOPERMAN CENTER: ORTON-GILLINGHAM

At the Toby and Leon Cooperman Therapy & Family Resource Center, our Speech & Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists are trained in the Orton-Gillingham (OG) approach, an evidence-based, multi-sensory method proven to help students with dyslexia and other language-based learning challenges. OG instruction is individualized, structured, and builds skills step by step, allowing students to learn at their own pace. By engaging sight, sound, and touch, this approach helps reinforce learning and improve retention. Most importantly, working with an OG-trained professional builds confidence.

SIBSHOPS SIBLINGS NEED SUPPORT TOO

Having a child with special needs impacts the whole family, and siblings have their own unique journey. That’s why Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) offers Sibshops.

This special group creates a fun, safe space for brothers and sisters to connect, share, and feel understood. Through games, activities, and peer support, participants build friendships, gain confidence, and discover they are not alone.

Games, laughter, and friendships await!



Learn more about Sibshops by calling (561) 852-3112 or email TzippiR@ralesjfs.org

DOMESTIC ABUSE EDUCATION AND ACTION PROGRAM: A NEW BEGINNING

When Lori arrived in South Palm Beach County, she carried little more than determination and hope. After making the courageous decision to leave an abusive relationship and relocate from out of state, she faced the reality of starting over completely on her own.

During this uncertain time, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) stepped in with immediate support. Crisis counseling provided a safe space to process trauma and begin healing, while a Start-Over Basket filled with household essentials and personal care items helped meet her most urgent needs. What may have seemed like simple items became powerful reminders that she was not alone.

With compassionate guidance and ongoing encouragement, she began rebuilding her life one step at a time. She developed a plan for stability, secured employment, obtained her own apartment, and gradually replaced fear with confidence. As she worked toward independence, the support she received helped transform uncertainty into opportunity.

Today, she is living independently, employed, and creating a future free from abuse. She recently shared that the



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assistance she received gave her hope when she needed it most and helped her believe that a brighter future was possible.

Her journey is a testament to the life-changing impact of timely intervention, compassionate care, and the generosity of donors who make these services possible. Because of that support, one survivor found safety, stability, and the chance to begin again.



PEACE OF MIND FOR CARLA

One of our Harriet & Ed Levine Meals on Wheels Program clients, Carla, is a senior who lives alone in Kings Point. When she reached out for food assistance, she shared that she has no children or family nearby. After the loss of her partner many years ago, she has been on her own ever since.

Carla not only struggles to afford groceries, especially the healthier ingredients her diet requires, but also finds it difficult to stand for long periods to prepare balanced meals.

Meals on Wheels provides her with peace of mind, knowing that each week she will receive nutritious, kosher meals that she enjoys.

Our program continues to make a meaningful impact on seniors throughout Delray Beach and Boca Raton—not only by delivering meals, but by offering connection, kindness, and hope. Carla shared how much she looks forward to seeing her weekly delivery volunteer. His visits give her something to look forward to, and his kindness always brings a smile to her face.

Recently, when we were able to provide our clients with challah bread, Carla was so deeply moved that she was brought to tears of gratitude.

Moments like these remind us that what we do goes far beyond food, it's about nourishing the heart and building meaningful human connections.

For more information please call (561) 852-3333

2025 WOODFIELD FEEDS THE HUNGRY RECAP

For the past 18 years, the residents of Woodfield Country Club in Boca Raton have dedicated their time, energy, and resources to ensure that individuals and families in the community have a complete, traditional Thanksgiving Meal. The Woodfield Feeds the Hungry annual initiative truly proves that “it takes a village.”

Every year residents begin collecting food and monetary donations at the end of October, culminating in a volunteer event the day before Thanksgiving at the Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Arriving in the morning, they come prepared to sort food donations, pack them into boxes, decorate the boxes with care, create greeting cards, and then deliver each box to neighbors in need.

Led by co-chairs, Larry Blair, Michele Fisher, Lori and Jason Solodkin, and Robin Siegal, this event raised nearly \$40,000 for clients of the pantry. Like a well-oiled machine, the co-chairs worked hard to ensure the success of this event, delivering meals to 150 households.

Thank you to the co-chairs and to the following partners for their generous donations: Roy Camhi, Imperial Dade, Unified Wholesale Grocers, and Summer Faerman/ B’nai Torah.



A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY: ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BANQUET BRINGS JOY TO HUNDREDS

On Thursday, November 27, 2025 at the Eagles Center on the Richard and Carol Siemens Jewish Campus, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) and the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County (JFSPBC) hosted the beloved Annual Thanksgiving Banquet, welcoming more than 600 seniors and adults with disabilities for a traditional holiday celebration.

For many attendees, this event is more than a meal; it is a lifeline of socialization and community. These are individuals who might otherwise have nowhere to go on Thanksgiving. The banquet provides a warm, festive environment where guests can



connect, share stories, and feel the joy of belonging.

Guests were greeted by volunteers and escorted into the beautifully decorated center. Over 200 volunteers served and mingled with guests, creating an atmosphere of care and celebration. The menu featured freshly carved turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apple and pumpkin pie. Each guest also received a grocery gift card, ensuring support beyond the holiday. This cherished tradition has been underwritten for many years by Etta and Raymond Zimmerman whose generosity ensures that hundreds of community members can experience the warmth of Thanksgiving.

“This event is about more than food—it’s about dignity, connection, and joy,” said Danielle Hartman, President & CEO of JFS. “For many of our guests, this is the highlight of their year. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers and donors who make this possible.”



Left page, First bottom photo: Volunteers packing meals for Woodfield Feeds the Hungry event; Second bottom photo: Left to Right: President & CEO, Danielle Hartman; Event Co-Chairs, Morgan Blair, Michele Fisher, Lori Solodkin, Samantha Solodkin, Larry Blair, Robin Siegal, Not Pictured: Jason Solodkin Opposite page bottom left: Volunteer Bernie Grossman Serving Guests

“THIS EVENT IS ABOUT MORE THAN FOOD—IT’S ABOUT DIGNITY, CONNECTION, AND JOY.” PRESIDENT & CEO DANIELLE HARTMAN



CELEBRATES
30
YEARS
OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY



1996 Food Pantry



A Pantry Volunteer shopping for clients



2012 Naming of the Jacobson Family Food Pantry



Volunteers sorting food



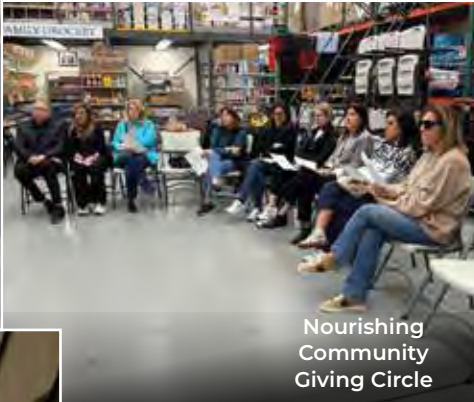
2025 FAU Hillel



2018 Pargh Family Grocery
Ron Reshefsky, Anne Jacobson, Danielle Hartman, Andy Pargh, Lisa Goodman, Roger Leavy



Grand Opening of the Jacobson Family Food Pantry
Danielle Hartman, Judi Donoff, Anne & Norman Jacobson, Roger Leavy



Nourishing Community Giving Circle



Young volunteers decorating cards at the pantry



Pargh Family Grocery Plaque



Oscar and Ray Merber Trust, Danielle Hartman (center)



Larry Blair, Lori Solodkin, Jason Solodkin, Michele Fisher, Robin Siegal



2018 Woodfield Feeds the Hungry



Hurricane Supply Bagging

What began in 1996 as a small trailer on the campus of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, serving just 32 families, has grown into a vital community resource providing food to more than 600 households.

With the opening of the 2,600-square-foot Jacobson Family Food Pantry at 403 S. Congress Avenue, made possible through the generous support of Anne and Norman Jacobson, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) expanded its ability to respond to the growing need for food assistance in our community. Today, individuals and families can shop in-person or

receive twice-monthly deliveries of nutritious groceries, ensuring access to food with dignity and choice.

In 2019, a gift from the estate of Madeline and Eugene Pargh named the grocery section of the pantry. Their generosity, along with that of many others over the years, has helped to extend our reach and ensure that no one in the community goes hungry. Behind the scenes, our dedicated staff, volunteers, and corporate partners play an essential role, giving their time, energy, and support to ensure the pantry operates seamlessly and continues to serve those in need. ♦



SENIOR SERVICES:
BRUCE’S SMILE FIXED

Bruce*, an 85-year-old resident of Weinberg House, lives on a fixed Social Security income while managing multiple back surgeries, a serious heart condition, and limited mobility. As living costs continue to rise, he shared with our Resident Service Coordinator (RSC), “I struggle to keep up with the rising cost of living and make my bills at times.”

When Bruce needed extensive dental work he could not afford, he confided, “I am embarrassed to smile because my teeth look so bad and I can’t chew very well.” Our RSC helped him apply for assistance through the JFS Financial Assistance program, which made the treatment possible. Today, Bruce says, “I can chew my food with ease, smile again with confidence, and most importantly, I am out of pain.”

Through compassionate care and financial assistance, Bruce regained not only his health but also his dignity and joy, proving that even small acts of support can make a life-changing difference. ♦

*Name changed to protect confidentiality.

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Senior Troupe’s Wizard of Oz
Sells Out Twice

The Valiant Players, a senior performance troupe at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center of Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS), delighted audiences with two sold-out performances of The Wizard of Oz. Directed by Peter Vincent with Music Director Wally Childs, the production showcased the talent, dedication, and enthusiasm of its cast. After months of rehearsing lines, choreography, and musical numbers, the performers brought the beloved story to life with creativity and heart. Their energy and commitment made the experience memorable for audiences and families alike.

More than a theater group, the Valiant Players reflect the Weisman Center’s spirit of creativity, connection, and active aging. The Center serves nearly 500 members through a wide range of programs, activities, and social opportunities that enrich the lives of older adults. ♦

To learn more about the Weisman Center, please call (561) 558-2100



2025 CAFE EUROPA: DECEMBER RECAP

Bringing Light After Darkness: JFS Honors Holocaust Survivors
at Annual Café Europa Celebration

Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) hosted its annual Café Europa event at B’nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, bringing together more than 150 Holocaust Survivors from Delray Beach and Boca Raton for a day of joy, tradition, and community.

Held each December, Café Europa is a cherished tradition that celebrates the resilience and strength of Survivors while honoring their legacy. Guests enjoyed a festive Hanukkah luncheon featuring traditional foods such as latkes and jelly doughnuts, lively music, and dancing that filled the room with warmth and light. Among the attendees were three centenarians, including one remarkable Survivor who is 103 years old, a living testament to resilience and hope. Their presence inspired everyone in the room and underscored the importance of preserving these connections for future generations.

Each year, this event is generously sponsored by Jill Viner, whose mother was a Holocaust Survivor. “It gives me great pleasure to show these remaining Survivors how truly treasured they are to the community,” said Viner. “I am fortunate to connect with them year after year. They are my heroes and my strength.”

Danielle Hartman, President & CEO of JFS, reflected on the significance of the gathering: “All of these Survivors understand the pain and suffering of terrible tragedies, but when we come together for events like this, it proves that we can bring light into this world.” In a time when recent global tragedies remind us of the importance of unity and resilience, Café Europa stands as a powerful testament to the strength of community and the enduring value of tradition. ♦

CELEBRATING

15 years

OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Happy 15th Anniversary to the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center!

For a decade and a half, this special place has been a source of support, joy, and enrichment for our vibrant 60+ community, made possible by generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and the incredible individuals who walk through our doors each day.

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, what would have been Barton Weisman's (z") 98th birthday, members of the Weisman Center gathered for a heartfelt celebration, honoring 15 years since the center first opened its doors. Shirley and Bart Weisman had a vision to create a special place where seniors can come together and enrich their lives. Today, membership continues to grow; new activities are added frequently, and the center remains a vibrant hub of energy and excitement.

It's no surprise that the Weisman Center continues to thrive. Members like Stan and his wife, Alice, share, "My wife and I joined two years ago, and it has become our second home." Then there's Marsha, who says, "I go every day and love the center. I've made new friends and enjoy playing Mah Jongg, Rummikub, and canasta. The staff, including the drivers, are wonderful, caring, and compassionate people. Thank you for all you do."

Newer member Patricia commented that when she moved to the area a year ago, she hoped to find a welcoming and supportive environment where she could meet people and stay active. "The Weisman Center is all of that and more!"

These are just a few of the many members who rave about their "home away from home."

Here's to the next 15 years of connection, compassion, and community. 💜



Barton & Shirley Weisman



Danielle Hartman, Shirley Weisman, Marcia Langley, Rick Paul



Left to right top to bottom:
2009 Weisman Center Ground
Breaking, 2010 Grand Opening,
Diane & Larry Feldman, Prom 2014,
Blume Cafe 2018, Celebrity Chef,
Alan Bergman;
Art Class, Veteran's Day Gathering,
Hanukkah Party, Weisman Center
members Rabbi Dan Levin and Amy
Reshefsky's Artwork Reveal, Diane
Feldman and a Member Dancing,
Rales Rides, 2026 Valiant Players

10 YEARS JFS AT HOME

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For 10 years, JFS at Home has helped older adults throughout South Palm Beach County remain where they most want to be, at home. Behind this milestone are families whose lives have been enriched through compassionate, personalized care.

For Atlanta resident Corey-Jan Albert, JFS at Home became a lifeline as she and her brother cared for their mother, Joice, from hundreds of miles away after she suffered two strokes. “JFS at Home has been the difference between feeling panicked and terrified for my mother’s health and feeling reassured of her well-being,” she says. “I truly don’t know what we would have done without you.”

For Dr. David Gastfriend, whose parents were aging in Delray Beach while he lived in Boston, JFS at Home provided invaluable peace of mind. His father, Edward, a Holocaust Survivor who lived to age 100½, remained at home through the end of his life. “JFS didn’t simply provide care,” Dr. Gastfriend reflects. “They gave our family peace of mind during one of life’s most difficult journeys.”

For Chicago-area resident Edward Newmark, consistency has been key. “We’ve been able to keep consistent caregivers without a lot of change,” he says, praising the team’s responsiveness during health crises.



(L to R) JFS at Home client Joice Albert, companion Betty-Ann Monash and Corey-Jan Albert, Joice’s daughter

As JFS at Home celebrates its 10th Anniversary, these stories reflect the gratitude of hundreds of families. For a decade, JFS at Home has provided reassurance, dignity, partnership, and the comfort of knowing no family has to navigate aging alone. 💜

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LEO HIRSCHBERG’S
PROMISE TO REMEMBER

More than three generations after the Holocaust, the responsibility to remember remains as important as ever. Thirteen-year-old Leo Hirschberg embodies that commitment. Inspired by his grandfather, a Holocaust Survivor, Leo chose to honor Survivors and help ensure their stories are never forgotten through his Bar Mitzvah mitzvah project.

With the generosity of friends and family, Leo raised \$3,500 and partnered with Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) to provide gift cards to Holocaust Survivors during JFS’s International Holocaust Survivor Day celebration.

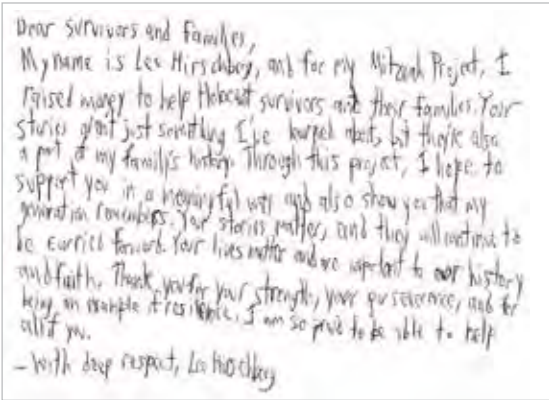
Leo later met Gusta Marcovich, a Holocaust Survivor and JFS client, and listened to her firsthand account of survival. Gusta welcomed Leo and his family into her home, where they shared a meal and meaningful conversation.

Leo also wrote a heartfelt note to Survivors, reminding them that they are remembered and supported. He shared that community involvement helps young people build empathy and meaningful connections.

Leo’s mitzvah project reminds us that remembrance lives on when younger generations choose to carry it forward. ♦



“IT’S REALLY IMPORTANT
FOR KIDS TO GET
INVOLVED IN THE
COMMUNITY. IT WILL
HELP BUILD EMPATHY.”
LEO HIRSCHBERG



BELFORD FAMILY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT
HOMETOWN HERO-KEN HALL

When Ken Hall retired, he and his wife spent much of the year traveling in their RV, returning to Boca Raton each winter. Looking for a way to give back, Ken began volunteering with the Jacobson Family Food Pantry and later with Meals on Wheels.

“The people really appreciate you showing up,” Ken says. “They just want someone to talk to.” Over 20 years, Ken built meaningful friendships with clients and continued serving local families by packing food when deliveries became physically challenging.

His dedication inspired his sons and grandsons to volunteer alongside him, creating a family tradition of service. That legacy continued when his grandson, Henry Hall, completed an Eagle Scout project at the Toby and Leon Cooperman Therapy & Family Resource Center, painting a colorful mural for visiting families.

Now 88, Ken has officially retired from volunteering, but his advice is as strong as ever: “Definitely volunteer!” Thank you, Ken, for 20 years of dedication and service



to the JFS family. Your kindness and commitment have made a lasting difference in our community. ♦

Building Our Future
One Gift at a Time

As South Florida grows, Boca Raton Regional Hospital is expanding to meet the evolving needs of those we serve. This progress is fueled by your generosity. Your support enables us to invest in innovative care, pioneering research, world-class medical talent, and lifesaving technologies that improve outcomes for every patient. Together, we can continue setting new standards of excellence—delivering exceptional care that reaches further and impacts more lives.



Giving Circles

Giving Circles are an opportunity for individuals who want to collaborate with like-minded, passionate donors, and use their voice to engage in collective giving to make their contributions more personal and satisfying.



When you become a **Bridge** member, you will be providing emergency financial assistance to individuals and families suffering from a financial crisis due to the economy, illness, or other life changes, with the goal of ensuring self-sufficiency and stability after the crisis is over.

Co-Chairs: Lynny Isdamer, Patricia Lahn.

Bridge members contribute a minimum of \$5,000.



When you become a **L'dor V'dor** member, you will be directly addressing the critical needs of Holocaust Survivors. L'dor V'dor is an opportunity to help Holocaust Survivors age with dignity in the comfort of their own homes.

Your investment in L'dor V'dor will be matched 100% by Kavod Shef.

L'dor V'dor members contribute a minimum of \$10,000.



When you become a **Health Services** member, you will be providing essential behavioral and physical health services, intervention, resources, and real-time support to those in need. **Co-Chairs:** Robin Baritz, Jill Swimmer

Health Services Members contribute a minimum of \$1,800.



When you become a **Nourishing Community** member, you will be providing food for households facing food insecurity. **Chair:** Lori Shemtob

Nourishing Community members contribute a minimum of \$1,800.



When you become a **Women's Innovation Circle** member, you will play a pivotal role in advancing the missions of JFS by contributing funds that go above and beyond the organization's annual budget.

Co-Chairs: Lori Gottsegen, Melissa Hoffman, Robin Rubin

Women's Innovation Circle Members contribute a minimum of \$1,000.



When you become a **Men's Innovation Circle** member, you will play a pivotal role in advancing the missions of JFS by contributing funds that go above and beyond the organization's annual budget.

Men's Innovation Circle Members contribute a minimum of \$1,000.

For more information, please contact Sharon Schwartz at (215) 852-4905 or sharons@ralesjfs.org

Giving Circles

Giving Together
Changing Lives Together

TRANSFORMING GENEROSITY INTO ACTION

Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) Giving Circles are transforming generosity into action. Members have **raised more than \$200,000 above and beyond the agency's annual budget** to address critical and emerging community needs

Through the **Nourishing Community, Women's Innovation, Circle of Hands, The Bridge, Health Services,** and **L'Dor V'Dor Giving Circles,** members learned about pressing community needs and worked together to direct funding where it would make the greatest impact.

The results have been life changing.

Giving Circle support has helped individuals and families by providing a bridge to stability during times of uncertainty. Beyond financial support, Giving Circle members gain a deeper understanding of local challenges while investing in solutions that strengthen the community.

"When I learned that every dollar contributed through a Giving Circle goes directly toward helping people in need, I was inspired to become chair of the **Nourishing Community** Giving Circle," said Lori Shemtob.

Building on this momentum, JFS has plans to launch **Men's Innovation Circle,** expanding opportunities for community members to make a meaningful difference.

By joining a **JFS Giving Circle,** members connect with like-minded philanthropists, learn about pressing local needs, and help provide hope, support, and opportunity to those who need it most. 💡

For more information, please contact Sharon Schwartz at (215) 852-4905 or SharonS@ralesjfs.org



Corporate Partnerships

SUPPORT THE CORE MISSION OF JFS

Partnerships range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and offer year-round marketing visibility, employee engagement, and access to all signature events. Corporate partners provide critical funding that strengthens the foundation of our services and programs. In return, your company receives high-impact recognition and valuable engagement opportunities.

PARTNERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

Benefit	Platinum \$25,000	Gold \$15,000	Silver \$10,000	Bronze \$5,000
Ad in JFS <i>Illumination</i> magazine	Full page	Half page	Half page	Quarter Page
Recognition in JFS Lobby and Weisman Center	X	X	X	X
Corporate Volunteer Day	X	X	X	X
Annual Report and Digital Presence	X	X	X	X
Annual JFS Gala	6 seats	4 seats	2 seats	2 seats
Reflections of Hope Luncheon	10 seats	6 seats	4 seats	2 seats
Not Your Mother's Game Night	8 seats	4 seats	4 seats	2 seats
Men's Night Out	4 seats	2 seats	2 seats	1 seat

For more information



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MAKING MOMENTS THAT MATTER

Corporate Event Sponsorships

Sponsoring a JFS signature event provides targeted visibility and community connection. Each sponsorship includes branding, tickets, and custom recognition opportunities.

Not Your Mother's Game Night: An intergenerational event that brings a modern twist to game night, filled with lively games, bingo, delicious food, and inspiring stories.

Annual JFS Gala: An elegant evening of celebration and philanthropy. The Gala is the premier fundraising event at JFS, drawing our most generous supporters.

Reflections of Hope Luncheon: This inspiring event brings together over 600 guests, including community leaders, advocates, and supporters, to raise awareness and funds for Behavioral Health Services.

Men's Night Out: This intimate gathering features a chef-curated multi-course dinner paired with premium spirits or wine.

Promote Your Brand While Giving Back

Partner with JFS on campaigns that engage employees, customers, and support our mission.



Workplace Campaigns
Invite your employees to give, volunteer, or participate in match campaigns.



Retail Round-Up
Allow customers to round up at checkout to support JFS



Percentage of Sales
Donate a percentage of sales from featured products, services, or time periods.



Hosted Events
Sponsor or co-host private shopping nights, fitness classes, wine tastings, or dining experiences that benefit JFS.



Work Place Food Drive

DEPARTMENT Sponsorships

SUPPORT AN ENTIRE DEPARTMENT

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Align your brand with JFS and become an exclusive sponsor by industry. Department sponsorships directly support the delivery of vital services while offering year-round visibility across multiple communication channels.



Behavioral Health Services

JFS is proud to support our community by offering exceptional counseling services, support groups, psychiatry, and psychological testing for both adults and children.



Toby & Leon Cooperman Center for Families & Children

Families need all the help they can get. JFS supports children with varying needs and helps families facing financial hardship, food insecurity, parenting challenges, domestic abuse, and unemployment through support services and referrals.



Food & Financial Assistant

JFS serves as a lifeline to individuals and families living in Boca Raton, Delray Beach, and Highland Beach who are in crisis, providing emergency funds for basic necessities and other urgent needs.



Senior Services

JFS helps families navigate aging while enabling seniors to remain independent in their homes as long as possible. Programs such as Holocaust Survivor Assistance and caregiver support services help enhance quality of life for seniors and their families.



Jason Kryshka, Hayden Nagel,
Alvin Hines, Arthur Brown – FAU



Michael Velez, Gabriel Montesino,
Israel Elia – Northwestern Mutual



Linda Behmoiras, Alana Stewart
– Boca Raton Observer



Marissa Gordon, Patricia Jacobs,
Candy Cohn, Denice Kutyna,
Diane Tregerman – JFS at Home



Israel Elia, Michael Velez,
Allison Morgan, Gabriel Montesino,
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– Northwestern Mutual



Todd Baker, Matthew Baratz,
Jay London – Baker & DiSalvo

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- Department exclusivity
- Preferred sponsor recognition in print & digital marketing
- Social media feature and targeted email recognition
- Half-page ad in JFS Illumination Magazine
- Invitation to a department impact event or site tour
- Employee volunteer engagement opportunity



FOUNDERS SOCIETY

The Founders Society recognizes individuals or families who have cumulatively given \$1 million or more to JFS.

- Marilyn & Stanley* Barry
- Margaret & Robert Blume
- Toby & Leon Cooperman
- Diane & Larry Feldman
- Meryl & Ron Gallatin
- Anne & Norman Jacobson
- Ruth* & Norman* Rales
- Maynard Rabinowitz
- Bernard Sherman*
- Jill Viner
- Shirley & Barton* Weisman

VISIONARY SOCIETY

The JFS Visionary Society recognizes individuals or families who have secured our future through a planned gift commitment of \$100,000 or more.

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A BOLD VISION FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

For more than 45 years, **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS)** has been a source of hope, support, and healing for individuals and families throughout South Palm Beach County. Each year, more than 50,000 people turn to **JFS** for help, whether they are facing a mental health challenge, struggling to put food on the table, caring for an aging loved one, or navigating an unexpected financial crisis. Now, as community needs continue to grow, **JFS** is taking a bold step forward with the **One Family. Our Future.** campaign.

Campaign investments will focus on five key areas. **Expanded behavioral health and developmental services** will help eliminate therapy waitlists and provide timely care for children, adults, and seniors. **Food and life enrichment programs** will enhance access to nutritious food while connecting families with financial education and supportive services. **Emergency assistance and housing stability programs** will help prevent evictions and keep vulnerable households safe. **Investments in senior services** will reduce isolation and help older adults remain active, connected, and independent. Finally, new **endowment opportunities** will create a **lasting foundation** to sustain critical services well into



the future. The need has never been greater. The demand for mental health services has increased dramatically, food insecurity continues to affect thousands of local residents, and more families are finding themselves one unexpected expense away from crisis. Through this campaign, **JFS** is preparing to meet those challenges with compassion, innovation, and expanded resources.

One Family. Our Future. is more than a fundraising campaign. It is a community-wide commitment ensuring that every child, every senior, and every family has access to the care, connection, and support they need to thrive. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient future where no one has to face life's challenges alone. ♦

To learn more about the **One Family. Our Future.** campaign, contact **Sherryl Steinberg** at (561) 504-0600 or **SherrylS@ralesjfs.org**.

2025 ANNUAL JFS GALA RECAP



Rales Humanitarian of the Year,
Ed & Harriet Levine



Meryl & Ron Gallatin



Larry Blair, Rich Steinberg, Joyce Fertig

JEFF THOLL PHOTOGRAPHY

AN EVENING IN
MONTE CARLO:
A CELEBRATION
OF DEDICATION
AND IMPACT



The glitz and glamour of Monte Carlo provided the perfect backdrop to celebrate the Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) Annual Gala. Over 400 guests arrived at St. Andrews Country Club in Boca Raton for an elegant evening of celebration, connection, and community impact. Well-known in the

community for their unwavering support, dedication, and leadership, Harriet and Ed Levine received the Rales Humanitarian of the Year Award. Ed Levine shared, “My father believed deeply in helping others and in giving back, and he passed those values on to me. It’s a legacy that I hope to pass on to my grandchildren.”

The Corporate Leadership Award was given to Richard Steinberg/Focus Partners. Their corporate partnership spans many years, representing what true dedication to community, philanthropy, and leadership looks like.



Clockwise from top left: Event Co-Chairs, Helene & Rick Paul, Joyce Fertig, Larry Blair; Marilyn Weinberg, President & CEO Danielle Hartman; Abbe & Steve Becker; Laura & Steve Litinsky, Sheila Cohen-Furr, Robert Furr; Lorraine & Dennis Udwin; Naomi & Rich Steinberg; Linda & Ralph Behmoiras; Joanna & Bryan Drowos

The evening began with a lavish cocktail hour, complete with roulette, blackjack, a silent auction with fabulous items, and a magician who performed mind-blowing card tricks! Entering the ballroom for the main event brought you right into Monte Carlo. Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed an exquisite dinner, live entertainment provided by the FAU Jazz Trio, and heartfelt stories showcasing the profound impact JFS has on the community. Due to the generosity of the attendees, this event raised over \$1 million towards the vital programs and services offered at JFS.

The strong commitment and efforts of gala co-chairs Larry Blair, Joyce Fertig, Helene



Paul, and Rick Paul made the evening simply unforgettable.

“This evening is more than a celebration, it is a testament to the power of a community coming together to make a difference,” said Danielle Hartman, President & CEO of JFS.

“Every dollar raised tonight helps us create miracles for individuals and families who rely on our support. We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us in spreading light and hope.”

2026 REFLECTIONS OF HOPE LUNCHEON RECAP



Abbe Becker, Robin Rubin, Keynote Speaker, Alana Stewart; Olivia Shapiro, Lori Gottsegen



Debra Borden, Sharon Fontini, Lori Gottsegen, Marcia Tabatchnick, and Abbe Becker



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“THIS LUNCHEON REMINDS PEOPLE THEY ARE NOT ALONE, AND THAT JFS IS JUST ONE CALL AWAY.”
FOUNDING CO-CHAIR JUDI DONOFF

FAITH, RESILIENCE, AND HOPE: A LUNCHEON THAT SPARKED HONEST CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH



Before nearly 600 guests gathered at Boca West Country Club, the former model, actress, and best-selling author, Alana Stewart, shared a story shaped by loss, perseverance, and an unwavering belief in faith as a guiding force.

Her words, raw, candid, and deeply human, set the tone for the annual Reflections of Hope Luncheon, an event dedicated to breaking the silence around mental health and reminding the community that support is always within reach.

Stewart’s message was both personal and universal. She spoke openly about navigating unimaginable challenges and the role that faith played in carrying her through life’s darkest moments. “Faith has been my anchor through all the ups and downs,” she shared. “Every day, I must do something that keeps me connected to a higher power, something that keeps me grounded and sane.” Her honesty



Opposite page – Top to bottom: Master of Ceremonies, Meteorologist, Glenn Glazer; Keynote Speaker, Alana Stewart; Alyson Langley, Marcia Langley, Robin Bresky, and Chris Miller; This page – Top to bottom: Evan Schnurmacher, Ali Benmen, Brittany Kohn, Robin Rubin, Michael Ross, Stephane Ross, Jonathan Rubin; Rona Geller, Jill Goldsmith, Susan Emby, Lisa Paladino, Melissa Hoffman, and Amy Eisen

resonated throughout the room, underscoring the importance of compassion, awareness, and conversation in a world where mental health struggles too often go unseen.

While the luncheon raises critical funding for affordable, high-quality Behavioral Health Services through Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS), its heart lies in confronting the stigma that continues to surround mental illness. That mission came into sharp focus when three community members courageously took the stage to share how mental illness, suicide, and tragedy have touched their lives. Their stories served as a powerful reminder that mental health challenges know no boundaries, and that empathy and support can be lifesaving. “This luncheon is about showing up for people who are navigating depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, and uncertainty,” said founding

co-chair Judi Donoff. “It reminds people that they are not alone, and that JFS is just one call away.”

The event’s success was driven by the dedication and leadership of its committee, with co-chairs Marla Garchick, Ali Benmen, Brittany Kohn, Michael Ross, Jonathan Rubin, and Evan Schnurmacher, representing the Sandler Family, working collaboratively to bring the community together for a shared purpose.

President & CEO Danielle Hartman reinforced a sense of collective responsibility. “Mental health does not discriminate,” she said. “It touches children trying to understand their emotions, adults managing stress and trauma, and seniors facing isolation, loss, and fear. At JFS, we serve every stage of life, because everyone deserves care and connection.”

As demand for Behavioral Health Services continues to rise, so does the commitment to ensuring that no one faces their journey alone. Thanks to the generosity of attendees, sponsors, corporate and community partners, and devoted volunteers, the Reflections of Hope Luncheon continues to expand access to lifesaving counseling, crisis support, and education. Together, through openness, compassion, and shared purpose, hope continues to grow. ♦

For those seeking help, or hoping to support these vital services, JFS encourages the community to learn more at ralesjfs.org or call 561-852-3333.



Honorary Co-Chair Judi Donoff, event Co-Chair Marla Garchik

2026 NOT YOUR MOTHER’S GAME NIGHT RECAP



Four hundred women gathered at the Polo Club of Boca Raton for Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS), Not Your Mother’s Game Night. Tables of Mahjong, bridge and canasta players filled one room, while those registered for Bubbly Bingo filled the other. However, this was not your ordinary game night; it was filled with purpose and meaning. This annual “friendraiser” brings together women of all ages to enjoy competition, connection, and confections, while supporting the vital programs and services at JFS. Past JFS Board Chair President, Lisa Goodman, her daughter, Charlie Beth Goodman, current Board Member, Dr. Sheila Cohen-Furr, and her daughter, Jodi Furr-Colton, proudly co-chaired the evening.

To round out the game playing, several unique vendors were on sight to offer beautiful leather handbags, jewelry that



sparkled, and customizable items great for gift giving. Guests enjoyed a lively evening of game play and shopping, while learning about the programs and services offered through JFS. Dr. Furr shared, “JFS is more than just an agency, it’s a family. And like a family, they are there for our community. One our community relies on during times of struggle, now more than ever.”

Proceeds from Not Your Mother’s Game Night directly support the agency’s mission to provide help to individuals and families in need in the South Palm Beach County area, regardless of age or background. “This event is about more than games, it’s about coming together to make a difference,” said Lisa Goodman. Lisa has been involved with JFS for more than 30 years, explaining her commitment illustrates just how important this agency is to the community. 💡

For more information, please call (561) 852-3333 or visit ralesjfs.org.



Clockwise from top left: Beth Weingarten, Robin Milich, Lisa Maizel, Melissa Hoffman, Marcia Tabatchnick; Lorraine Udwin, Stacey Luck, Karen Wallace, Jamie Glachman and Dana Panson; From top right: Renay Bailenson, Ally Icardi Mandel, Crystal Romero-Sherman, Danielle Robinson, Allison Friedman; Event Co-Chairs: Charlie Beth Goodman, Dr. Sheila Cohen-Furr, Lisa Goodman, Jodi Furr-Colton





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2026 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The 2026 Annual Meeting, held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, recognized the achievements of outgoing Board Chair, Rick Paul, welcomed incoming Chairman of the Board, Ron Gallatin, and President & CEO, Danielle Hartman, thanked the outgoing board members, welcomed new board members, and shared the State of the Agency. Our new leaders are dedicated to enhancing the well-being of individuals and families in South Palm Beach County. With their guidance, we will continue to foster community engagement and empowerment, delivering compassionate and accessible services to those in need.

In honor of his extraordinary leadership and lasting impact on our agency and community, Palm Beach County issued an official proclamation declaring, April 23, 2026, as Rick Paul Day. Presented by Vice Mayor Marci Woodward, this acknowledges Rick’s leadership and unwavering commitment to JFS. Rick has made an indelible impact on the agency. 💡

Alana Hoch, Rick Paul, Ed Levine
Ron Gallatin, Judi Donoff,
Melissa Hoffman, Larry Blair and
David Schimel

Rick Paul and Vice Mayor,
Marci Woodward

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2026 GREAT GOLF FOR A GREAT CAUSE RECAP



Top row, left to right:
1. Michael Lipton, Roxane Lipton, Meryl Gallatin, Ron Gallatin 2. Ben Hoffman, Melissa Hoffman, Lauren Genzer, Jay Genzer 3. Judi Donoff, Rona Eisenberg and Susan Grossbard, Marcia Tabatchnick 4. Wendy Legum, Barbara Jay, Elizabeth Maschler 5. David Ross, Robin Rubin, Amy Ross, Gary Rubin 6. Golf Co-Chairs Bernie Friedman, Michael Lipton, Amy Ross, Larry Blair 7. Larry Schnurmacher, Andrea Schnurmacher, Lainie Lipschutz and Kenny Lipschutz

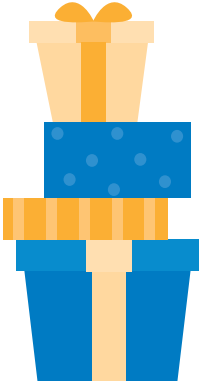
A DAY ON THE GREEN, A LASTING IMPACT

On a beautiful day at Addison Reserve Country Club in Delray Beach, 136 golfers came together for an event that was far more than a perfect swing; it was community, compassion, and making a meaningful difference.

Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) hosted its annual Great Golf for a Great Cause Tournament on the club's newly renovated course, drawing a sold-out crowd of

supporters eager to give back while enjoying a day of camaraderie and friendly competition.

From the moment guests arrived, the energy was unmistakable. The day unfolded with lunch, a full round of golf, and a lively evening featuring raffles, auctions, dinner, and awards. Every detail was designed not only to create a memorable experience, but also to reinforce a shared commitment to helping neighbors in need.



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Behind the success of the tournament is a dedicated group of longtime co-chairs, Larry Blair, Bernie Friedman, Michael Lipton, and Amy Ross, whose leadership and passion have helped the event grow year after year. Their continued involvement reflects a deep belief in the mission of JFS and the power of collective generosity.

"Our golf tournament was a tremendous success thanks to the generous support of the players," said Danielle Hartman, President & CEO of JFS. "Everyone enjoyed the beautiful course at Addison Reserve, and all proceeds from the day will support the vital programs and services of JFS. We're so grateful for this community and the impact we can make together."

Funds raised during the tournament will directly support essential services, reaching thousands of community members each year. For those facing hardship, JFS is often a

lifeline, offering counseling, emergency financial assistance, access to food, case management, and other critical resources that help restore stability and dignity.

Events like Great Golf for a Great Cause serve as a powerful reminder that philanthropy can take many forms, and that even a day on the course can lead to lasting change.

JFS extends its heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and Addison Reserve Country Club for their partnership and generosity. Their unwavering support ensures that JFS can continue its mission of enhancing quality of life and strengthening the fabric of the community, one individual, one family, and one act of kindness at a time.

For more information, please call (561) 852-3333 or visit ralesjfs.org.



The 2nd Annual Men's Night Out marked the end of a successful 2025-2026 event season. Guests were welcomed to Eddie V's Prime Seafood in Boca Raton with a smoked Old Fashioned and a greeting from co-chairs, Aryeh Lehrer and David Ravitz.

The evening included a chef curated four-course dinner with wine pairings, topped off with their delicious flaming bananas Foster. Special guest, FAU Hagerty Family Head Football Coach, Zach Kittley, spoke about his passion for community impact and how "Being a Family" is a core value of the team. This beautifully echoed the mission of Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family services (JFS) and inspired all in attendance.



Todd Baker, Matthew Baratz,
Jay London



Larry Blair &
Steve Yanofsky



Billy Millard, Lewis Greenberg,
Christopher Ferreira, Doug
Rudman & Aaron Sherman



Co-Chairs Aryeh Lehrer
and David Ravitz



Brian White, Aryeh Lehrer,
Zach Kittley, Danielle Hartman, &
David Ravitz



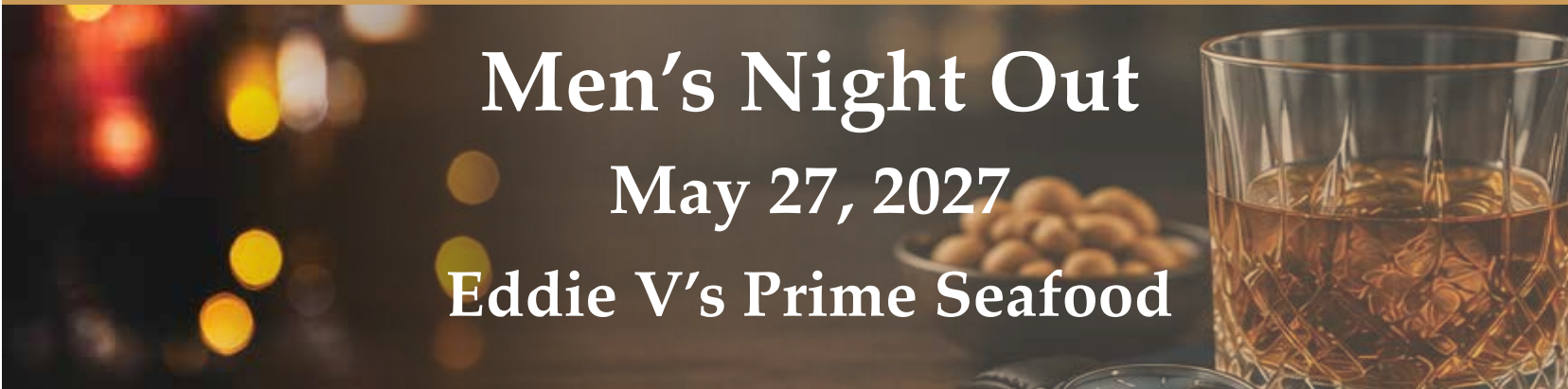
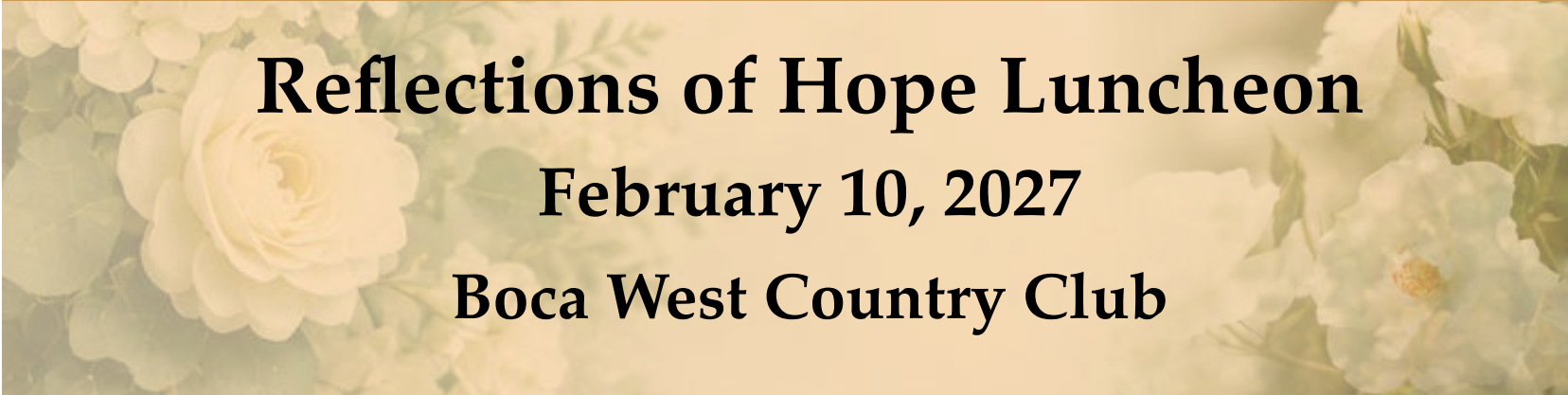
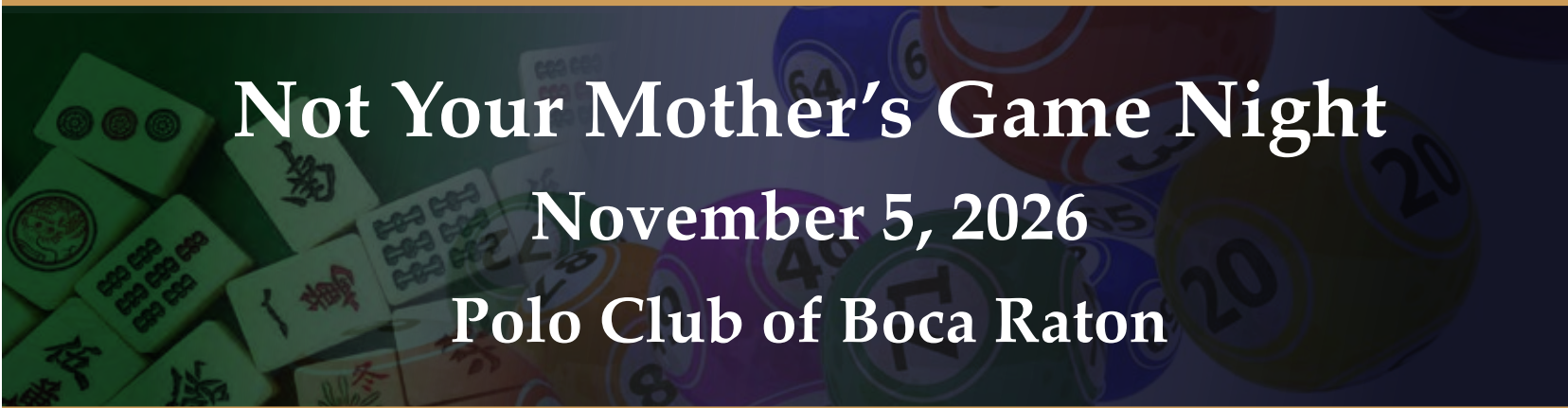
Juan Awad, Erick Solms,
Rob Jager &
Shae Ciarletta

*Together, we strengthen lives &
build community!*



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2026 VIP DONOR
Appreciation Recap



WE ARE DEEPLY
GRATEFUL TO OUR VIP
DONORS FOR THEIR
GENEROSITY AND
COMMITMENT TO OUR
MISSION. YOUR SUPPORT
MAKES A LASTING
IMPACT.

At podium: Ed Levine. From Left to Right:
President & CEO Danielle Hartman, Manny
Rabinowitz, Pam & Mitchell Barry, Meryl & Ron
Gallatin and Leon Cooperman

The 2nd Annual VIP Donor Appreciation Reception was held on April 29, 2026, at Baer’s Furniture in Boca Raton. Hosted by Board Member Cathy Baer Haubensstock and Steven Haubensstock. Educator and speaker Leah Polin shared special memories of her beloved grandson, Hersh Goldberg-Polin ^(Z”L), who was abducted and murdered on October 7. Leah spoke of his strong desire to preserve peace in Israel and his innate drive to connect with people. Her decision to share this unimaginable grief is rooted in love and a passion to keep his memory alive.

Following her presentation, President & CEO Danielle Hartman introduced several members of the Founders Society. The Founders Society recognizes individuals and families who have cumulatively contributed \$1 million or more to Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS). Their generosity

has enabled JFS to continue its mission of supporting individuals and families throughout South Palm Beach County, regardless of age, background, or circumstance.

The evening served as a meaningful opportunity to express gratitude to the donors whose unwavering commitment helps sustain and expand JFS programs and services. Through their philanthropy, thousands of community members can access critical support, including behavioral health services, senior programs, assistance for families in need, and resources that strengthen lives across generations. Their generosity not only powers the work of JFS today but also helps ensure a stronger, more compassionate community for years to come. ♦

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