

Two Florida synagogues host special Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month services

Three clergy ordained by Jewish Spiritual Leaders' Institute joined together in Florida to host a Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month service.

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, USA, February 20, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Two Melbourne, Florida synagogues came together on February 9th to celebrate JDAIM (Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month) with a special shabbat. Temple Israel of Brevard, led by Rabbi Karen Fanwick, hosted a joint service with Temple Beth Sholom and their Rabbi Craig Mayers. Special guest Rabbi Cantor Ralph Goren, who was visiting from his home state of New Jersey, lent his musical and vocal talents to the evening.



The service included participation from various congregants with challenges and disabilities.

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Awareness and acceptance were the themes of the service, with the community learning to recite the “Shema Yisrael” prayer using American Sign Language.

The evening concluded with a well-attended Oneg sponsored by the Brevard Jewish Inclusion Network, the leading support and advocacy group in the area for Jewish inclusivity. Each year Temple Israel and Temple Beth Sholom, despite operating in different branches of Judaism, come together as a unified community to honor and celebrate JDAIM. The 2025 event is scheduled in February at Temple Beth Sholom.

All three rabbis are graduates of JSLI – the [Jewish Spiritual Leader's Institute](#), which is the rabbinical school for Jewish professionals who wish to fulfill their dream of becoming clergy. Rabbis Fanwick and Mayers serve in pulpit positions in the same town (Melbourne, FL) while Rabbi Cantor Goren serves as chazzan and kol bo in his community of Atlantic City, NJ.



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Rabbi Steven Blane is also the founder and director of the Jewish Spiritual Leaders' Institute, the online professional rabbinical program and of the Union of Jewish Universalist Communities, <http://www.ujuc.org>.

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