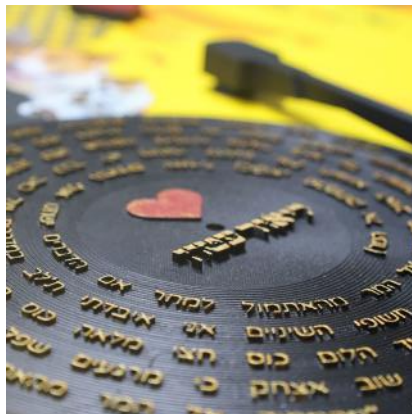


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Listening & Leading: CHARTING a COURSE for JEWISH GREENSBORO



Jenny Kaiser

I am writing this article in the heat of Summer. It's 90 degrees outside and I am looking forward to the cool breeze of Autumn and the Chagim. Not unlike most of you, I take time for myself during the Summer. Some vacation time, some planning time, and most importantly, time for self-reflection. This Summer I added time for community reflection. I believe our community is strong and amazing and always looking at ways we can grow and be even better.

This past June I met with Presidents and CEOs from almost every Jewish organization in the U.S. Our purpose was to advocate for more security funding from Congress. I discussed with the other Presidents the things we are doing well and how we are growing. To my surprise, we were one of the only communities where the majority of our campaign is made up of community members rather than one or two major donors. Hearing how other communities operate and interact illustrated to me how unique and strong we are as a community. I am proud of who we are and how we work together.

We have accomplished so much in 5785. The community embarked on a strategic plan to give us a path for growth. More than 100 stakeholders participated in interviews, focus groups, and surveys so that we could gain insight into our community needs. Alongside the Strategic Planning Committee you helped us to identify different areas of growth. Together we developed goals and strategies that will make us stronger.

The Strategic Plan highlights five areas of focus for the next few years. We saw a need to create meaningful, cross-generational opportunities for engagement and leadership, to combat antisemitism, to elevate the Federation's community visibility, to invest in the growth of our staff, and our volunteers, and lastly, to secure our long-term and institutional sustainability. We look forward to sharing this with you soon.

We have learned to believe in Greensboro, Jewish Greensboro, and Jewish North Carolina. My hypothesis is that when we listen to each other, when we begin to understand seemingly opposing perspectives, we become stronger. To do this, we started meeting in person with leaders from across our Greensboro and North Carolina Jewish communities more often. This has enabled us to find common purpose and open dialogue to navigate what we are facing as a community.

I've mentioned things that make us stronger because we need it now more than ever. It would be disingenuous if I did not acknowledge that difficult times lay ahead. In this environment, we all have ideas on how to move forward, how to protect ourselves and how to build allies. I know we do the best we can with the information we are given, and it is more than okay if we come to different solutions. We are listening.

Jenny Kaiser, President
Greensboro Jewish Federation
2024-2026



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A Season of Meaningful Moments: JEWISH LIFE THRIVES WITH FALL PROGRAMMING

By Glenda Bernhardt, *Chief Executive Officer, Greensboro Jewish Federation*



Glenda Bernhardt

The summer is a time to pause, rest, and take a break from the pace and routines of the school year months. It is also a time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. Your Greensboro Jewish Federation team has been hard at work planning and preparing for the months ahead and the transition to a new school (and Jewish) year. We've built a calendar filled with a wide variety of opportunities to engage with our community, connect with each other, learn about a myriad of topics and issues, and come together in meaningful ways for celebration, commemoration, education, and mobilization.

We hope you will get excited when you read about the many ways you can participate in the Greensboro Jewish community this fall through programs offered by the Federation, our community partners, and our beneficiary agencies. We live in a thriving Jewish community, and our vibrancy is evident when you read about the plethora and diversity of opportunities available for you to choose from over the coming months.

I'd like to highlight a few specific items on the community calendar this fall:

- **Madrichim Visit** – As part of our effort to strengthen our connection to Israel and deepen our relationship with the people of Israel, **we will welcome two Israelis to Greensboro for two weeks this fall.** There will be many opportunities to spend time with them, get to know them, and learn with and from them at Federation, as well as at our local congregations, B'nai Shalom, and community events around Greensboro. Details will be shared via our weekly enews and through our partners.
- **Events for Young Professionals** – The Federation is committed to engaging the next generation of leaders in our community and we're excited to offer opportunities for young professionals to deepen their connections to each other and to our Jewish community. We've planned a **meetup at the NC Folk Festival** in September and an **evening of music and storytelling in October.**
- **Travel Opportunities** – This issue's feature article focuses on two upcoming travel opportunities – **ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith Mission Experience** and the **Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly.** As we all know, the Jewish community has faced significant challenges in recent months and things have intensified as the situation in Gaza has become even more complex. It is more important than ever to travel to Israel to better understand the realities on the ground beyond headlines and there is still room to join us for what is sure to be an incredible experience. It is also important to remain connected and engaged with the Jewish community in North America, so we can raise our voices to advocate for priorities that impact the Jewish community in Israel and throughout the Diaspora. Please consider joining us in Washington, D.C., in November.

This is just a sampling of the opportunities this fall – and I didn't even mention the safety and security trainings that will be presented virtually and in-person by Bruce Gourlie, our Regional Security Advisor, or our partners at the Secure Community Network. Nor did I mention the many services, programs, and classes connected to the High Holiday season.

I hope to see you often over the next few months and look forward to your feedback about how these programs and initiatives impact you and help you feel connected to our community.

Wishing you a sweet and happy New Year. Am Yisrael Chai.



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Our Shared Story: Jewish Values Guide the 2026 Campaign

By Brad Semon and Susan Feibelman, 2026 Campaign Co-Chairs



Brad Semon



Susan Feibelman

After a summer with slower days and easy laughter, what does it mean to go *Back to Shul*? For us, it boils down to these fun facts:

- We will be able to reconnect with members of the Greensboro Jewish community to honor the joy, love, and resiliency of the Jewish people.

- We will help to shape the hopes and dreams for the 2026 Annual Campaign.
- Our shared vision of what can be, means only one thing — the miraculous will happen!

We share a familiar Jewish story. Our grandfathers were small business owners in rural America, and Jewish life was centered around home and family. Our childhoods were a never-ending education in how to celebrate our Jewish identities while finding points of mutual connection with non-Jewish friends and neighbors. Although we arrived in Greensboro at different points in time, we have each experienced — again and again — the many ways that the Greensboro Jewish Federation has supported our families, ensuring that our children and grandchildren are able to be part of a nurturing Jewish community.

If we were to imagine a shape that could represent this story, it would be a spiral, connecting our past, present, and future:

- Our religious history and values taught us that we have an ongoing obligation to do good in the world and seek justice through both small and ambitious acts of courage and compassion.
- We learned from our parents—and have taught our children—that each of us is inherently precious and deserving of dignity and respect, so that every generation is free to celebrate their Judaism openly and proudly.
- And we were taught that we are each responsible for providing aid and support for all Jews.

Our family values are Jewish values, and they remind us that we cannot live our lives on the sidelines. **We have seen firsthand how contributions of time and resources make a difference, which is why we have enthusiastically stepped into the role of leading the 2026 Annual Campaign.** As we go *Back to Shul*, we invite you to come along, step off the sidelines, and embrace the opportunity to convert your caring into compelling action. There is no time like the present to live our Jewish values, by going forward together to create a world that is no longer in need of repair.

Brad and Susan



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Forward

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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS: THE HEART OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

At its core, Jewish Family Services (JFS) is about people—neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers generously giving their time and talents, dedicated staff offering their hearts, and an entire community showing up to care for one another.



David D. Frazier
FOOD PANTRY
AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

One of JFS's most visible and growing areas of service is the David D. Frazier Food Pantry. In May alone, the pantry had 207 visits, received 2,631 pounds of donated food, and distributed nearly 7,000 pounds to individuals and families facing food insecurity. Think about that for a moment... *more than double the amount going out than coming in.* This striking reality speaks both to the urgency of the need and to the critical importance of continued community support.



Thanks to a growing partnership with A Simple Gesture, the pantry will soon begin receiving food donations two times each month. However, the success of the pantry depends on more than just donations. Volunteers are vital to the effort—sorting, organizing, packing, and distributing food to neighbors within the community, with care and dignity. As demand continues to rise, so does the need for compassionate hands and hearts, to help make it all possible.

The spirit of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) shines through in other JFS initiatives as well. The JFS Van is more than just transportation — it's quite literally a lifeline. Riders often share how much they value the care and kindness of the drivers who provide not only a simple ride, but so much more, in delivering connection,



dignity, and access to the community. Drivers Kevin, Robert, Phillip, Tom, Yohannes, Don, Barb, and Lesley transform routine trips into meaningful moments of human connection.

Behind the scenes, JFS Social Worker Sheilagh Harrington is quietly changing lives. Recently, when sudden Medicare pharmacy changes jeopardized a senior's access to life-saving medications, Sheilagh stepped in. Through hours of persistence and advocacy, she ensured not a single dose was missed.

For that individual, JFS did not just provide a service, it provided a vitally significant safety net.

“The work of JFS is guided by thoughtful leadership.”

The work of JFS is guided by thoughtful leadership. Special thanks go to JFS Board members whose years of dedicated service have helped shape JFS into the compassionate and responsive organization it is today. These leaders contribute their time

and expertise to guide the organization's mission, shape the programs, and keep JFS responsive to the community's needs.

At the heart of this effort is the extraordinary JFS staff. Marsha Cross, Jamie Schleuning, Marlene Baruch, Sheilagh Harrington, and Alicia Kaplan lead every day with empathy, determination, and a deep commitment to repairing the world.

As the New Year approaches, JFS invites individuals and families to reconnect, re-engage, and renew their commitment to Jewish life. Turn compassion into action by volunteering with JFS to support neighbors in need or by donating resources to help sustain the organization's vital programs. In this season of warmth and hope, every effort helps JFS build a stronger, more caring community for the year ahead. To get involved, contact JFS at (336) 852-4829, or email jschleuning@shalomgreensboro.org. **Shanah Tovah!**

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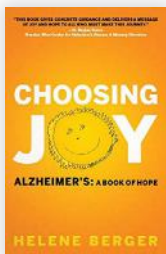
Jewish Family Services and Beth David Synagogue have partnered to launch a series of service opportunities designed specifically for teens who need to complete volunteer hours for school. **These monthly events not only help students meet their requirements but also make a positive impact on our local community:**



- Sunday, October 26: Pantry Sorting at JFS
- Monday, November 10: Volunteer at the Servants Center for Veterans in need
- Sunday, December 28: Cook Dinner for the Greensboro Urban Ministries Shelter at First Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, January 11: Visit Spring Arbor Assisted Living with PJ Library
- Sunday, February TBD: Work at the Greensboro Bike Shop
- Sunday, March 18: Coronado Park Clean-up with PJ Library
- Sunday, April 12: Volunteer at Peachhaven Community Farm
- Sunday, May 31: Mitzvah Day Projects

Teens are invited to sign up for any or all of these volunteer opportunities on the community calendar at jfsgreensboro.org. For more information, please email jschleuning@shalomgreensboro.org.

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The Greensboro Jewish Library



Choosing Joy: Alzheimer's: A Book of Hope by Helen Berger

Most accounts of Alzheimer's describe a process of irreversible degeneration and decline. This is a book of hope, a rare success story - the story of a woman who refused to surrender to the expectations of her husband's diagnosis, instead inspiring him to join her in making every moment they had together meaningful and precious.

A few months after their fiftieth anniversary, Ady Berger was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. "I don't want to live anymore," was his response. His wife, Helene, was determined to find creative ways to make their lives as fulfilling as possible, for as long as possible. She began to include him in every decision made on his behalf. Together they built the scaffolding that gave Ady the best chance for positive outcomes, physically, emotionally, and socially. He thrived with a solid foundation of constant mental stimulation and support. Their efforts began to bear fruit. In his final years Ady again became known for his radiant smile; greeting friends by name; returning to the piano; playing chess; and beginning to draw pictures and writing nightly letters. Helene's comprehensive guide chronicles the different elements that made this regeneration possible.

Choosing Joy: Alzheimer's: A Book of Hope is available to borrow at The Greensboro Jewish Library, along with a vast collection of publications relating to the Jewish experience. JFS thanks the Jewish Book Council, PJ Library, private donors, and especially Arlene Henza for maintaining this valuable resource. For more information, visit jfsgreensboro.org or email library@shalomgreensboro.org.

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Answer the Call of the New Year

As the Jewish New Year approaches, the air is filled with the spirit of reflection, renewal, and reconnection. Rosh Hashanah calls individuals to look inward, repair what is broken, and step forward with hope. That same spirit shapes two transformative opportunities offered by the Greensboro Jewish Federation this fall—each one designed to strengthen our community.

The first is ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith Mission Experience, a unique journey that unites individuals of diverse faiths, backgrounds, and perspectives from across the Triad. Shortly after, Jewish community leaders from across the nation will gather in Washington, D.C. for the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly (GA)—a national convening that focuses on the challenges facing the Jewish people today.



ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith Mission Experience October 18–26, 2025

The Greensboro Jewish Federation and The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro have come together to present ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith

Mission Experience. This mission will carry a group of Triad residents from diverse faiths and backgrounds on an international journey of dialogue and understanding in Israel.

Participants will explore Israel's complex history and current realities, gaining firsthand insight into life, resilience, and hope in the aftermath of October 7. Through shared experiences, meaningful dialogue, and hands-on volunteer work, the mission will foster deeper understanding and lasting connections.

This mission goes beyond being a visit to Israel—it's an experience that resonates long after the travel ends. It is an immersive learning experience that invites participants to confront complex histories, engage with pressing contemporary realities, and return home with insights that strengthen our community.

"Relationship building is an essential piece of our 2025 mission. I believe that by traveling together we create an infinite number of moments to learn from each other as we learn more about Israel," says Susan Fiebelman, co-chair of

the 2025 mission. "Those just-in-time conversations while moving from place to place, or over a meal, are further enhanced by thoughtfully constructed daily debriefs facilitated by the mission's leadership."

The Greensboro Jewish Federation has long understood that educational experiences are a cornerstone of community building. In 1992, visionaries Joanne Bluethenthal and Gail LeBauer imagined an interfaith journey where Christians, Jews, Muslims, and others could walk side by side in Israel. With the support of the Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation, the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, and NCCJ, that dream became the Interfaith Study Mission.



Members of the 1994 Interfaith Study Mission in Israel

Since the first trip in 1994, nearly 300 participants have traveled on eight interfaith missions, each one carrying home lessons and connections that continue to shape their lives. After a long pause brought on by the pandemic, ISRAEL NOW rises as the first Interfaith mission since Covid—affirming the Federation's steadfast belief that a shared experience is one of the most powerful educational tools.

This year's ISRAEL NOW experience carries particular significance, as participants will bear witness to sites that carry the memory and impact of the October 7, 2023 massacre. They will meet survivors who carry those memories and hear from soldiers whose bravery continues to inspire. Through hands-on volunteer work, participants will stand shoulder to shoulder with Israelis, contributing to projects that bring healing and hope, leaving them with a deep understanding of the challenges shaping Israel today.

The benefits of ISRAEL NOW are lasting. As participants return to Greensboro, they will carry with them a renewed perspective, and friendships that will endure long after the trip ends.

"We are stronger when we are able to get into someone else's world," notes co-chair Alina Spaulding. "We may come from different backgrounds, but when we share an experience like this, we quickly find common ground. This mission reminds us that when we come together, we can create a more vibrant future."

“Relationship building is an essential piece of our 2025 mission.”

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ON THE COVER

The cover features artwork from the *Hinneni Project*, a collaboration within the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel, Greensboro's sister community through the Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership2Gether program. This powerful initiative united artists from around the world with bereaved families, with each piece memorializing a life lost due to the massacre on October 7, 2023.



Jewish Federations of North America's
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
November 16-18, 2025
Washington D.C.

Soon after travelers return from Israel, the spotlight will turn to the national stage as community leaders convene in Washington, D.C. for the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly. Taking place at a defining moment for the Jewish people, the General Assembly is where ideas turn into action, uniting leaders to address the most urgent challenges of our time: rebuilding Israel, securing our local communities, combating antisemitism, and driving Jewish engagement in the wake of October 7.

Federation President Jenny Kaiser shared, "Right now, being together in community with other Jews and allies, is more important than ever. This year at the General Assembly, we will learn from experts and each other how we can strengthen our individual communities and deepen our understanding of the world around us."

Together, these upcoming educational opportunities embody the values of the Jewish New Year—and remind us that true learning happens through shared dialogue and courageous action.

Glenda Bernhardt, CEO of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, reflects on why this work matters so deeply: "Our world is more interconnected than ever, and yet too often we are divided by what we don't understand about one another. These opportunities allow participants to witness resilience, ask hard questions, and return home inspired to build bridges. The ripple effect of these experiences strengthens the very fabric of our community."

Answer the Call of the New Year with action and connection. Learn all the details and reserve your spots for *ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith Mission Experience* and the *JFNA General Assembly* at shalomgreensboro.org or by contacting kgleiser@shalomgreensboro.org.

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OCTOBER 7 COMMEMORATION:

A Night to Honor Lives Lost and Heroes Remembered



The Greensboro Jewish community is invited to gather in unity and remembrance at the

**October 7th Commemoration
Community Event**
Saturday, October 5, at 7 p.m.
Beth David Synagogue

You are invited to attend a community gathering marking two years since the Oct. 7, 2023 attacks. Please join us to honor the memory of the lives lost and pay tribute to the incredible strength and resilience of the Israeli people.

A special feature of the evening will be a display of artwork from the Partnership2Gether *Hinneni* (Here I am) Project.

In the months after October 7, 2023, the Hadera-Eiron Partnership region endured profound loss, with 27 of its sons and daughters killed on that tragic day and in the months that followed. From this grief, the *Hinneni* Project emerged as an expression of life and connection. The project fostered a powerful artistic dialogue between 43 Israeli artists and their American and Czech counterparts. Through one-on-one creative sessions, these artists came to know the stories of the fallen, crafting moving works of art inspired by conversations with their families.

All are welcome to attend this powerful gathering of solidarity and strength, and experience artwork from the Partnership2Gether *Hinneni* Project. No RSVP is required, and on-site security will ensure a safe and meaningful evening for all who attend.



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP: Join the Foundation's Network of Affiliates



Freddy Robinson, CPA,
Affiliate Council Chair

Rooted in Jewish values and committed to community growth, the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro took a major step forward on July 1, 2022, becoming an independent Section 501(c)(3) organization. A new Foundation Board of Directors was established to carry out fiduciary responsibilities, and an Affiliate Council was created to represent each participating charitable organization. These organizations entrust the Foundation with the investment and administration of their endowment funds. **As of June 30, 2025, the Foundation manages \$108.5 million in assets across 358 individual funds.**

AFFILIATE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP & MEMBERS

The Affiliate Council, chaired by Freddy Robinson, CPA and former Chair of the Foundation, meets quarterly to provide services, training, and educational programming to the 24 affiliate organizations.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING & EXPERT INSIGHTS

The Foundation is committed to providing high-quality learning and training opportunities to its affiliates.

Guest speakers have included:

- **Steven Woolf**, *Senior Tax Counsel at Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and Foundation Secretary – Strategies for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)*
- **Dirk Bird**, *Vice President of Planned Giving and Endowments, JFNA – Donor Advised Funds*
- **Casey Patterson**, *Tax Partner and CPA, Bernard Robinson & Company – Charitable Giving Using Retirement Accounts*
- **Steve Lande, JD**, *Former Endowment Director, Miami Jewish Foundation – “A Roadmap to Successful Endowment Development: Back to Basics”*

In addition to guest speakers, **Masood Vojdani**, President of MV Financial and Foundation Financial Advisor, conducts an annual investment presentation to affiliates.

JOIN THE NETWORK

The Jewish Foundation of Greensboro welcomes charitable organizations in Greensboro and beyond to become Affiliates. Their funds will be professionally managed with a diversified portfolio. There is also access to professional staff to assist with development, documentation, finance, and stewardship.

For additional information about Foundation Affiliate benefits, contact **Susan R. Gutterman, JD**, Executive Director at (336) 852-0099 or by e-mail at SGutterman@JewishFoundationNC.org.

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YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK: Federation Joins the Second Annual North Carolina Jewish Day of Advocacy



Leaders from the Greensboro Jewish Federation traveled to Raleigh this summer to take part in the second annual North Carolina Jewish Day of Advocacy. Joined by more than 30 Jewish professionals and advocates from across the state, the delegation called for stronger protections,

greater understanding, and justice in the face of rising antisemitism.

The most powerful moment came with the unanimous passage of House Resolution 1013, introduced by Rep. Grant Campbell of Cabarrus County. The resolution condemned antisemitic attacks, called for support for Jewish Americans, and urged Congress to take action on behalf of the hostages still held by Hamas after the October 7, 2023 attacks.

Throughout the day, the Greensboro delegation met with lawmakers from Guilford County and beyond, ensuring that Jewish voices from across the Triad were heard—loud and clear. These conversations emphasized

the need for safety, protection, and solidarity at a time of rising antisemitism—both in North Carolina and nationwide.

Federation Vice President Peggy Bernstein participated in the day's meetings. "This was an important opportunity to come together as Jews from across the state and speak with one voice," Bernstein said. "Lawmakers heard our concerns, and I believe we made a real difference."

Together with our statewide partners, The Greensboro Jewish Federation remains committed to standing up, speaking out, and demonstrating both the strength and unity of North Carolina's Jewish community.

Peggy Bernstein,
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and Alicia Kaplan



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MAKING CONNECTIONS

2025 annual meeting

Federation Marks 85 Years of Impact



The Greensboro Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting celebrated the shared successes of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Services of Greensboro, and the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro. The event provided an opportunity to review collective efforts to repair the world and strengthen Jewish life both here and abroad. The meeting acknowledged the service of outgoing Board members and officers, while introducing new leaders who will guide the community this upcoming year.

With a theme of community strength, a highlight of the evening was the presentation of a special community leadership award to Mayor Nancy Vaughan. Mayor Vaughan has been a trusted partner in navigating challenges, and a visionary leader committed to building an even stronger, more inclusive city for all.

After enjoying fellowship with members at the 85th Annual Membership Meeting, the Federation is excited to continue to move forward, together, with gratitude for the past, strength in the present, and hope for the future.



Susan Gutterman and Ron Milstein



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Katelyn Cohen-Kivett and Eva Turner



Scott Milman and Alicia Kaplan



Together, we go *Forward*



Glenda Bernhardt, Mayor Nancy Vaughan and Jenny Kaiser



2025 Annual Campaign Co-chairs Laurie and Gary Bargebuhr



JFS CARE FAIR



FROM QUESTIONS TO CONFIDENCE: Families Find Support at JFS Care Fair



JFS Clinical Social Worker Sheilagh Harrington and Director Alicia Kaplan

Jewish Family Services recently launched the first-ever JFS Care Fair, an event designed to be a one-stop shop for individuals planning future care for themselves or a loved one. Attendees had the opportunity to meet with professionals and gain clarity about the many resources available.

The fair began with open exploration, allowing participants to connect with representatives and gather information tailored to their specific care needs. During lunch, expert speakers offered valuable insights: Ari Medoff, CEO of Arosa, addressed In-Home Care and Care Management, while Jody Clayton, Business Development Director at Kisco Senior Living, shared details about the spectrum of Residential Care—from Independent Living to Memory Care.

What contributed to the event's success? "The JFS Care Fair was such a resounding success because it truly embodied the team spirit of JFS and the Federation. Everyone in the building contributed some time and energy to the project and it received so much support from all levels," said Sheilagh Harrington, Clinical Social Worker.

And the best part? The JFS Care Fair is just getting started! With vendors already lining up for next year, this event is set to grow into a must-attend annual tradition. Get ready for even more resources, more experts, and an even bigger impact—because planning caring for your future, or someone you love, just got a whole lot easier!



JFS Volunteer and Program Coordinator Jamie Schleunig

Rachel Wolf with the representative from AARP



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SPEAKERS



Ari Medoff
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Jody Clayton
Kisco Senior Living

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Special thanks for making this event possible, Arosa and Kisco Senior Living

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Summer FUN! Making Handprints One Jewish Value at a Time

Summer with PJ Library and PJ Our Way was packed with playful programs, page-turning tales, and paint-splattered projects!



Children ages 8-12 met up in June to have an epic summer adventure at Urban Air Adventure Park, an indoor playground for thrill-seekers and fun-lovers. Kids were able to hang out, connect and enjoy some active fun with friends.

For younger children, bubbles and a nature bracelet craft were at Cascade Park in July. Also in July, Nichol Walters, Federation's Outreach and Engagement Manager, joined Little Star Day Camp for "Stories and Smiles with PJ Library", where they read stories and had creative play.

The last of the meetups was in August, just in time for school to start again. Everyone was invited to a Community Book Swap at Coronado Park to exchange gently used books with their friends.

PJ Library and PJ Our Way offers families the gift of free books about Jewish culture, values, traditions, and much more every month. Interested in signing your children up for PJ Library or PJ Our Way? It's easy! SIGN UP at shalomgreensboro.org





UNITED FOR SECURITY: Jewish Leaders Call for Federal Action

Greensboro Jewish Federation President Jenny Kaiser joined Jewish leaders from across the country in Washington, D.C. for an urgent and unified response to growing threats against Jewish communities in the U.S.

Organized by the Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Emergency Leadership Mission brought together more than 100 Jewish communities and 50 major organizations to call for immediate government action and increased federal support.

“The Emergency Leadership Mission in DC was an impressive collection of Presidents and CEOs from close to all the Jewish Organizations in the US,” said Kaiser. “We all came together for one reason: keep our communities safe... We were met with empathy and assurances to help fund the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.”

Kaiser and other members of the North Carolina delegation met with eight of the state’s 14 congressional offices, including staff from both U.S. Senate offices. They pressed for urgent support for Jewish institutions amid a growing wave of antisemitic threats tied in part to ongoing global conflicts involving Israel, Hamas, and Iran.

“We are facing an unprecedented situation in American Jewish history where every Jewish institution and event is a potential target for antisemitic violence,” said Eric Fingerhut, CEO of Jewish Federations of North America.

**Delegates presented a
Six-Point Security Policy Plan calling for:**

**A \$1 billion increase to the
Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

**Federal support for security personnel
at Jewish institutions**

Enhanced FBI counterterrorism funding

Aid for local law enforcement

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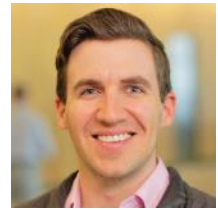
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The Greensboro Jewish Federation is deeply thankful to President Jenny Kaiser for representing our community during this critical national mission. Together, we go forward, united in our vision of a safer Jewish future.

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Federation Welcomes New Staff Member



Melissa Oliver

The Greensboro Jewish Federation welcomes Melissa Oliver as the Director of Finance and Administration. With more than 12 years of accounting experience, she brings a strong background in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors, including her previous role at the American Hebrew Academy. Originally from Georgia, Melissa relocated to Greensboro with her family in 2023. The Federation is deeply thankful to have Melissa on the team, where her commitment and expertise will make a meaningful impact.



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SAFETY FIRST: Training Sessions Boost Community Preparedness



Bruce Gourlie



The Greensboro Jewish community is safer and better prepared thanks to the work of Bruce Gourlie, the Regional Security Advisor for our region. Gourlie serves as a vital link between local Jewish organizations, law enforcement, and the Secure Community Network (SCN), ensuring our institutions and members are ready to face security challenges with confidence.

Over the summer, SCN Summer Camp Staff Safety Trainings were held at Temple Emanuel and Chabad in Greensboro. Each session covered identifying risks and vulnerabilities, as well as the critical importance of learning and practicing emergency plans. These proactive measures ensured that staff were not only prepared but empowered to protect the children in their care.

In preparation for Jewish students returning to Central North Carolina colleges, the focus turned to campus safety training. The scenario-based, video-driven program helped equip students with tools to navigate and respond to

difficult situations they may encounter on campus.

Ahead of the High Holy Days, congregations throughout the region took part in situational awareness and active threat response training. These sessions helped prepare clergy, staff, and members for heightened security needs during one of the busiest times of the year.

“The work we’re doing in Greensboro is making a difference,” said Gourlie. “Each training and every conversation is strengthening our community and creating a lasting culture of safety.”

By building relationships, providing expert training, and staying ahead of evolving threats, the Jewish community can thrive securely and with peace of mind.

For security updates and resources please visit the Safety & Security section of the Federation website at shalomgreensboro.org.

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FIGHTERS for FREEDOM William H. Johnson *Picturing Justice*

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Illuminates the extraordinary life and contributions of William H. Johnson (1901-1970), an artist associated with the Harlem Renaissance, as well as the historical figures he depicted.

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Take a Fresh Look at Jewish Life at TEMPLE EMANUEL



As summer winds down and a new Jewish year approaches, it's time to come "back to shul." Temple Emanuel sees this season not just as a return to routine, but as an opportunity to reconnect with meaningful Jewish traditions, a caring and supportive community, and one's own spiritual journey.

"Jewish tradition teaches us that just as the year is renewed, so too are we renewed with it," shared Rabbi Amy Hertz, Temple Emanuel's Rabbi Educator. "Whether you're a regular attendee, someone who joins us for the High Holy Days, or haven't been through the doors in a while (or yet) we invite you to take a look at the many meaningful and joyful ways to engage with Temple Emanuel this fall."

High Holy Days services at Temple Emanuel are open-hearted and welcoming, offering powerful music, inclusive liturgy, and thoughtful messages which speak to the complexities of modern life. There will be two *Selichot* (prayers and hymns recited during the period leading up to the High Holy Days) experiences this year, aiming to engage young adults, as well as the attendees, at this spiritual service which sets the tone for the entire High Holy Day season.

Temple Emanuel's *Selichot* experience for young adults in the Triad will be hosted at a personal home and will be a terrific opportunity for people of similar age and stage to begin the New Year season, with music and reflection. A similarly meaningful experience will be held at Temple Emanuel for regular attendees and other adults which will explore the themes of forgiveness and return, through film and discussion. Then, together, all are invited to the late-night *Selichot* service, where the Torah covers will be changed as a physical representation of the transformations that occur during this season.

Selichot is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, with more details to follow on the Temple website at tegreensboro.org

Coming "back to shul" can mean something different for everyone. For some, it's about spiritual grounding. For others, it's about friendship, learning, or creating Jewish memories with children. However visitors choose to participate, all will be welcomed with warmth, joy and a deep sense of belonging. Guests are encouraged to come as they are, bring a friend and try something new.

CHABAD GREENSBORO to Celebrate with Three Torah Scrolls



Chabad of Greensboro, the city's youngest Jewish congregation, is preparing to hold High Holiday services with not one, but three Torah scrolls—the most ever

needed for a synagogue service.

The first Torah was donated in 2012, the second in 2021, and the third just a few months ago. The most recent scroll was commissioned with funds donated by more than 150 households, making it truly a communal treasure.

A new Torah scroll, handwritten by a trained scribe on parchment, can cost as much as a new car and is seen as a monumental donation. Having three brand-new scrolls donated to a community as relatively young as Chabad of Greensboro is seen as unusual.

Perhaps even more unusual is that the final letters of each of the Torahs were inscribed in Greensboro, making their local connection especially strong.

"Each of these Torahs represents a legacy of love, faith, and continuity," said Rabbi Yosef Plotkin. "To have three scrolls in our young congregation is a testament to the generosity and dynamism of our community."

The three Torahs will take center stage on Yom Kippur Eve, held aloft as the cantor chants the timeless words of *Kol Nidrei*. It is ideal for three Torah scrolls to be present, and this will be the first time the congregation will have this special opportunity.

Then, on Simchat Torah, the final day of the holiday season, the congregation will joyfully dance with all three scrolls, embodying the timeless connection between the Jewish people and the Torah.

Founded in 2008, Chabad of Greensboro has quickly become a hub of Jewish life, offering educational programs, holiday events, and an array of services for every segment of the Jewish community. The addition of these Torahs underscores the community's rapid growth.

All High Holiday services will take place in Chabad of Greensboro's sanctuary, with Hebrew services accompanied by English explanation, inspiring commentary, and lively tunes. And all are open to the broader Jewish community regardless of affiliation.

"We may be Greensboro's youngest congregation, but our roots run deep," Rabbi Plotkin added. "These Torahs inspire us to keep building, celebrating, and growing."



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Kindergarten Comes to Life at B'NAI SHALOM DAY SCHOOL



On Sunday, September 28, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., B'nai Shalom Day School will open its doors to prospective families for a special Kindergarten preview event with a twist: a safari-themed “Sunday Funday.” The afternoon promises an engaging, hands-on introduction to the school’s Kindergarten program for both children and their families.

Designed to give more than just an informational overview, the event brings the classroom experience to life through animal-themed learning stations, games, and activities that reflect the spirit and structure of a typical Kindergarten day at B'nai Shalom. Children will explore and play while parents meet the teachers who will guide them through this formative year.



Future Kindergarten students experience a sneak peek of the WILD adventures that await them at B'nai Shalom Day School.

Central to the program is Ms. Nancy Lance, a veteran educator who has been teaching Kindergarten at B'nai Shalom for more than 20 years. Known for her calm presence, deep understanding of child development, and joyful approach to learning, Ms. Nancy has helped shape the early school experiences of generations of students. Joining her is Ms. Dani Luft, who teaches Hebrew and Judaics to Kindergarten and first grade students. Ms. Dani brings warmth, enthusiasm, and a rich knowledge of Jewish tradition, creating an environment where children connect meaningfully with Jewish identity from an early age.

“It’s one thing to hear about what makes our program special, but it’s another to experience it firsthand,” says Head of School Eva Turner. “Sunday Funday invites families into the heart of our Kindergarten experience and offers a window into the inspiring, whole-child education that continues through eighth grade.”

For families beginning to think about the transition to Kindergarten, this event offers a valuable glimpse into what lies ahead—and a chance to see what makes B'nai Shalom such a special place to grow.

For more information and RSVP details, email Director of Admissions Katelyn Cohen-Kivett at kkivett@bnaishalom.org.

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CULTURE AND CONNECTION: Engage with Guests from Israel this Fall



This High Holy Day season, the Greensboro Jewish Federation is thrilled to host two *Madrachim* (young Israeli educators and leaders) from The Jewish Agency for Israel to our community. From September 29 through October 13, these energetic and passionate young leaders will share their personal stories and cultural insights, helping to strengthen the bond between Greensboro and Israel.

During their stay, the *Madrachim* will offer a living picture of Israel. Through conversations, meals, holiday celebrations, and educational programs, their presence will remind us of our shared heritage and our collective future. This is a wonderful chance to see Israel through their eyes, to build friendships, and strengthen the ties that connect us across miles and generations.

The Federation wants to make it easy for everyone to connect with the *Madrachim* during their stay. A list of engagement events can be found on the community calendar at shalomgreensboro.org. And if you're inspired to create your own moment of connection by hosting a meal or gathering, don't hesitate to reach out to Nichol Walters at nwalters@shalomgreensboro.org. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this special visit and grow closer as a global Jewish family.

A heartfelt thanks is extended to the organizations opening their doors to host events and to the families warmly welcoming the Madrichim into their homes. Your generosity makes this experience richer and more meaningful for everyone.

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A Homecoming Celebration AT BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE



Beth David Synagogue began its community engagement long before the fall kickoff period, when many Jewish organizations rev things up around the High Holidays.

The first order of business was to welcome the new executive director, Rachel Kriegsmann. She returned to Greensboro with husband Santiago and their son, who will attend B'nai Shalom Day School—one of her alma maters. “What an amazing homecoming to be back in Greensboro at Beth David,” Kriegsmann said. “It has been a joy to see so many familiar faces and meet members who are new to me.”

Engagement with congregants has been at the top of her list. Multiple meet-and-greets, open-door meetings, and “Get to Know Rachel” activities were planned just two days into her new role.

Around the same time, Rick Schneid was also inducted as Beth David's new board president. “Rabbi Gleason, Rachel and I are looking forward to the coming year of diverse programming and continuing to build our Beth David community,” said Rick Schneid.



Beth David members at the Greensboro Grasshoppers ball game

While the synagogue was welcoming its new executive director and board president, there was no shortage of programming. Summertime was full of community events that kept the building and phone lines busy.

The Beth David Tzedek Committee did not rest a minute this summer as they supported both a local immigrant family and women's reproductive rights. There were plenty of social gatherings, too, including Greensboro Grasshoppers ballgames and a Community Golf Tournament and Family Fun Day. The Sisterhood Book Club and the Weekly Knitters did not miss a page or stitch, and the evening and Thursday morning minyans continued to go strong.

A new year brings even more opportunities to come together at Beth David Synagogue. Rabbi Gleason has launched the “In Conversation with Rabbi Gleason” series, where she will explore the pressing issues facing today's Jewish community. The Hazak senior lunch-and-learn is set to offer an impressive lineup of topics, the Hebrew School curriculum has been polished, and Torah Study will resume. Upcoming events include a “reverse tashlich” on September 7 and a community thrift sale on September 14. The synagogue is buzzing with the energy of a homecoming, with old friends reunited, and new ones welcomed.



Signs, Silence, and Solidarity: GREENSBORO'S POWERFUL PROTEST



The Greensboro Jewish Federation joined dozens of participants in a recent *Run for Their Lives* event, a peaceful demonstration calling for the release of Israeli hostages still held by Hamas. The local walk was part of a coordinated international campaign to raise awareness and show solidarity.

This particular gathering carried added significance, taking place just one week after a *Run for Their Lives* event in Boulder, Colorado, was targeted in a firebomb attack. In response, participants in Greensboro walked silently for 18 minutes, carrying signs with images of hostages, waving Israeli and American flags, and delivering a message of unity: “Bring them home, and stand with Boulder, Colorado.”

“This is not a time to shy away or disappear,” said Federation CEO Glenda Bernhardt. “This is a time to be proud, to be seen, and to stand up for the innocent hostages taken from their homes.”

Run for Their Lives events are part of a global campaign, uniting people across countries and communities in a shared call for justice and humanity. The Federation remains committed to standing with the Jewish community and supporting efforts for the hostages’ safe return.

In a time of deep division and sorrow, these events are peaceful, powerful reminders that advocacy, compassion, and unity remain stronger than fear. For information on participating in future walks, contact the Greensboro Jewish Federation at info@shalomgreensboro.org or (336) 852-5433 to be connected with the local *Run for Their Lives* group.

Thank you to everyone who showed up in June to walk, support, and remind the world: Bring Them Home. Now.

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AUGUST SUNDAY 24:	Selichot 8:15 p.m.			
SEPTEMBER SATURDAY 13:		Selichot Midnight	Young Adult Selichot Program 7 p.m. Selichot Movie & Discussion Service 8 p.m. Selichot Service 10 p.m.	Selichot led by Barbara Collins 7 p.m.
SEPTEMBER MONDAY 22:	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 6:30 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7 p.m.	*Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 6 p.m. Babysitting (PreK - 3rd Grade) 6 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7 p.m. A Festive Oneg will Follow Service
SEPTEMBER TUESDAY 23:	First Day Rosh Hashanah Service 9 a.m. Young Adults Blessing during Service 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation (Grades 2 - 7) B'Yachad/Together - Parents & Children under 8 11 a.m. Tashlich 4:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service 6:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Interactive Children's program begins at 10 a.m. Morning services will be followed by a Rosh Hashanah lunch. All are welcome. Membership and tickets not required.	Family Service 9 a.m. *Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10 a.m. Educational Program (Grades K-3rd) 10 a.m. Babysitting (ages 1-5) 10 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service 7 p.m.
SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 24:	Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service 9 a.m. Baby Blessing during Torah Service Jr. Congregation (Grades 2 - 7) 10 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Interactive Children's program begins at 10 a.m. Morning services will be followed by a Rosh Hashanah lunch. All are welcome. Membership and tickets not required.	All are welcome at Temple Emanuel. Tickets are required for safety and security. For tickets, contact Temple Emanuel at (336) 292-7899 or info@tegreensboro.org. *Service marked with an asterisk will also be livestreamed.	B'nai Israel Congregation, the Triad's Oldest Jewish Community, Welcomes You to High Holy Day Services! 1207 Kensington Drive, High Point. (336) 884-5522 bnaiisraelhp@gmail.com No Tickets and No payments Required.
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SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 28:	Community Memorial Service at the High Point Hebrew Cemetery 11 a.m. Community Memorial Service at the Greensboro Hebrew Cemetery 1 p.m.	Tashlich Cruise 1 p.m.	Tashlich at the Creek 11 a.m. Community Memorial Service at the Greensboro Hebrew Cemetery 1 p.m.	Community Memorial Service at the High Point Hebrew Cemetery led by Barbara Collins 11 a.m.
OCTOBER WEDNESDAY 1:	Kol Nidre Service 6:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre Service 6:30 p.m.	*Kol Nidre Service 8 p.m. Babysitting (PreK - 3rd Grade) 8 p.m.	Kol Nidre Service 7 p.m.
OCTOBER THURSDAY 2:	Yom Kippur Service 9 a.m. Yizkor (After Torah Service) Jr. Congregation (Grades 2 - 7) B'Yachad/Together - Parents & Children under 8 11 a.m. Afternoon Teaching 4 p.m. Mincha, Neilah, Ma'ariv 5 p.m. Havdalah 7:44 p.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service 10 a.m. Interactive Children's program begins at 10:30 a.m. Mincha 5:45 p.m. Break the Fast 7:39 p.m.	*Yom Kippur Morning Service; Educational Program (K-3rd Grade) 10 a.m. Babysitting (Ages 1 - 5) 10 a.m. Congregants' Hour 1 p.m. Learning Sessions 2 p.m. Family Service/Healing Service 3 p.m. *Afternoon Service 4:15 p.m. *Yizkor Service 5:15 p.m. *Neilah Service 6:15 p.m. Break the Fast (reservations reqd.) 7:15 p.m.	Yom Kippur 9 a.m. Concluding Service 5 p.m. Break the Fast will Follow Service
OCTOBER MONDAY 6:	All are welcome at Beth David. Tickets are required for safety and security. Please call (336) 294-0007 for more information.	Sukkot Dinner under the Stars 6:30 p.m. RSVP required. Call (336) 617-8120 or visit ChabadGreensboro.com	Erev Sukkot and Shake the Lulav & Etrog Picnic 6:30 p.m.	
OCTOBER TUESDAY 7:	Sukkot Service followed by lunch 10 a.m.	Sukkot Service 10 a.m.		
OCTOBER WEDNESDAY 8:	Sukkot Service followed by lunch 10 a.m. Sukkah Story Slam 7:30 p.m.	Sukkot Service 10 a.m.	Friendship Circle/Rabbi(s) Schmooze Noon Interfaith Housing Initiative Sukkot Program 6 p.m.	
OCTOBER FRIDAY 10:	Sukkot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner 5:45 p.m.		Sukkot Tot Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m. Sukkot Shabbat Service & Oneg in the Sukkah 6:30 p.m.	
OCTOBER SATURDAY 11:	Shabbat/Hol Hamoed Services and Lunch 10 a.m.	Shabbat/Hol Hamoed Services 10 a.m.	Sukkot Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.	
OCTOBER SUNDAY 12:	Sukkah Hop 2 p.m.	Shakshuka in the Sukkah Noon		
OCTOBER MONDAY 13:	Hoshana Rabah 9 a.m.	Erev Shemini Atzeret Hakafot Dancing 6:30 p.m.	*Sukkot Yizkor Service at Greene St. 5:45 p.m.	
OCTOBER TUESDAY 14:	Shemini Atzeret Service and Yizkor Congressional Dinner 10 a.m. Erev Simchat Torah 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Shemini Atzeret Service Hakafot Dancing 10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Simchat Torah Service & Consecration 6 p.m.	
OCTOBER WEDNESDAY 15:	Simchat Torah Service & Lunch 10 a.m.	Simchat Torah Service 10 a.m.		
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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 18:

Depart the United States

OCTOBER 19:

Arrival in Israel

Welcome Dinner: Israel Post October 7

OCTOBER 20:

Religious Diversity and Culture in Tel Aviv

OCTOBER 21:

Partnership2Gether: Teens & Mental Health
 The Sea of Galilee: Biblical History

OCTOBER 22:

Understanding the North after October 7
 The Druze Community

OCTOBER 23:

Jewish, Christian and Muslim
 Culture in Jerusalem

OCTOBER 24:

Gaza Envelope after October 7

OCTOBER 25:

Shabbat in Jerusalem: Old City tour
 including Christian Holy sites

OCTOBER 26:

Depart Israel
 Arrive in the United States

Join the Greensboro Jewish Federation and the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro for **ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith Mission Experience, October 18-26, 2025.**

Travel with Triad residents of all faiths to explore Israel's rich history, complex present, and life after October 7. Through shared experiences, volunteer work, and meaningful dialogue, you'll create lasting connections that strengthen our local community.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two nights in Tel Aviv, One night on the shores of the Galilee, and Three nights in Jerusalem
- Visit towns and communities directly impacted by the October 7 attacks and ongoing conflict and engage with people of all faiths
- Hear from Israeli officials, professional experts, and NGO leaders
- Experience the Old City of Jerusalem, Christian and Muslim holy sites, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and highlights of Israel's history and religious diversity
- Meet survivors and families of hostages, and participate in hands-on volunteer projects with organizations that are leading efforts in recovery
- Experience the cuisine, markets, art, archaeology, beauty, and multicultural spirit of Israel

MISSION COST & SCHOLARSHIPS:

The cost for the Interfaith Mission is \$2,968 per person*

Includes: hotel accommodations, professional security, airport transfers and domestic transportation, gratuities, and daily meals. Please note: Airfare is not included.

*Based on double occupancy. There is a \$754 single room supplement. Price includes a subsidy of \$1,000 from the Greensboro Jewish Federation, with additional scholarship funds available. A \$264 per person discount applies when more than 25 participants register.

REGISTRATION:

Ready to be part of this unforgettable journey?
 Simply scan the QR code to access full trip details and complete your online registration.

