Upcoming Events

JEWISH FEDERATION OF THE DESERT · 2026–2027

DATE	EVENT	WHEN & WHERE	DETAILS
November 2026			
Nov 5 Thu	**Pride, Sweet Pride** Shalom Pride Weekend · Dessert & show	7:30–9:00 PM Location provided upon registration	An evening of new friends, delicious desserts, and laughter, featuring a performance by Jason Stuart, proud, local Jewish comedian. $18 per person, which includes a free Shalom Pride t-shirt. Pre-order your t-shirt size while supplies last. **RSVP by Nov 1** (760) 324-4737 · info@jfedps.org
Nov 8 Sun	**March in the Parade** Shalom Pride Weekend · Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade	10:00 AM–12:00 PM Meeting spot sent to registered marchers before the parade	March with Shalom Pride in the Pride Parade together with LGBTQ+ Jews and allies. **Registration required by Nov 1** (760) 324-4737 · info@jfedps.org
Nov 8–10 Sun–Tue	**Poems of Remembrance: A Kristallnacht Commemoration** With the Tolerance Education Center & Congregation Beth Shalom	Sun, Nov 8, 3–4:30 PM Mon & Tue, Nov 9–10, 1:30–3:30 PM Tolerance Education Center, 35147 Landy Lane, Rancho Mirage	A three-day program of poetry and remembrance. Sunday: Dr. Mark Bamberger presents “Kristallnacht — A Family History,” interwoven with poetry. Monday and Tuesday: poetry readings and discussion led by Rabbi J.B. Sacks. Light refreshments served. **RSVP** toleranceeducationcenter.org
Nov 15 Sun	**Women’s Philanthropy: Yad b’yad with Chef Beejhy Barhany**	3:00 PM Jewish Federation Building, 69710 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage	Spend an afternoon with Israeli Chef Beejhy Barhany as she leads the traditional Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony, discusses her cookbook *Gursha*, and shares her Jewish experiences across Ethiopia, Israel and New York. Minimum campaign gift: $180. **RSVP by Nov 6** (760) 324-4737 · info@jfedps.org
Nov 21 Sat	**L’Chaim America!** A performance by The Braid · Women’s Philanthropy	7:00 PM Temple Sinai, 73251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert	A short Havdalah service, followed by sophisticated, heartfelt and true stories that examine Jewish life in America today, presented by The Braid, the nation’s leading Jewish storytelling theatre. Minimum campaign gift: $365. **RSVP by Nov 13** (760) 324-4737 · info@jfedps.org
December 2026			
Dec 8 Tue	**Celebrate Hanukkah with JFED at Indian Ridge**	3:00–5:00 PM Indian Ridge Country Club, 76375 Country Club Dr, Palm Desert	Join us at the Indian Ridge Clubhouse to light the menorah, enjoy a jelly-filled donut and spend time getting to know how Federation strengthens Jewish life here in the desert and in Israel. Please bring unwrapped toys for holiday distribution. **RSVP by Dec 4** info@jfedps.org · (760) 324-4737
Dec 12 Sat	**Hanukkah Pajamukkah: Havdalah Under the Stars** PJ Library	5:30–7:00 PM Jewish Federation Building, 69710 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage	Join us to say goodbye to Shabbat and welcome a new week. Wear your pajamas and bring a dairy or parve dessert to share! **RSVP required** (760) 324-4737 · Leslie.Pepper@jfedps.org
Dec 15 Tue	**Securing Our Community Cocktail Reception** Federation’s 2026/27 Campaign Kickoff	4:00–5:00 PM Location provided upon registration	A cocktail reception featuring Michael Masters, National Director & CEO of the Secure Community Network and former Regional Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. **RSVP required by Dec 8** (760) 324-4737 · info@jfedps.org
January 2027			
Jan 12–Feb 16 Tuesdays	**Melton Course: “Oh My God, Can You Believe?”**	Tuesdays: Jan 12, 19, 26 & Feb 2, 9, 16 3:00–4:30 PM Jewish Federation Building, Rancho Mirage	A six-session course taught by Rabbi David Novak of Temple Sinai.
Jan 13 Wed	**Lion of Judah Brunch** Women’s Philanthropy · Save the date	9:30 AM The Springs Country Club, 1 Duke Dr, Rancho Mirage	Featuring Nadine Epstein, award-winning journalist, CEO of *Moment Magazine*, and founder and director of the Center for Creative Change. Celebrating Marjorie Kulp, recipient of the Jewish Federation of the Desert’s Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. By invitation, for our Lions of Judah.
Jan 13 Wed	**Azi Schwartz & Friends in Concert** Presented by Sun City Jewish Services	7:00–9:00 PM Sun City Palm Desert	Get tickets
Jan 28 Thu	**Federation Israel Lecture Series: New Israel Fund with Idit Klein**	7:00–8:00 PM Jewish Federation Building, Rancho Mirage	Idit Klein is a national leader for social change with more than 30 years of experience in the non-profit justice sector.
February 2027			
Feb 10 Wed	**Major Gifts Event**	5:30–8:00 PM Tamarisk Country Club, 70-240 Frank Sinatra Dr, Rancho Mirage	By invitation only. Presented by the Jewish Federation of the Desert, featuring Rowan Osman.
Feb 16 Tue	**Federation Day at Tamarisk**	All day Tamarisk Country Club, Rancho Mirage	Open to the public. Choose from golf, cards or pickleball, each with a minimum gift to participate, and hole sponsorships are available on the golf course. The day typically includes a cocktail reception and a raffle. What we raise at Federation Day goes directly to our allocations, helping the vulnerable, a critical piece of our mission. Presented by the Jewish Federation of the Desert. More details to come.
Feb 19 Fri	**Shabbat at Toscana Country Club**	6:30–8:00 PM Toscana Country Club, 76009 Via Club Villa, Indian Wells	Presented by the Jewish Federation of the Desert. More details to come.
March 2027			
Mar 6–11 Sat–Thu	**Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival** 14th annual · Presented by Temple Isaiah	Palm Springs Cultural Center 2300 E Baristo Rd, Palm Springs	A spectacular opening event plus five days of Jewish films from around the world, from new releases to award-winning movies and documentaries. Many screenings include post-screening Q&As with actors, writers, producers and directors, in person or on Zoom. The Jewish Federation of the Desert is proud to be the festival’s primary sponsor. PalmSpringsJewishFilmFestival.org
Mar 14 Sun	**The Feast of Jewish Learning** Our annual day of learning	Time to come Jewish Federation Building, Rancho Mirage	The Jewish Federation of the Desert’s annual educational event brings together some of today’s most celebrated Jewish authors from across the country. Speakers and topics to be announced soon, so stay tuned!
May 2027			
May 3–9 Mon–Sun	**The March of the Living** The Desert’s first community mission	Poland Optional Israel add-on: May 9/10–13	Join the Jewish Federation of the Desert and the Tolerance Education Center on our first-ever March of the Living mission. The weeklong program includes guided visits to Krakow, Auschwitz and Birkenau, Warsaw and Majdanek, and concludes with the March into Auschwitz. An optional add-on extends the journey to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). Only 36 spots available. For information, contact Leslie Pepper: Leslie.Pepper@jfedps.org · (760) 324-4737

Questions? We’d love to hear from you.

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