

October 25, 2026 Congregational meeting

Committee reports

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

House and Grounds Committee: Jeff Weisenberg- Chairperson. Members include Jeff Chaitman, Randy Brodsky, Howard Berlin, Dave Metzger, Paul Bond, Irwin Block, and Buck Isenberg

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

*Continuation of repairing or replacing aging building Air Conditioners.

*Signed an HVAC Maintenance Agreement.

*Installed new Commercial Kitchen stove and dishwasher to more efficiently handle major events.

*Installed Lobby monitor and larger display rack to better identify ongoing programs and events.

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

H*G Committee developing Capital Improvements Plan and updating our building Maintenance Plan. As part of Strategic Planning, will be meeting cross-functionally with other JCV Chairpeople to encourage their input.

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

JCV Men's Club. Edward Lipman, President; Harry Hertz, Vice President; Richard Rinko, Secretary; Frank Meyer, Treasurer

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Legacy Trail Bike Ride and Lunch 4/10

Memorial Day Picnic 5/24

Sukkah Assembly (9/22) and Disassembly (10/6)

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Schmooze at Dockside Waterfront Grill at Noon, 10/29/26

Breakfast during Torah Restoration Weekend at 10am, 11/8/26

Sarasota Distillery Tour & Tasting, 11/12/26

Seminole Wind Airboat Tour in Arcadia, 12/10/26

Popstroke Golfing at UTC and Lunch starting at 10am, 12/17/26

Schmooze at Pop's Sunset Grill at Noon, 1/12/27

Food Festival parking lot setup starting at 9am, 1/11/27

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Sisterhood Officers President: Robin Schoenewald; Co Vice President Barbara Katzenstein; Co Vice President Michelle Usiskin; Treasurer Carole Dicker; Corresponding Secretary Kayla Vodnoy; Recording Secretary Barbara Shapiro; Programming Chair Faye Rossman; Co Membership Chair Marilyn Borkin; Co Membership Chair Diane Toliver; Member-at-Large Robin Slavitt

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

JCV Blooms Group planted yellow flowers around the JCV Sign on Auburn Rd
Outreach to younger ladies; calling it New Kids on the Block
Board Installation Luncheon
Holiday Food Drive
Lunch Bunch -Cassariano, Guiseppe's, L'Olive, Hotel Venezia, Le Petit Jardin, Asaro's
New Program Summer Dinners
Summer Game Day
Book Club
Oct 1 Program with meeting

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Book Club, Lunch Bunch, Monthly Programs with meetings, Tikkun Olam

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

Website Committee; Deborah Rosen, chair; Dee Andrews, Joan Attenberg, Selma Bitz; Cathy Bruni Schnitzer, Aaron Rosen

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Updating of Website; Continued publication of L'Chaim

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Updating of Website, including adding new pages, photos; continued publication of L'Chaim, Simchas, Special L'Chaim; Development of publication for prospects.

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Strategic Planning; Deborah Rosen, chair; Linda Cook, Rabbi Marci Vitkus, Selma Bitz, Randy Brodsky, Victor Haran, Harry Hertz, Keith Usiskin, Jeff Weisenberg, Judy Rapaport, Ed Lipman, Robin Schoenewald

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Continue to complete tasks from Year 2 Action Plan; Communication Committee formed and began putting together policies and procedures.

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Completion of 3 remaining items from Year 2 Action Plan: Capital Improvement Plan, Fundraising goals and strategies to achieve goals; Financial Annual Plan and Budgeting Seminar for Committee Chairs.

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Membership Committee, Selma Bitz, chair, Mark Silvermintz, Deborah Rosen, Fran Hertz, Cynthia Greene, Beth Weisenberg, Maxine Arkin, Aliza D'Agati, Barbara Brodsky, Donna Spector, Michelle Usiskin, Debbie Berlin

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Successful Havdalah under the Sukkah event. Continue contacting prospective members.
Current membership enrollment = 281 members. New members include Matt Heffner, Kathy Mirkin, Shari Katz, and Meredith Cronin.

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Channukah potluck dinner on December 4. Continue to contact prospective members and develop ways to attract new members.

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

Finance Committee, Victor Haran, Maxine Arkin, Buck Isenberg, and Robert Schoenewald

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Reviewed monthly banking and financial statements.

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Prepare budget for 2027-2028 fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th)

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

Keith S Usiskin

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Committee meetings to discuss specific fundraising activities (eg. high holiday appeal, Shomer Bayit Society, Tree of Life) congregational goals (annual requirements and Capital improvement plans) and "philosophy" of fundraising at the JCV

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Torah Restoration Weekend (November 7th and 8th) preparation in full swing! Communication of plans for Shomer Bayit society, tree of life rededication.

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

Randy Brodsky Chair, Jeff Chaitman, Jeff Weisenberg, Howard Berlin David Cook, Judy Rapaport

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Completed the Emergency Evacuation Map. Added Camaras to the cemetery. Install new enhanced DVR .

Actions and activties from now until our January meeting *

Preparing for the 2027 NSGP security grant. Collecting project proposals

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Adult Learning. Randy Brodsky Chair, Mark Silvermintz, Robin Shoenwald, Ed Lipman, Keith Usiski, Rabbi Marcin

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Had two successful Adult Learning programs

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

Scholars in Residence weekend. Caring for loved one's series. Working on additional programs for 2027

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

President

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

As your JCV President for the past six months, I want you all to know that I endeavor to get to know each and everyone of our congregation. To that end, I have made phone calls and introductions to those of you that I do not know personally and will continue to do so. I have an open door policy and I welcome your interest and hope that you all feel comfortable enough to contact me with any concerns, and, of course, with any praise. Throughout my tenure I endeavor to contribute to the good of the JCV.

I have participated and worked closely with our Rabbi Vitcus and almost all of our committees. I have kept in touch with our buildings and grounds committee with their attendance to the needs of the building which has included a plan for our air conditioning of the building.

I have worked with our Communications Committee to access the best way to showcase the JCV in the community. These efforts include print and social media exposure in the Venice area.

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

I am working with our Finance Committee to assist with adding new members to that committee. In addition, I am in close contact and working with our ritual committee to ensure that they will have a succession plan with regard to their new chair. I will continue to participate with our fundraising committee to be successful in supplementing the needs of the JCV. I plan to convey new procedures with our Board of Directors so that we are working smart to carry out the needs of our organization.

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Committee name, Chair, list of committee members *

Communications Committee: Deborah Rosen, chair; Ferris Rinko, Linda Goodman, Susan Newman, Nancy Webster

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Selection of committee members; creation of communications policies and procedures; creation of an annual calendar including deadlines of publications and special activities of the JCV that would need internal and external communications; coordinate ad placement and public relation stories; development of relationships with publishers of community magazines, Jewish Federation, Jewish Federation publication editors and newcomers welcoming services like Main Street Venice.

JCV is working with the publisher of Stroll magazine, which is distributed to all Gran Palm homeowners. This partnership will serve as a test case to determine whether similar relationships with other community publications would be beneficial.

In addition, JCV has expanded its presence on Facebook and Instagram by partnering with a professional social media organization.

Both initiatives will be evaluated to determine their effectiveness in increasing JCV's visibility, building relationships within the broader community, and attracting prospective members. The results will help guide future marketing and outreach decisions.

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

We will be continuing our relationships with Jewish Federation of Sarasota/Manatee, development publishers, as well as social media efforts. Determining the effectiveness of these relationships will be reviewed to determine whether there is any evidence of their building awareness of the JCV.

We will measure the effectiveness of our advertising and social media efforts in the following ways:

#1 Print Advertising: Determine whether our ads are encouraging people to attend JCV events. This can be measured by including RSVP instructions that ask attendees how they learned about the event or by offering an incentive, such as a free item, when attendees bring in an advertisement.

#2 Social Media: Evaluate Facebook and Instagram activity using available metrics, including the number of people reached, engagement with posts (likes, comments, and shares), new followers, and clicks to the JCV website.

These measurements will help us assess whether our marketing efforts are increasing awareness of JCV, encouraging participation in our activities, and reaching prospective members. The results will also help guide future decisions about where to focus our marketing resources.

We need photographs that showcase the many wonderful activities taking place at JCV. We will be encouraging members to take and share photos of their chavurot, Sisterhood and Men's Club activities, special events, and other congregational gatherings. The Communications Committee will also seek out stories highlighting the interesting activities and initiatives in which JCV members participate or take leadership roles. These photos and stories will help us demonstrate the vibrant, welcoming community that makes JCV special. Send your photos to: Communications@thejcv.org

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David Cook, Chair, Bob Aaron, Howard Berlin, Randy Brodsky, Jeffrey Chaitman, David Goldstein , Victor Haran, Gerry Ronkin

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

Security cameras and lighting were installed in the Memorial Park. The gravesite markers were power washed.

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

A clean up will be scheduled for the memorial park. Considering planting new trees.

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Clergy

Actions and Activities from April 2026 to now *

- *Added/completed Prayer Competency class
- *Continuing Hebrew Grammar class
- *Discontinued Soul Food
- *Counseling
- *Pastoral Visits
- *Worked extensively with Neil Yerman for Torah repair and with Keith for Program weekend
- *VICCA meetings-decision to do Thanksgiving and Education series
- *Started new class on World Religions and a Conversion group
- *Monthly meetings with Caring Committee
- *Arranged first PRIDE Shabbat w/ Mark Silvermintz
- *Attended Women Cantors' Network conference in Richmond, VA
- *Led several Havdalah Under the Stars services

Actions and activities from now until our January meeting *

*VICCA Interfaith Thanksgiving-Emmanuel Lutheran 7 pm on 11/24

VICCA Winter Series on 1/18, 1/25 and 2/1 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran

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