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## Northern California's Vibrant Israeli Community Finds a Home in Palo Alto



**Palo Alto, CA—April 11, 2025**—More than 3,000 Israeli families find a home away from home at the Oshman Family JCC (OFJCC) in Palo Alto. Since 2010, this thriving center has featured a whole JCC-within-a-JCC, offering a rich tapestry of programs in both Hebrew and English that foster connection to Israeli identity, celebrate Israeli culture and explore the unique experience of being an Israeli Jew living abroad. For many Israelis living in the Bay Area, it is both a lifeline to Israel and a bridge to life as a Jew in America.

The OFJCC's Israeli Cultural Connection (ICC) Department serves the Bay Area's Israeli community by facilitating various programs. These initiatives address different life stages, from supporting families during childbirth and early parenting through Libi, to offering daytime activities for adults of all ages via the Tzavta Club. Maagalim, another program of the ICC with one goal, to help, is led by volunteers

Recently, the ICC organized a Women's Seder to celebrate Passover, bringing together women from across the community. Looking ahead, the OFJCC, in collaboration with the ICC, will host events for Yom Haatzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) and Yom Hazikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) for which a Mit-Habrim Yamim—Mit-Habrim, meaning "connections"— grant from JCCA was received.

Educational opportunities are also provided through the ICC. The Begeg Kefet program offers high school students the chance to study Hebrew language and culture, with the coursework counting towards their foreign language requirements. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are currently being accepted. For those looking for Hebrew immersion, there are programs like Tayasim within J-Camp during the summer, Ulpanon at the Leslie Family Preschool and a new Jewish culture learning track, Club JCH for the afterschool program.

Offering a wide range of Hebrew and English programs, the Oshman Family JCC is committed to creating a safe, welcoming space for the local community and a home for those distant from their own.

### **About the Oshman Family JCC**

The Oshman Family Jewish Community Center (OFJCC) on the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life serves the South Peninsula through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs. The OFJCC is a multi-generational Jewish neighborhood where all are welcome, and which seeks to enrich lives, build community and inspire Jewish journeys. The OFJCC provides a common ground for individuals, Jewish institutions and other local groups and organizations and individuals to work, learn, play and celebrate together for the betterment of the whole community. The OFJCC's registered trademarks are Live Fully®, J-Pass®, Z3® and Architects of the Jewish Future®. For more information, visit [www.paloaltojcc.org](http://www.paloaltojcc.org) or call (650) 223-8700.

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