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LAS OLAS CHABAD TEAMS WITH BELEV ECHAD

Since the founding of the State of Israel, hundreds of thousands of young Jewish men and women have risked their lives and limbs to protect the Jewish people and ensure the security of our homeland. Belev Echad was founded in 2009 with the mission of repaying the enormous debt of gratitude for the brave warriors, through support and a whole lot of love.

One component of that mission is their "Tour of Happiness," Belev Echad's flagship program that brings wounded Israeli Defense (IDF) veterans to America for a ten day tour to enjoy the camaraderie of those with similar experiences, and receive thanks and support from the Jewish community.

"We had the honor of hosting these brave and courageous men last month and it was a thrilling experience for all who participated," Rabbi Chaim Slavaticki said. "From the moment we met them at the airport until we saw them off, it was a festive... and in many cases... a very moving experience for the soldiers and those who celebrated them."

And what a grand time they had. On their first Sunday morning, the Zebersky family hosted them in their home in Harbour Beach for an elaborate breakfast with 40 other guests from the community. Two of the soldiers shared their stories and their day to day struggles dealing with PTSD. Everyone was very moved and inspired. To add to their experience, after breakfast they all enjoyed a terrific yachting experience,

on the Zebersky's yacht, one of the fastest yachts ever built. It was an unbelievable experience...

As a token of their appreciation, the soldiers presented a very special gift to the Zebersky family; a Mezuzah that was made by Israeli metal artist Yaron Bon constructed with scrap metal from the Iron Dome. "We wish that just as the Iron Dome protected our brothers in Israel, so to may this Mezuzah protect your family," Or Hammani said.

Some of the other events included a VIP golf experience in Palm Beach, and an amazing VIP Everglades adventure. Another unique experience for the soldiers was their visit to the Fort Lauderdale Collection, a showroom that features high end exotic



cars. Steve Goldstrom opened up the Fort Lauderdale Collection dealership, offering them the opportunity to view some of the most expensive cars in the world, one of which was priced at \$2.2 million! Patrick Kerney, President of Florida Helicopters, provided three helicopters offering the soldiers a look at Fort Lauderdale from the clouds. Then, they left the Executive Airport in a fleet of luxury cars from Mr. Levy. Yet another memorable event was breakfast, followed by a day of yachting

aboard their host's 147 foot Yacht, Balajiu, for a full day of water sports, food and fun! At another dinner party, Mr. Dean Myerow presented each one of the soldiers a \$500 gift certificate, provided by different people in the community, and were told to spend the money as they wished.

That night the Manoach family hosted them in their home on Las Olas for a BBQ with live music and a very special guest... The Consul General of Israel, Lior Haiat. It

was a very moving evening, as all of the soldiers introduced themselves and told their stories of their battle details. Consul General Haiat said it was the first time that he found himself speechless, after hearing their stories. He found his voice and said with great emotion that "... the survival of the Jewish people in the state of Israel owes a deep debt of gratitude to people like you."

Over the several days they were in Fort Lauderdale, each had an opportunity to share their unique story. A case in point is Ori Levi. He fought as a combat soldier in the 931 Battalion of the Nachal Brigade. On July 25, 2014, an integrated force was deployed to open a route. A missile struck nearby and he flew a few meters in the air and then was buried underneath an iron gate. He was wounded by shrapnel all over his body. After 4 surgeries and lots of therapy, he is functioning almost normally.

To support the work of Belev Echad, you can make a donation @ Belevchad.nyc.

Meet the soldiers and hear their stories on our website: JewishFLL.com/BelevEchad

WHAT'S NEW

PIZZA & KABBALAH



Weekly class every Wednesday night at 7pm where we discuss topics in Kabbalah and how they infiltrate our personal lives. The Center also offers a monthly Kabbalah Lunch & Learn! Skip the corporate lunch and have a real power lunch over Kabbalah and delicious kosher delicacies.

Often referred to as the “soul” of the Torah, the Kabbalah is an ancient Jewish tradition which teaches the deepest insights into

the essence of G-d, His interaction with the world, and the purpose of Creation. Kabbalah teaches the essential Jewish cosmology, integral to all other Torah disciplines. In our classes, we explore some of the history... and some of the mysteries of Kaballah.

We start at 11:30 a.m., so you can get back to work on time!

Detail on our website JewishFLL.com/Lunch

HEBREW SCHOOL

The Bear Family Las Olas Hebrew School... the Hebrew School your kids will LOVE!

Thanks to the love and commitment of the Bear family to educating our youth, our Hebrew School has grown from 8 children to more than 40 in less than 3 years. From the stimulating and motivating, hands-on Aleph Champ program for children ages four through thirteen, to the Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation program, students gain an appreciation for the joys, values and traditions of our heritage. And thanks to the dedicated and enthusiastic teachers whose creativity and dynamism make every lesson a unique learning experience, “..Judaism comes alive!”

“When I pick my children up they do not

want to leave. My heart flips every time they come into the car and tell me a new story about a holiday they learned about, or when they sing me a new song,” enthused Leya Morales.

No membership or affiliation is required and limited Leonard Catz scholarships are available.



WOMEN CIRCLE



At the las olas Jewish women's circle, jewish women come together throughout the year to study, to create, to celebrate, to explore and to recharge. Join us for exciting, intriguing and just plain enjoyable evenings throughout the year



SOCCER LEAGUE

“While our time spent at Las Olas Chabad is enriching, some of us... including the Rabbi, felt it would be a good idea to have some fun and camaraderie outside of the Center, so we decided to form a soccer team,” Ofir Rajoan explained. Being men of action, the Las Olas Chabad Soccer Team was formed at the end of 2017 and each Sunday, about a dozen men meet at Holiday Park at 4:00 p.m. to play. “In addition to being fun, it's also good exercise!”

E-mail ofir0727@gmail.com if you'd like to join the team.



SOME PICTURES



Tu BiShvat tree planting ceremony at Holiday Park



Consul General of Israel, Lior Haiat. Mr Leibowitz, Rabbi Chaim



Women circle - Edible Arrangements



The soldiers @ fort Lauderdale collection



Morning Services at Las Olas Chabad



Glow in the dark - Purim Party



Hebrew School at Las Olas Chabad

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Friendship Circle is today's fastest growing organization for children and young adults with special needs.

"These shared experiences empower the children, our special friends, while enriching the lives of everyone involved," said Chayale Slavaticki, Director of the Friendship Circle of Greater Fort Lauderdale.

The Friendship Circle offers a very popular Cheerleading program, where the children are put through a basic cheerleading class, including warm-ups, a basic tumbling lesson with hands on instruction, and a small choreographed routine! All this takes place alongside one of the cheer leading buddies, who are paired with each group member.

The Young Adult Circle offers an opportunity for young adult volunteers and young adults with special needs to come together monthly to form a social group of friends in a non-judgmental and accepting environment, while having a great time and enhancing their social skills along the way! The group has experienced an array of exciting activities, such as karaoke, unique art activities, and even baking with ingredients which they shopped for on their own.

And for the teens, they can be part of the Teen Scene where they will find a true social home base, at the age where a social group can be defining and a necessity.

If you know of a child with special needs who would enjoy the company of a friend or if you would like to volunteer, please call us.



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From The Rabbi



Welcome!

That's the way you will feel when you first walk through the doors of the Las Olas Chabad Jewish Center. You'll still feel that way the 10th time you come here... and the 100th.

When we opened our doors four years ago, it was with a vision to create a place of Jewish discovery where open-minded exploration and spiritual connection are valued, a place where background, affiliation and level of knowledge are not weighed.

We have successfully created an inviting space in the center of downtown Fort Lauderdale where we host programs that cater to hundreds of families and individuals from all walks of life. We proudly offer a variety of innovative programs to suit all ages and stages. Our goal is to create a positive Jewish experience as we encourage people to explore their heritage and strengthen their ties to the Jewish community.

In addition to our ongoing programs, which have been enthusiastically embraced, exciting plans for new initiatives are brewing, and we can't wait to share them with you!

At Las Olas Chabad, we believe that every individual has an indispensable contribution to make to the totality of the human experience. Come in, make yourself at home, and be a part of the journey!

SERVICES

Join our melodious, inspirational, joyful and uplifting services.

Friday evening

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 PM

Shabbat Day

Morning Service: 10:00AM

Followed by Kiddush (lunch) Catered by food Art.

Kiddush

To sponsor a kiddush

please contact our office (954) 780-6770 or email Office@JewishFLL.com

Weekday Morning Service

Join our Monday & Thursday morning Men's Minyanaires Club at 7:45am followed by Breakfast

Weekday Mincha service 2PM

CHALLAH RECIPE



2 packages of dry yeast + 2 cups of warm water + ½ cup honey + ½ Tbsp. salt + 4 eggs + 9 cups of flour... Dissolve yeast in water in a large bowl. Add honey and let stand 2 minutes, until yeast foams. Add salt, oil and eggs and mix well. Then, gradually add flour, 2 cups at a time – mixing after each addition. As the mixture gets stiff, use floured hands and knead for 7 minutes, turning dough over often. Now, let dough rise in greased bowl until it doubles in size, which will take about 1 hour. Punch down dough. Separate challah without a blessing. Divide dough into thirds, shape as desired, and place in greased pans or on baking sheet. Let rise again until double in size. *Preheat oven to 375 degrees.*

Glaze – 1 egg yolk beaten, 1 tsp. water and poppy seeds. Brush with glaze. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until hot. Remove from pans and cool on racks.

Caution: Do not let dough rise longer than 1 hour. If unable to shape loaves after first rising, pinch down dough and let it rise again!

Enjoy the three loaves.

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7:30 PM

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After March 1: \$60 Adults | \$25 kids under 13
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