



About the Palm Beach Center

1. What is the role and scope of the Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred?

The Palm Beach Center is the county's foremost leader, strategist, and practical problem-solver in the fight against antisemitism.

The Center was established to proactively address the escalating local antisemitism, the Palm Beach Center plays an integral role within Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. Its primary purpose is to offer strategic, financial, and advisory support to grantees and partner organizations, with a focus on fostering tolerance, ensuring safety, and taking the lead.

Building upon the substantial efforts of Federation's J-Secure Community Safety & Security (J-Secure) and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) in combatting antisemitism, discrimination, and bigotry, the Center assumes a significant leadership role within and beyond the Jewish community.

To learn more, visit our website: [Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred.](#)

2. What is the Center's mission?

The Palm Beach Center leads a county-wide strategy to counter antisemitism, ensuring a secure Jewish future and nurturing a tolerant community. Through collaboration, we provide strategic and financial assistance to Jewish partners and others, exemplifying local leadership.

3. Who runs the Center?

The Palm Beach Center is sponsored and operated by Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County.

The leadership of the Center includes:

- Richard A. Friedman, Co-Chair, Palm Beach Center
- Steven Tananbaum, Co-Chair, Palm Beach Center

- Susan Shulman Pertnoy, Board Chair, Jewish Federation
- Michael Hoffman, President & CEO, Jewish Federation
- Josephine Gon, Executive Director, Community Affairs

We've joined forces with the executive search firm DRG for a nationwide search to find the Center's [inaugural Director](#). The Director leads the Center's comprehensive planning and program execution.

These leaders benefit from the steadfast support of a robust Advisory Committee, composed of influential figures in the Palm Beach community. Drawing upon their invaluable insights and unwavering dedication to the Center, Advisory Committee members offer strategic guidance to the organization's leadership. They play a vital role in shaping the Center's priorities and advancing its mission, both within the County and in wider-reaching spheres. Advisory Committee members include:

Neil Exter
James Foster
Jason T. Kalisman
Allison Kanders
Terry Kassel
William Mack
Lynn Peseckis
Kerry Vickar
Jane Wilf
David Windreich
Peter May, Ex officio
Jonathan Tisch, Ex officio

4. What programs does the Center offer?

The Center's impact, fueled by support from the Palm Beach Center and facilitated by its partners and other grantees, is structured around the following key areas: Building Relationships and Enhancing Community Security. These efforts encompass a range of initiatives, including but not limited to:

- Increasing public awareness through community programs, advertising, and communications
- Collaborating with Palm Beach County Schools to implement educational programs for students, faculty, and administrators.
- Driving community outreach initiatives to build alliances with diverse communities, advocating for legislative, public policy and law enforcement initiatives.
- Providing grants for community programs that promote awareness, educate, build relationships, and mobilize action.
- Supporting community partner organizations in accessing security grant funding for training, resources and infrastructure improvements.

5. *Why was the Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred created?*

The Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred was created with the aim of becoming a beacon for addressing antisemitism and hatred within Palm Beach County. Its establishment gains significant relevance when considering reports released by the FBI and ADL concerning Florida:

- Palm Beach County has recorded the highest number of reported antisemitic incidents among all Florida counties.
- Florida holds the unfortunate distinction of being ranked fourth in the United States for the prevalence of antisemitic incidents.
- What's particularly alarming is that, despite Jews comprising just 3.1 percent of the state's population, antisemitic hate crimes account for an astonishing 80% of religiously motivated crimes in Florida.

6. *What is the relationship between the Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism and Hatred and the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County?*

The Palm Beach Center is a pivotal initiative by Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, aimed at intensifying efforts to combat the pressing challenge of rising local antisemitism. The Center empowers leaders and the community's residents to proactively address antisemitism head-on.

7. *What is the relationship between the Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred and Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)?*

The relationship between the Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is one of collaboration and mutual support.

One of the key roles of the Palm Beach Center is to provide strategic guidance, financial support, and advisory assistance to various grantees and partner organizations. In this capacity, the JCRC stands as one of the primary beneficiaries of the Center's support. Through this partnership, the JCRC can more effectively carry out its mission and work towards combating antisemitism and promoting tolerance within the community. This collaboration underscores the shared commitment to addressing these critical issues and the synergy between the two entities in achieving their common goals.

8. *Why does the Palm Beach Center include "hatred" in its name?*

The Palm Beach Center chose to include both "antisemitism" and "hatred" in its name to highlight their interconnected nature. This emphasizes that when hatred targets one group, it can easily spread to harm others. This naming choice serves as a reminder not to assume safety based solely on one's identity, as hatred can impact multiple communities. Our approach goes beyond a generic condemnation of hate; we acknowledge the existence of various forms of hatred. We concentrate on identifying

and explaining antisemitism specifically, demonstrating how it fits into a broader pattern of hatred.

Many of the programs supported by the Palm Beach Center are dedicated to promoting tolerance and enhancing the safety of diverse communities. For instance, we provide funding for an intelligence analyst working with J-Secure, who investigates all forms of hatred in the county. This crucial work contributes to the safety and well-being of our diverse community.

9. *How does the Palm Beach Center foster collaboration and partnerships within Palm Beach County?*

The Palm Beach Center actively engages in collaborations with Jewish Partner Organizations and existing Federation Programs dedicated to addressing issues related to antisemitism and hatred. Additionally, we welcome new partners from all corners of Palm Beach County to join our cause. Among our esteemed partners is the Jewish Community Relations Council Assembly, a coalition comprising local Jewish organizations, synagogues, and Chabads. These partnerships are instrumental in our collective efforts to combat antisemitism and hatred in Palm Beach County.

Below is a list of key partners and organizations collaborating with the Palm Beach Center to further our mission:

The Combat Antisemitism Movement [[CAM](#)]
Community Security Service [[CSS](#)]
Foundation to Combat Antisemitism [[The Blue Square's Stand Up to Jewish Hate Campaign](#)]
Hillel International [[Campus Climate Initiative](#)]
J-Secure Community Security Program, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County [[J-Secure](#)]
Jewish Federations of North America [[LiveSecure](#)]
Secure Community Network [[SCN](#)]
The Jewish Agency for Israel [[JReady](#) & [ShinShinim](#)]
The School District of Palm Beach County [SDPBC]

Our network of partners includes members of the Jewish Community Relations Council Assembly, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County [[JCRC](#)], listed below:

Anti-Defamation League, Florida Region (ADL)
American Jewish Committee, Palm Beach
Alums for Campus Fairness
AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee)
CAMERA Florida (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America) Hadassah
Florida & Florida Atlantic
Herizon (formerly, Jewish Women's Foundation)
Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach
Insight Through Education
Alpert JFS (Jewish Family Service)
JCC (Mandel JCC of the Palm Beaches)
Dorothy & Sidney Kohl Jewish Volunteer Center (JVC)

Arthur I. Meyer Jewish Preparatory
MorseLife Health System
NCJW Palm Beach (National Council for Jewish Women)
Na'amat Southeastern Area
Rabbi's Representative and Rabbis of Community Synagogues & Chabads Teach
Florida
Stand with Us Southeast
Students Supporting Israel (SSI) South
Florida Zioness

10. Why should I donate?

The Palm Beach Center is made possible due to the foresight and generosity of donors committed to the following objectives:

- **Inspiring and Supporting** sustainable and practical solutions that address the escalating local hatred toward the Jewish community.
- **Accelerating Progress** by focusing on substantial improvements with immediate- and long-term impact.
- **Collaborating with Partner Organizations** and programs already working in this area while encouraging new partners to join the cause.
- **Ensuring Initiatives** born from the Palm Beach Center positively impact the world by sharing them with other Jewish communities.

By doing this, the Palm Beach Center is working towards creating a safer, more tolerant future for all.

11. What is your Tax ID #?

Our Tax ID number, also known as an Employer Identification Number (EIN), is 59-0948696.

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL FREE 1-800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE OR AT
WWW.FRESHFROMFLORIDA.COM/DIVISIONS-OFFICES/CONSUMER-SERVICES

12. How can I contribute to the Center?

- Online: Make a donation today by visiting Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's website at <https://jewishpb.org/donate>.

- Phone: Contact Kate Lester at 561-242-6668 to discuss your donation over the phone.
- Mail: Send your contribution by mail to the following address: Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, 1 Harvard Circle, #100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409. Please make your check payable to "Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County" and write "Palm Beach Center" on the memo line of the check.

13. Is your organization a 501(c)(3)?

Yes, the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, which includes the Palm Beach Center, is a 501(c)(3) organization.

14. How can I get on your mailing list?

To receive communications from us, kindly send an email to PBC@jewishpalmbeach.org, expressing your interest in joining our mailing list. In your email, please provide your name, phone number, email address, and mailing address. We will ensure that you receive our updates and communications promptly.

15. What is the #Stand Up to Jewish Hate campaign?

The #StandUpToJewishHate campaign has been among the largest US campaigns to combat antisemitism, with television, social media, billboards, digital, and partner organizations. It launched the Blue Square  as the universal symbol for fighting antisemitism and all hate, and the hopeful, empowering message inspired people to stand up on behalf of the Jewish community.

[#StandUpToJewishHate !\[\]\(10f8862fc183b400327470ea85afe9ae_img.jpg\) - Uniting to Combat Antisemitism](#)

16. How do I report an antisemitic incident?

We've initiated community-wide education on reporting such incidents, [providing a streamlined reporting process on our website](#).

17. How do I get assistance with a grant?

Local organizations can inquire to learn more about the Palm Beach Center's Grants Program, for both building relationships and enhancing security, by contacting PBC@jewishpalmbeach.org.

18. Can I volunteer for the Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred?

You can engage with the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and the Center in various ways, and membership in the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County is not a

prerequisite for involvement. To volunteer, visit the webpage for the Kohl [Jewish Volunteer Center \(jewishpb.org\)](https://www.jewishpb.org).

19. How do college students get involved with the Center's efforts?

The concerning rise of antisemitism on college campuses prompts our action. The Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred, in partnership with our Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, is committed to creating safe spaces for Jewish college students. Select initiatives include:

- Our Jewish Community Relations Council, expanded through the Palm Beach Center, is advocating for congressional support to combat campus antisemitism. We emphasize applying Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and enhancing data collection and assistance. We advocated for [this August 22 letter](#) to be signed by our congressional delegation.
- Ongoing support for Hillel International, including at the flagship University of Florida, which has the largest Jewish student population in the county. Hillel actively responds to antisemitic incidents, educates on antisemitism and Israel, enhances safety measures, empowers Jewish students, defends their rights, and fosters campus unity. [UF is one of 10 new university participants](#) in Hillel's initiative to confront antisemitism on the college campus.
- Investing in launching a Holocaust education program during the 2023-2024 school year for 5,000+ high-school students in Palm Beach County. It focuses on preparing them for college campuses and the vital role bystanders can play in confronting hatred.

For additional student resources, please click on the following link:
[jewishpb.org/studentresources](https://www.jewishpb.org/studentresources).

20. How does the Palm Beach Center connect to the Campaign for the Future?

The Palm Beach Center is intricately linked to the Campaign for the Future, which stands as the largest fundraising effort in our community's history. The Campaign offers donors a unique opportunity to have their generosity recognized over multiple years in a comprehensive manner. It encompasses support for both the Annual Campaign and additional funding for community priorities, including the Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred.

For more information on how you can get involved or contribute to the Campaign for the Future, you can reach out to your Federation representative or contact Kate Lester:
Kate.lester@jewishpalmbeach.org or 561-242.6668,