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The course presents a whole new way of reading the stories of Adam and Eve and the Tree of Knowledge, Noah and the great flood, the lifelong feud between Jacob and Esau, Joseph's multicolored coat, the golden calf, and Korah's rebellion. For each of these stories, it seeks to answer the questions: What is the deeper meaning behind the story? How does it shape the Jewish worldview? And what wisdom does it hold for us today?

Throughout its six sessions, Secrets of the Bible explores major life themes, including human subjectivity and bias, the underpinnings of relationships, negotiating spiritual growth with practical impact, why inspiration is fleeting and how to make it last, understanding equality and privilege, and navigating parallel spiritual and material life paths.

"Secrets of the Bible brings to an intelligent lay readership texts so formative to so many cultures worldwide that they cannot be ignored even by cultures looking on from without," commented Dr. Joel Rosenberg, a professor of biblical literature at Tufts University. "By embracing post-biblical Jewish tradition, the course recognizes an interpretative process that begins with the Bible itself (interpreting its own past) and goes on to awaken the interpretive impulse in later readers exploring the experience of their own era."

Jewish Volunteer Center's Eight Days Eight Ways

Hundreds of community members helped address some of the area's most urgent needs during Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's Jewish Volunteer Center (JVC) annual Eight Days Eight Ways of Giving Back service-oriented campaign.



Throughout the month of December, volunteers ensured homebound seniors, veterans, and families had support and critical food and resources. In its fourth year, 8 Days 8 Ways takes place during Hanukkah and the holiday season.



Virtual and contactless volunteer opportunities included making Hanukkah cards for seniors; delivering Hanukkah meals to homebound seniors in partnership with Alpert Jewish Family Service and the Kind Kitchen; a teen and family initiative to make life-saving paracord bracelets for armed forces; a critical supply drive for infant essentials with Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County; a bagged lunch packing effort to benefit food insecure families; and more.

"It's truly incredible to see the community continue to come together in such a powerful way to help those who need it most," said Melissa Hudson, director of the



Jewish Volunteer Center at Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. "As this annual volunteer initiative and others through the Jewish Volunteer Center continue to grow, we are honored to work with more area nonprofits to provide volunteers even more virtual and safe, socially distanced ways to support our community."



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