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JEWISH FEDERATION OF VOLUSIA & FLAGLER COUNTIES

The Mishpacha

Two Thousand Years Ago

We vowed to care for one another like family. Today, thanks to donors like you, that vow still holds.

It's an amazing story. We Jews were exiled from the Land of Israel over 2,000 years ago. And yet, with no home, and no one to rely on but ourselves, we developed one of the largest and most effective social service infrastructures in the world. The Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties is at the heart of this infrastructure.

As you know, however, today that infrastructure is being tested like never before. Yet for every story of hardship and despair, there are countless stories of love and hope that donors like you make happen every day. But our work is not done.

We need you to continue making a difference in the lives of the elderly, the hungry and the poor locally and abroad. With your continued help, we will always rescue Jews in danger, wherever they may be. Wherever Jews are in harm's way—from Georgia to Yemen to Israel—the Federation and our overseas partners have a unique

ability to act quickly in emergencies. From wars to acts of terror to natural disasters, donors like you have acted quickly and have enabled this Federation to alleviate suffering.

At home we have the **Jerry Doliner Food Bank** that has been a blessing to so many people, regardless of race or religion. We have helped with furniture, clothing, medical supplies and household goods. We often hear, what does the Federation do? The following is what we did last year:

- **14,600** people received food from the Jerry Doliner Food Bank.
- **3,000** people received clothing.
- **1,000** people received household goods and furniture.
- **580** people came for holiday food baskets.
- **170** teen agers received gift cards.
- **100** people came for wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, shower seats, etc.
- **180** families came for help

with electric and rental bills.

- **30** families were helped with prescription medicine.
- **130** Jewish elderly are treated 3 times a year to a Rosh Hoshonna, Chanukah and Passover luncheon. complete with entertainment and we made sure that **170** Jewish Needy for these three holidays were taken care of.
- **6,975** local children in Volusia & Flagler Counties received backpacks and school supplies.

All these services were provided free of charge.

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But our proudest achievement is the **first class safe room (bomb shelter)** we built adjacent to a school that will hold 150 children in Sderot, Israel. 15 seconds is all they had to get to safety. We gave them peace of mind. The plaque in front of the safe room states that this gift was given to the children because the donors to the Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties cared.

Every dollar makes a difference. Your donation to Federation enables us to take care of the most vulnerable members of our community, reach out to the needy in Israel and 70 countries around the world, to act quickly in times of conflict and natural disasters.

Six Couples Went to Israel and They Viewed our Fire Truck in Kiryat Shmona

Received an e-mail from the **Ritters**, the **Goldsmiths**, the **Abels**, the **Jaffes**, the **Lipowitzes** and the **Rabins**. Their fabulous guide found one of our first responder fire trucks and they sent back a picture. They said it was one of the highlights of the trip. The firemen say that they love this small fire truck because it enables them to get in and out quickly.

We here at the Federation are so proud that we were able to purchase this truck, because of

Thank you for helping. By allocating your dollars to ensure the greatest impact, the Federation has earned a reputation as a trusted, effective charity that makes a real difference in the community and around the world. Through your donation, you are a part of the caring compassionate community that unites in good times and bad to take care of each other and to celebrate Jewish life together. Your contribution to Jewish Federation is the one gift that does it all. If you have already contributed to the Federation's Annual campaign, thank you. If you have yet to contribute, please send your funds to the Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties, 470 Andalusia Avenue, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

you, our donors. In addition, we have also provided Kiryat Shmona with a second fire truck, \$100,000 each. We provided Sderot a **bomb shelter** that keeps 150 children safe for \$120,000 and in Ein Kerem we donated a **room** in **Hadasah's hospital** on the Pediatric Hemato-Oncology Floor of the Charlotte R. Bloomberg Mother and Child Center-\$75,000. This is tangible evidence that the donors to the Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties care about Israel. The

IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

Taxes are going up but you have a last chance if you are 70 ½ to give funds from your IRA to this Federation. This year you must take a distribution but you won't have to pay taxes on this distribution if your agent that holds your Ira Funds directly sends the funds to the Federation. You can take out up to \$100,000 and you can pay for as many campaign years in advance. Take advantage of this rollover incentive. If you need more information call Gloria @ 386 672-0294

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plaque states **"This donation was made possible by the donors of the Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties Emergency Fund because they care."**

Pat yourself on the back donors. What mitzvots you have done!

Heritage Festival, March 13, 2010

The Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation was very proud to be a grand sponsor of this Festival. Each year, the Endowment Committee takes the interest they receive from their principal and gives out grants to organizations that bring programs or projects that will benefit the community.

To say that the Heritage Festival benefited the Jewish community would be an understatement. We at the Federation didn't expect this year's festival to be better than the previous one, but it exceeded everyone's expectations. They had a little bit of everything for grownups down to the younger children. Petting zoo, a large Holocaust

Memorial venue, speakers on so many subjects, matza baking factory, vendors of all kinds pertaining to Judaism and delicious foods were sold by many different vendors. There are so many people deserving a round of applause but special mention must go to **Jeff Bigman who was in charge of everything, Bob Fetterman, Murray and Barbara Steinberg, Cantor Zev Sonnenstein, Lynne Ritter, and Ira Heller** worked hard to make this festival the best ever. There were many volunteers and they all deserved a round of applause. People who helped our office personally: A big hand to **Howard Krugman.**

What a blessing he was – he worked from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. encouraging people to give to the **Jerry Doliner Food Bank.** Special mention goes to 93 years young **Henry Bittman and his daughter and son-in-law Harriette and Chuck Flavio** for manning a booth to raise money for Israel. **David Flasterstein and his friend** went all over the festival selling flags to raise money for the food bank. **Executive Director Gloria Max** walked miles to raise funds for the pantry. We didn't clear as much as we hoped, but we were satisfied that people gave because they knew the need was so great.

The 1st Annual Dessert Reception Held on January 16, 2010

A letter the Executive Director wrote to both **Richelle Doliner**, daughter of Jerry Doliner and **Debbie Doliner**, daughter-in-law of the late **Jerry Doliner:**

“Our Federation thanks you for carrying on the tradition that your late father and father-in-law, Jerry Doliner did for many years, making certain that the hungry are fed.

Richelle and Debbie, the evening surpassed all expecta-

tions. My phone did not stop ringing from people telling me what a gorgeous party it was. The weather cooperated, the food was elegantly displayed and delicious, and the friendliness of the hosts made for one glorious party. I know you worked very hard on this program and the results were evident. You must have called the whole world because they certainly came out for you. You both are your father's daughter. You both care about people. You enlisted your entire family and your mother

Celeste put a lot of hours into this project and the party warranted the effort. I can't believe people even received great goody bags when they left. Your efforts enriched the Jerry Doliner Food bank by many dollars.

God Bless all of you for caring.

Gloria Max Executive Director”

Folks who missed this gala event really missed something special. We were fortunate to have **Rev. Howard Chadwick** sing special songs for us. For \$18.00 this evening was truly a bargain.

Full Text of Letter from Ronald S. Lauder President of the World Jewish Congress to President Obama

April 15, 2010

Dear President Obama:

I write today as a proud American and a proud Jew.

Jews around the world are **concerned** today. We are concerned about the nuclear ambitions of an Iranian regime that brags about its genocidal intentions against Israel. We are concerned that the Jewish state is being isolated and delegitimized.

Mr. President, we are concerned about the dramatic deterioration of diplomatic relations between the United States and Israel.

The Israeli housing bureaucracy made a poorly timed announcement and your Administration branded it an “insult.” This diplomatic faux pas was over the fourth stage of a seven stage planning permission process – a plan to build homes years from now in a Jewish area of Jerusalem that under any peace agreement would remain an integral part of Israel.

Our concern grows to alarm as we consider some disturbing questions. Why does the thrust of this Administration’s Middle East rhetoric seem to blame Israel for the lack of movement on peace talks? After all, it is the Palestinians, not Israel, who refuse to negotiate.

Israel has made unprecedented concessions. It has enacted the most far reaching West Bank settlement moratorium in Israeli history.

Israel has publicly declared support for a two-state solution. Conversely, many Palestinians continue their refusal to even acknowledge Israel’s right to exist.

The conflict’s root cause has always been the Palestinian refusal to accept Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people. Every American President who has tried to broker a peace agreement has collided with that Palestinian intransigence, sooner or later. Recall President Clinton’s anguish when his peace proposals were bluntly rejected by the Palestinians in 2000. Settlements were not the key issue then.

They are not the key issue now.

Another important question is this: What is the Administration’s position on Israel’s borders in any final status agreement? Ambiguity on this matter has provoked a wave of rumors and anxiety. Can it be true that America is no longer committed to a final status agreement that provides defensible borders for Israel? Is a new course being charted that would leave Israel with the indefensible borders that invited invasion prior to 1967? There are significant moves from the

Palestinian side to use those indefensible borders as the basis for a future unilateral declaration of independence. How would the United States respond to such a reckless course of action? And what are America’s strategic ambitions in the broader Middle East? The Administration’s desire to improve relations with the Muslim world is well known. But is friction with Israel part of this new strategy? Is it assumed worsening relations with Israel can improve relations with Muslims? History is clear on the matter: appeasement does not work. It can achieve the opposite of what is intended. And what about the most dangerous player in the region? Shouldn’t the United States remain focused on the single biggest threat that confronts the world today? The threat is a nuclear armed Iran. Israel is not only America’s closest ally in the Middle East, it is the one most committed to this Administration’s declared aim of ensuring Iran does not get nuclear weapons.

Mr. President, we embrace your sincerity in your quest to seek a lasting peace. But we urge you to take into consideration the concerns expressed above. Our great country and the tiny State of Israel have long shared the core values of freedom and democracy. It is a bond much treasured by the Jewish people. In that spirit I submit, most respectfully, that it is time to end our public feud with Israel and to confront the real challenges that we face together.

Pre-Passover Seder for the Seniors

There have been many senior luncheons through the years, but all 164 guests said that this luncheon was the best one ever. The tables looked gorgeous, the food fantastic and you could feel the camaraderie among the guests. The management at Indigo Banquet Center always makes the guests feel so welcome and they were kind enough to let us bring in some of the special foods for Passover. **Dr. Mary Pernicone**, with the help of her son **Shmuel**, made the best matza balls and home made chicken soup. **Ray Max** made the charoset and he made so much that his charoset was a guest at many other people's seder.

We had many volunteers who made this Passover luncheon very special. **Marilyn Nye** took care of the reservations. **Ada Siegel** made the hard boiled eggs for 28 seder plates and brought the parsley, too. **Jerusalem Restaurant** supplied all the

matzah for the luncheon as well as for our 120 needy Jewish families which was very much appreciated. Helpers were: **Paula Frankel, Barbara Glickstein, Hilda Levine, Marian Kohen, Loretta Aronson, Helen Farb, Joan Meres, Sharon Muller and Marcia Eppelin**. Drivers for some of the elderly were **Lea Moskowitz, Fran Costa, Marcia Eppelin, and Judy Kane**. All the haggadahs were plasticized by **Ellen Klein**. What a professional job she did. Reading the haggadah were **Rabbis Amy Mayer, Karen Allen and President Marian Kohen**. Photos were taken by **Elaine Flasterstein**. The guests were welcomed by the Executive Director, **Gloria Max**. We had fabulous entertainment: **Pastor Howard Chadwick, Cantor Jackie Rasweiler from Orlando's Reform Judaism Temple, Lucille and Tim Dudowick** and **Karen Allen** sang some wonderful songs.

Greg Weaver and his children showed everyone how to break a board with their bare hands and feet. Mr. Weaver was giving back to the Federation because last summer he was at his wits end. He had 4 children to support and everything was falling apart. We saw that he was a sincere man who needed assistance. Because of the economy, his Karate school went down hill. He was so appreciative of our help that he asked to present a karate demonstration at our Seder. When you help a family like his get back on their feet and when they show their appreciation, you truly feel that you have done a mitzvah. Mr. Weaver and his family returned the mitzvah by doing one for us. We had so many calls and letters telling us that this was a very meaningful seder for the seniors because unfortunately, for some this was the only one they were attending. In fact one elderly gentleman wrote and said that he has attended many simchas, weddings and b'nai mitzvahs but this event topped them all. It was a very spiritual and haimisha pre-Passover Seder.

Santos Does a Mitzvah Pre-Passover Seder for the Seniors Pictures

Come around and see our building. It has been painted lovingly by **Santos Hernandez** and it looks so nice and fresh. We really appreciated this mitzvah. All we had to pay was for the materials which was very nominal.



Sophie Shreiber & Stella Woman



Lucille Tirkfield

Jewish Federations of North America

The Federation's umbrella organization is now called the Jewish Federations of North America, formerly United Jewish Communities and United Jewish Appeal. The following is a letter they sent to us:

JEWISH FEDERATION LEADERS TO MEET WITH TOP U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

Prominent Jewish Federation movement leaders will convene in Washington to meet with senior U.S. government officials amid public reports of increasing tensions between the United States and the State of Israel.

The Jewish Federations of North America are coordinating a Washington mission for leading volunteer and professional Federation leaders from across the United States to meet with White House officials, as well as with senior representatives of the State

Department and with Congressional leaders.

Federation leadership will hold discussions with these officials to convey concerns about U.S.-Israel relations and reflect an international desire that Iran does not develop a nuclear weapons capacity.

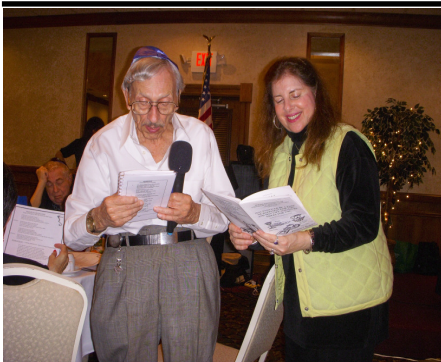
"This mission will provide us with a critical opportunity to voice our interests at the highest levels of our government on a wide range of issues affecting our community, the Jewish State and indeed the entire Middle East," said **Kathy Manning**, chair of the Jewish Federations of North America's Board of Trustees. "It is vital that we engage in meaningful dialogue at this time."

Arrangements for the Washington mission are being made as we celebrate Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel Independence Day, and 62 years of an unbreakable bond between the United States and Israel. The mission will help underscore and strengthen that bond.

"Given continuing developments regarding the U.S.-Israel relationship, we should create an opportunity for Federation leadership to discuss these important issues with our elected representatives," said **Jerry Silverman, President and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America.** "These meetings will enable the Federations to remain at the forefront of these conversations and make sure that our movement is heard."

The Jewish Federations of North America will continue to keep Federations updated about details and timing of the Washington mission and on the progress and outcome of these discussions.

Pictures from the Pre-Passover Seder



Henry Bittman & Rabbi Karen Allen



Guests who are enjoying themselves



Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Kempner, Marty Schulberg,
Pastor Howard Chardwick and Mr. & Mrs.
Norman Cohn

The Play “Life in a Jar” – Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010

“Life in a Jar” was a success. 617 people came to the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center and, unfortunately, 300 people were turned away. We thank the young lawyers, namely, **Michael Sznapstajler**, from Cobb & Cole for taking the young people out to lunch, and we want to thank **Stephan Sibley**, the manager of the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, for his great assistance in making this play the success it was. Thank you also goes to **Marvin Miller** for promoting this play. The following is a letter from Sherri Voegel who resides in Clearwater, Fl.

“ I am the “nooj” from Clearwater who kept emailing you months ago about “tickets”. You warned me in a loving way that it would be first come first served with only 600 available seats. My husband, myself and two friends took heed and arrived the day before and we got there at 5:50 p.m. I watched the Hallmark presentation last April and immediately started researching Irena Sendler. When their website said it would be in Ormond Beach, I knew I had to be there.

*All of us were so awed by the candlelighting ceremony to remember the holocaust victims, the meaning of the kaddish prayer, the special singing by the young cantor and your honoring of the holocaust survivors in such a touching manner. The young people who acted in the play were fantastic in their simplicity, reminding each and every one of us, that one person can make a difference. We couldn't believe that in a town of 700 people and a handful of students from Uniontown, Kansas could write a play that would touch the lives of so many people. The world would never have known about the Heroine, **Irena Sendler** if it wasn't for these students and their special teacher. Irena not only saved 2,500 children, but generations more as these children raised families of their own during the past 65 years. Thank you Gloria and your organization for your part in bringing this awesome story to Florida.”*

If it wasn't for **Ray Weiss**, a staff writer for the News-Journal, we wouldn't have had the fantastic response we had. It was unbelievable. The gentile people

were calling all day. People came from DeBary, and from New Smyrna Beach. They came from Boca Raton, Clearwater, St. Augustine and Jacksonville. The Jewish community of Palm Coast came in abundance.

The day of the play it was raining cats and dogs. Mr. Sibley said the parking lot was under water. I thought that no one would come but boy was I wrong. By 6:15 p.m. the place was packed and 300 people were denied entrance. As soon as someone walked in, they were given a ticket. They had counted out 600 tickets and when the 600th ticket was taken, they gave out 17 more, and then they had to turn people away because of the fire code laws. We were really sorry when a teacher and 30 students from Jacksonville were denied entrance.

The kids and the teachers from Uniontown, Kansas were terrific and the teacher **Norman Conrad** was a special person.

Thank you, **Joan Meres**, for your help that evening and your continuing help as a volunteer for the Federation. We also gained another volunteer because of “life in a jar”—Sharon Muller.

A special Volunteer

She calls herself a “little old lady”. But we at the Federation call her our special angel.

For years, we have not been able to take advantage of certain bargains at grocery stores. Because she says they view her as a little old lady, she goes into many stores and is able to

purchase much needed food items at greatly reduced prices. We have many volunteers who are great but we must mention, our newest volunteer, **Marta Weinberg**. She is a wonderful baker and treats us to her goodies. She just purchased another freezer for us. Bless you for all your efforts.

URGENT:

NEED THESE ITEMS
FOR OUR FOOD BANK

1. TOILET PAPER
2. CEREAL



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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Your business tag line here.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to

any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

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month, or a biannual charity auction.

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