

Federation and Chamber of Commerce recognized for confronting hate



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From left, Brian Seymour, Danita DeHaney, Melissa McKinlay and Laurie George. Photo by Cara Sentelik/Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce



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Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's Palm Beach Center to Combat Antisemitism & Hatred in partnership with the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce, is proud to announce their recognition at the Florida Festivals and Events Association (FFEA) 2024 "SunSational" Awards. Their collaborative effort for the emotional event, "Confronting Hate: Insights from the Israeli Frontline," was honored with a 2nd place award in the Multi-Agency Program category.

"Confronting Hate: Insights from the Israeli Frontline" was designed to address the rising tide of hate and antisemitism by fostering meaningful dialogue within the community. The event featured a panel discussion with four Palm Beach County leaders who had recently returned from an immersive educational tour of Israel with Federation.

Non-Jewish leaders Danita DeHaney, CEO of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Dr. Laurie George, CEO of The United Way, and former county commissioner Melissa McKinlay, VP of Government Relations at WGI, joined Gunster land use attorney and shareholder, Brian Seymour, as they shared with more than 175 business leaders what they learned and witnessed on the frontlines, resulting in a standing ovation for their courageous advocacy.

This initiative reflects the Jewish Federation and its Palm Beach Center's ongoing commitment to fighting antisemitism, promoting education and building bridges of understanding within the community.

"What a tremendous testament to Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce leadership to stand up in solidarity with us in the fight against antisemitism and all forms of hate by ensuring we educate our broader community about what's really happening on Israel's frontlines," shared Michael Hoffman, President and CEO, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. "This award is incredibly powerful, a true recognition of allyship and partnership."

Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County is dedicated to creating a safer and more inclusive environment for all. The success of "Confronting Hate" underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing these critical issues and making a tangible impact in the fight against antisemitism, and has resulted in several additional similar presentations throughout Palm Beach County

For more information about the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and its initiatives, visit jewishpalmbeach.org. For more information about Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce, including its upcoming events, visit pbnchamber.com.