

Schedule by Day

Kivunim Schedule

Mifgash Schedule

Monday, February 2, 2026

Breakfast on Your Own

9–10:15 a.m.

Meet-Ups and Learning Discussions (hotel) **SAVOR Bar and Kitchen**

These optional, pre-conference sessions will complement the Workshops, some of which will be offered in multiple time slots.

- Option A: Introduction to Leading Edge and the Employee Experience Survey Abby Crawford and Isabel Shech, Leading Edge
- Option B: Thinking About AI and My JCC: A Conversation Amanda Loveland, Puzzles and Profits, LLC

10:15 a.m.

Meet in Hotel Lobby to Travel to Marcus JCC

Buses will depart promptly at 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Welcome to the Marcus JCC: Arrival, Registration, and Tours

12:15–1 p.m.

Snack and Schmooze **Main Street**

Full lunch available for purchase at Marcus JCC Cafe

1–2:15 p.m.

Conference Opening and Movement Moment #1: **Morris & Rae Frank Theatre**

Leaning Into This Moment

2:15–2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45–4:05 p.m.

Workshop Block #1

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Center for Talent Development

- **Option A: How You Can Leverage the State of Jewish Nonprofit Talent at Your JCC** [Brill Family Activity](#)

Room 1

Abby Crawford and Isabel Shech, Leading Edge Debbi Cooper and Clare Goldwater, M²: The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education

- **Option B: Sharpening Team Skills To Navigate Increasing Change and Improve Retention and Productivity**

Brill Family Activity Room 2

Deborah Gilboa, M.D., Ask Dr. G

Center for Jewish Peoplehood

- **Option C: Israel and Zionism: Getting Grounded in the Facts and Nuances** [Brill Family Activity Room 3](#)

Rabbi Mike Uram, Jewish Federations of North America

- **Option D: What the Surge Is Teaching Us: Adapting Jewish Institutions for a New Engagement Era** [Brill](#)

Family Activity Room 4

Mimi Kravetz, Jewish Federations of North America

Center for Innovation and Impact

- **Option E: If Only I Had the Time: Rethinking the CEO's Role in Fundraising** [Brill Family Activity Room 5](#)

Amy Schiffman and Jessica Grossnickle, Evolve Giving Group

- **Option F: From Wellness to Wellbeing: How Promoting Health and Healthcare Partnerships Can Create Sustainable Revenue for Your JCC** [Sophie Hirsh Srochi Discovery Center](#)

Kurt Atherton, Avidon Health, and Joshua Lyons, Pinnacle Medical Wellness

4:05–4:20 p.m.

Break

4:20–5:40 p.m.

Peer Communities [Brill Family Activity Room 1 - 5, Sophie Hirsh Srochi Discovery Center, ORT Technology Lab](#)

These purposefully designed affinity groups will offer unparalleled opportunities to learn, bond, and converse with your peers. To see all Peer Community rosters, [click here](#). Your Peer Community will also be written on the back of your name badge. Room assignments are on the digital schedule.

5:45–6:30 p.m.

Intentional Networking

Choose your own networking experiences on the campus of the Marcus JCC, and you'll find relationship-building can be engaging, energizing, and fun!

- **Finding Humor in Our Work:** Many of us grapple with intense topics, large teams, and complex community challenges. The moments of humor we encounter – or the ways we stay grounded – often reveal a lot about how we lead. Join us for an honest, and hopefully comical, discussion with Lynn Wittles, EMD Consulting. [Sophie Hirsch Srochi Discovery](#)
- **Prioritizing Creativity:** Sip and paint with a cocktail in one hand and a paintbrush in the other, connect with your colleagues while discussing how you create space for creativity in both your work and your life. Led by Ms. Pink, owner of Atlanta's Doodle Art Studio. [Old Computer Lap](#)
- **Hosting & Hospitality:** While you may no longer be the person schlepping the food orders or ensuring you have enough, hospitality remains central to our work. Build cheese boards together and share how you think about hospitality in your agency. Led by Lisa Long, director of culinary programs at the Marcus JCC. [Brill Room 1](#)
- **Decompressing:** Find a hobby – or in this case, bourbon. The work is hard, managing people can be even harder, and everyone needs a way to decompress. Take some time to share how you unwind, or how you'd like to begin doing it. Bourbon tasting led by Matt Spengler of Atlanta's Empire Distributors. [Brill Room 3](#)
- **What Fills Your Jewish Cup?:** How do you nurture yourself Jewishly while deeply embedded in Jewish work? Do you? Do you want to? Learn with and from one another in conversation with Kelly Cohen, senior director experiential Jewish education at the Marcus JCC. [Brill Room 2](#)
- **Bundle Up & Campsite Walk:** If it's not too cold to walk and talk, come explore the beautiful Marcus JCC campus. Enjoy fresh air and fresh ideas. [Meet on Main Street](#)
- **Connect, Kvell, and Kibbutz:** Jewish camps are joyful, messy, mission-driven ecosystems—let's kibbutz and kvetch, around very real operational pressures of running camp today. Led by Danny Herz, executive director of Camp Barney Medintz, a Marcus JCC camp. [Brill Room 5](#)
- **Finding You in the Israel Conversation:** It's one thing to make decisions about Israel engagement in your work, but how do you personally connect with Israel? Take a deep dive into both the light and the polarity around Israel with your colleagues and Roey Shoshan, senior director, philanthropic engagement at the Marcus JCC. [Brill Room 4](#)

6:30–9 p.m.

Conference-Wide Dinner and Celebration [Main Street](#)

Hosted by the team at the Marcus JCC, sponsored by Daxko, this dinner will bring us together to celebrate the joy, connection, and community we share as JCC Movement leaders.

7 p.m.

[Ma'ariv Minyan](#) [Sophie Hirsh Discovery Center](#)

9 p.m.

[Buses Depart for the Hotel](#) [Main Lobby](#)

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast Opens Ballroom Prefunction, Concourse Level

This breakfast is kindly sponsored by Traction Rec.

8–9 a.m.

Meet-Ups and Learning Discussions (Bring your breakfast!)

These optional sessions will complement the Workshops, some of which will be offered in multiple time slots. Check the digital schedule for locations.

- **Option A: JCC Global Breakfast** Kern, Concourse Level
Smadar Bar-Akiva, JCC Global
- **Option B: Creating Meaningful and Effective JCC-Federation Partnerships** Porter, Concourse Level
Mimi Kravetz and Rabbi Mike Uram, Jewish Federations of North America
- **Option C: Conversations with Evolve Giving Group** Rodgers, Concourse Level
Proposed Topics: Are We Ready for a Major Fundraising Campaign? or CEO-Board Partnership in Capacity Building
Amy Schiffman and Jessica Grossnickle, Evolve Giving Group
- **Option D: Improving the Business of JCCs: A Conversation** Foster, Concourse Level
Kurt Atherton, Avidon Health
- **Option E: Leading When It Is Hard: Building a Resilient Organization** Copeland, Concourse Level
Maggie Feinstein, The 10/27 Healing Partnership
- **Option F: Narrative Tools for Strategy and Visioning** Berlin, Concourse Level
Miriam Brosseau, Tiny Windows Consulting

9:05–9:50 a.m.

Intentional Networking

Participate in peer-facilitated, focused conversations that happen best in-person with people who truly understand the work, and there's room to acknowledge vulnerability, challenges, and problems to be solved.

- **JCCs with Owned or Operated Resident Camps:** Let's commiserate. Let's celebrate! Berlin
- **Retirement on the Horizon:** I'm conflicted. I'm excited. How might I stay connected? Kern
- **Holding the Whole Person & Still Being the Boss:** Managing people and their lives can feel overwhelming. How do you maintain a healthy, person-centered approach while still getting the job done? Rodgers
- **Integrated Communities:** JCCs, Federations and beyond—for those already living this model or those who see it on the horizon. Foster
- **JCCs with 50% or More Members of Other Faiths:** How do you maintain the "J" when leading a primarily non-Jewish community, especially when both lay and professional leadership are Jewish? Copeland
- **Three-Year Tenure:** How's it going? Bernstein Ballroom
- **Seven-Year (Itch) Tenure:** Staying fresh, excited – or wondering if it's time to move on? Bernstein Ballroom
- **Fifteen-Plus Years:** Wow, how has it been that long? And, honestly, how can it feel like forever? Bernstein Ballroom

9:50–10 a.m.

Break

10–11:20 a.m.

Workshop Block #2

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Center for Talent Development

- **Option A: Human-Centered Leadership for a Multi-Generational Workforce** Kern, Concourse Level
Andi Campbell, Leadership Advisor, Speaker, and Coach
- **Option B: Leading Through Curiosity: Navigating and Aligning Our Purpose, Practice, and People** Porter, Concourse Level
Robert Calabrese, Business Visions Group

Center for Jewish Peoplehood

- **Option C: Cultivating Allyship and Partnerships To Lead in a Time of Rising Antisemitism** Rodgers, Concourse Level
Meggie Fredman, American Jewish Committee
- **Option D: Israel and Zionism: Getting Grounded in the Facts and Nuances** Foster, Concourse Level
Rabbi Mike Uram, Jewish Federations of North America

Center for Innovation and Impact

- **Option E: The AI-Enabled Executive** Copeland, Concourse Level
Amanda Loveland, Puzzles and Profits, LLC
- **Option F: Breaking Fixedness: Leading Forward in a Time of Fracture and Possibility** Berlin, Concourse Level
Meg Rodarte and Jenn Goldstone, UpStart

11:35 a.m.–12:55 p.m.

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Robert Calabrese, Business Visions Group
- **Option C: Sharpening Team Skills To Navigate Increasing Change and Improve Retention and Productivity** Foster, Concourse Level
Deborah Gilboa, M.D., Ask Dr. G

Center for Jewish Peoplehood

- **Option D: The 18 x 18 Framework: What's Your Community's Vision for Jewish Life?** Rodgers, Concourse Level
Debbi Cooper and Clare Goldwater, M²: Institute for Experiential Jewish Education

Center for Innovation and Impact

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Amanda Loveland, Puzzles and Profits, LLC
- **Option F: UpSpark Design Sprint: A Live Innovation Studio** Berlin, Concourse Level
Meg Rodarte and Jenn Goldstone, UpStart

1–2:15 p.m.

Lunch Bernstein Ballroom, Lobby Level

This lunch is kindly sponsored by Amilia.

2:15–3:30 p.m.

Movement Moment #2: Leveraging This Moment Bernstein Ballroom, Lobby Level

3:30–5 p.m.

Open Space Peer Community Discussions Bernstein Ballroom, Lobby Level

This participant-driven approach to learning and problem-solving on topics requested and driven by you uses the rules of Open Space, including the Law of Two Feet, which empowers you to enter and exit conversations to maximize your own time. To see all Peer Community rosters, [click here](#). Your Peer Community will also be written on the back of your name badge

5 p.m.

Mincha Minyan Mercer

5–6 p.m.

Intentional Networking

Women's Leadership: A return of a much-requested sacred space for women-identifying leaders across the JCC Movement. [Hotel Suite, pending](#)

5–5:30 p.m.

Break

5:30 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own —Everyone Gets An Invite Various

Make the evening your own by spending time with friends or colleagues, enjoy some quiet, or welcome new faces to the table. The choice is yours.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast Opens Bernstein Ballroom, Lobby Level

8:30–9:30 a.m.

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Maggie Feinstein, The 10/27 Healing Partnership

- **Option C: Narrative Tools for Strategy and Visioning**

Miriam Brosseau, Tiny Windows Consulting

- **Option D: Conversations with Evolve Giving Group:**

Proposed Topics:

Recruiting and Retaining Top Talent **or** Mastering the Ask: How To Plan and Execute a Successful Major Gift Solicitation

Amy Schiffman and Jessica Grossnickle

- **Option E: Improving the Business of JCCs: A Conversation**

Kurt Atherton, Avidon Health

9:45 a.m.–12 p.m.

Movement Moment #3: Leading at This Moment and Conference Closing Bernstein Ballroom, Lobby Level

12–1:30 p.m.

Lunch in Peer Communities Bernstein Ballroom, Lobby Level

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QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQ. Still have questions?
Email mifgash@jcca.org and we'll get back to you soon.

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