



Newsletter

March 2026

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- Volunteer Opportunities
- League of Women Voters – livestream available
- Embracing our Differences
- Save our Democracy For All Conference
- Living Room Conversation

Our newly elected Board Members

Rabbi Anat Moskowitz

Ordained by the Conservative Movement in the 1990s and began her career in chaplaincy, serving Jewish AIDS patients and individuals in recovery. She remains devoted to supporting vulnerable populations, including former foster youth and those facing addiction, guided by a deep commitment to healing and dignity



Natasha Reisner

Born in South Africa and now based in Sarasota, holds degrees in Social Work and Sociology and a Master's in Social Work. She manages residential properties, writes for Stroll Magazine, and volunteers as a NAMI group co-leader supporting families navigating mental health challenges, grounded in Jewish values of service and connection.



GET INVOLVED. BUILD WHAT'S NEXT

The Alliance is growing — expanding partnerships and strengthening our voice in the community.

Interested in serving on a committee?
suncoastjewishalliance@gmail.com

Committees

Programming – Uzi Baram

Immigration – Marcy Bernstein

Public & Higher Education – Mark Blaweiss

Communications – Natasha Reisner

Development – Norman Olshansky

Beyond the Classroom:

Key Issues Shaping Education in Sarasota County Schools



Wednesday, March 4, 2026
5:45-7:00 pm Jacaranda Library
Venice, Florida 34293

Attend in person or via Livestream:

 Sign up for Livestream at sarasotavotes.org



Scan for Livestream

Live Stream

<https://www.youtube.com/live/CkCfids5Cfo?feature=share>



**Norman Olshansky, Suncoast Jewish Alliance
President, will be a panelist for LWV Event.**



Come for a Walking Tour of the Outdoor Exhibit at
Sarasota Bayfront



**Embracing Our Differences through
a Jewish Lens**

Tour and Discussion led by

Rabbi Jennifer Singer

Tuesday March 17, 2026, starting at 5 pm

5 Bayfront Drive, Sarasota

Free Parking available at Bayfront Park and Paid Parking at the Palm Avenue Parking Garage.

Please RSVP to suncoastjewishalliance@gmail.com

The Suncoast Jewish Alliance is a member of the Social Justice Alliance of the Florida Suncoast, a group of 25 local, faith-based and lay nonprofit organizations.

On March 28th, we will co-sponsor the SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL conference at the Venice Community Center.

We will hear from Katherine Stewart, internationally known author and commentator, and converse with an array of experts living here on the Suncoast.

Our own Norman Olshansky will be one of the workshop facilitators, and Julie Friedman is the conference Facilities Co-Chair

WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE DEMOCRACY?

**Attend the Save Democracy for All Conference, March 28, 2026
Venice Community Center – 326 Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL
Doors open 8AM Conference hours 9AM-2PM**



Democracy Is Facing a Defining Moment.

Around the world — and here at home — authoritarian movements are weakening democratic institutions, undermining the rule of law, and threatening fundamental rights.

They rely on **fear, division, and retribution** to silence opposition and erode public trust.

Democracy will not sustain itself. It depends on informed, engaged communities.

In this moment, preserving democracy requires more than resistance—it demands action. Join your friends and neighbors at the Venice Community Center for a conference on building a democracy that not only withstands authoritarianism but thrives.

If you're rallying in Venice, join us either before or afterward at the **Venice Community Center**.

**START THE DAY WITH US:
SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL**
Conference

Venice Community Center
March 28, 2026

Registration 8:00AM Conference: 9AM-2:00 PM

Conference Sessions,
Food & Fellowship

Keynote Speaker: Katherine Stewart
author of "Money, Lies and God:
Inside the Movement to Destroy
American Democracy"



REGISTER HERE



JOIN US:

You'll still have plenty of time to
attend rallies in:

Sarasota • Port Charlotte • Naples

Continue the energy.

Deepen the conversation.

Build next steps.

Build Community. Protect Democratic Values. Take Action.



**Social Justice Alliance
of the Florida Suncoast**

Website: sjafs.org
Email: sjalliancefs@gmail.com

*We invite you to volunteer your time, attend and contribute to this conference.
For more information about your participation, visit <https://sjafs.org> or contact
Julie (suncoastjewishalliance1.org or 941 484-2790).*



*Come to a Living Room Conversation with Friends
and Potluck Dinner*



**Israeli President Herzog initiated *Voices of the People:*
Mapping Out the Agenda for the Next Decade**

Keren Shani-Lifrak

is one of those Voices
in Sarasota

Learn about this Global Initiative and How You Can Contribute

Sunday March 29, 2025, starting at 5 pm

Hosted by Lisa and Dan Barzel

Please RSVP to suncoastjewishalliance1@gmail.com

by March 21st for directions to their home and
for suggestions on what you can bring for the potluck

Renew Your Membership and/or Make a Donation

Check out our Website at
<http://suncoastjewishalliance.org>

