

Jewish communities pray for Ukraine and rally against Russian invasion

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LANTANA, Fla. (CBS12) — The escalating conflict in Ukraine is being felt around the world, including Palm Beach County, where a prayer service was held Friday night.

During song and prayer, Rabbi Barry Silver of L’Dor Va-Dor also urged his congregation to take action.

“We stand here in solidarity. Our words are meaningless, unless they’re translated in action,” Rabbi Silver said during the service at a retirement community in Lantana. “I urge everybody, if you care about this issue, to contact the people in office, contact your leaders, contact your friends, and tell them we must take a stand.”

Please click the link for the article and news video, including our Friday evening, February 25th Shabbat celebration at The Carlisle Palm Beach, Lantana FL:

<https://cbs12.com/news/local/jewish-communities-pray-for-peace-and-rally-against-russian-invasion>

Cantor Carol Garrett is singing “Let There Be Love” by Noah Aronson during the news video.

West Palm Beach resident Alla Weisz grew up in Odessa, south of Ukraine. “Nobody, nobody ever, can ever imagine something like this would happen. That the war would happen like this,” Weisz said. While looking back at old photos, she said many of those same friends she grew up with evacuated to survive.

“It would’ve been us, it definitely would’ve been us. We’ve been lucky to have the opportunity to come to the greatest country in the world,” Weisz said. “Innocent people have already been killed.”

Over 130 people had been killed since the Russian invasion.

“The way it looks like right now, we don’t know which way it’s going to go,” she added. “It’s terrible, it’s terrible, but Ukrainians are not going to give up.” Weisz is asking for all Americans to pray for those in the middle of the crossfire, to be informed of what’s going on, and to support the humanitarian efforts now underway.

The Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and its global partners launched an emergency relief fund for the people of Ukraine.

To contribute and support the Jewish community in Ukraine, please click this link:
<https://jewishpb.org/fed/index.php/ukraine-relief-22uerf/>