



JUNE NEWSLETTER

May Recap

**Upcoming
Events**

**JOIN US FOR A LIVING ROOM CONVERSATION
AMONG FRIENDS
WITH CAROL LERNER**

Why Public Schools Matter to Us



Sunday, June 28 at 5 PM

Hosted by

Marcy Bernstein

**We're planning a potluck and would
love for you to bring a favorite dish
to share.**

**Kindly RSVP by June 21st to
suncoastjewishalliance1@gmail.com**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a Living Room Conversation & Potluck. Candid conversation with college student, Spencer Cohen, who will share his experiences as a Jewish student on a Florida college campus.



Where Conversation Meets Community

Hosted by Roberta Duban

August 16

Kindly RSVP by

August 9

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Norm Olshansky, SJA Presidedent, led a Living Room Conversation exploring violence in the West Bank and the human toll of ongoing tensions within the context of one of the world's most nuanced and complex conflicts. In keeping with Jewish tradition, we wrestled with challenging issues through intellectual curiosity & dialogue, in a safe atmosphere that welcomes diverse perspectives.



Temple Sinai welcomed Suncoast Jewish Alliance President Norm Olshansky, Vice President Julie Friedman, and Board Member Natasha Reisner for a Lunch & Learn on how the Alliance is strengthening our local Jewish community. Board Members Wendy Wicks and Marcy Bernstein were also in attendance.



Mazel tov to Julie Friedman, Alliance Vice President, on her election to the Social Justice Alliance of the Florida Suncoast, and to Marcy Bernstein, Alliance Board Member, on her appointment to the Executive Board of the Immigration Justice Coalition of Sarasota. We are proud to see SJA expanding its impact through partnerships grounded in shared Jewish values.



The Immigration Justice Coalition of Southwest Florida (IJCSWF) is meeting the immigration crisis with compassion and dignity.

It provides support, trauma therapy and delivers food and essential supplies directly to families truly in need — families who otherwise may go hungry for food and other resources.

They need our help.

To volunteer, contribute food, diapers and/or money.

**Please contact them at
IJCSWF@gmail.com**

TAKE ACTION:

Contact Your State Representatives

The Florida Legislature is currently in a special budget session to finalize spending priorities for the coming fiscal year, including funding related to immigration enforcement and detention operations.

Community advocates are encouraging Floridians concerned about the proposed Everglades detention facility, sometimes referred to as “Alligator Alcatraz,” to contact their State House and Senate representatives while budget negotiations are underway.

Opponents of the project have raised concerns regarding taxpayer costs, hurricane preparedness, environmental impact, medical oversight, transparency, and the use of emergency management funds for long-term detention operations.

Constituent calls and emails can help lawmakers better understand community concerns as funding decisions are being made

- Find your representatives:**
- **Find Your Florida House Representative**
 - **Find Your Florida Senator**





As SJA continues to grow, we're looking for community members who want to help shape meaningful programming, education, advocacy, and connection. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your voice and perspective matter.

Join one of our committees: Programming, Education, Immigration, or Fundraising

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