

Save the Date for our upcoming virtual programs on Climate Change.

Details to follow.

Sunday, January 31, 2021, 1:00pm | Thursday, March 4, 2021, 7:00pm

As we see 2020 end, Southwest Jewish Congress (SWJC) wishes you happiness and a New Year in 2021 full of health, peace and love.

We would be most grateful if you would make a **year-end donation** to support Southwest Jewish Congress! [\(click here\)](#)

In 2020, we continued building bridges and partnering with other non-profits and universities to provide educational programs. Our first program of the year featured Holocaust survivor **Magie Furst** giving a firsthand account of the **Kindertransport**, a rescue mission to save Jewish children from Nazi Germany. Our **Black History Month** program featured **Sharon Ewell Foster** telling of her research and writing experience in producing a 2 part novel, *The Resurrection of Nat Turner*.

Then COVID-19 hit and SWJC began working remotely, social distancing and using virtual platforms for meetings and programming. The silver lining of this is that many of these programs are recorded and you can view the program at your leisure by clicking on the links provided.



**WHAT A DIFFERENCE
A YEAR MAKES!**

Please Join Southwest Jewish Congress for our 2020 Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 14th at 7:00pm

Please click link below to register for this complimentary webinar

Featured Speaker Daron Babcock, Executive Director Bonton Farms

2020 SWJC Building Bridges Grant Recipients

- Bonton Farms
- Debes Creer En Ti
- DME Exchange of Dallas
- Families to Freedom
- Mosaic Family Services
- Open Arms dba Bryan's House
- St. Phillips School and Community Center
- The Source of Hope

Highlights of our virtual year included our [Annual Meeting](#) with featured speaker **Daron Babcock**, Executive Director of Bonton Farms and the presentation of \$16,000 in grants to 8 local non-profits through our Building Bridges Grant Initiative. [Click here to view recording.](#)



[From The Spanish Inquisition to the Present: A Search for Jewish Roots](#)

It was a delight to hear the first person account of **Genie Milgrom**, a direct descendant of the Spanish-Portuguese Jews tell of the many twists and turns encountered as she traced her family that had spun webs around themselves to hide from the Inquisitors.

SWJC partnered with the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas and had over 500 in attendance with participants from many different countries.

It was an evening of fun & laughter with **Let's Laugh Together!**

Israel through the eyes of comedian

Benji Lovitt

A Dallas native who made Aliyah in 2006

Partners for the program included
Congregation Ahavath Sholom,

Dallas Chapter of Hadassah & Texans For A Safe Israel



We were honored to present

John Lewis: The Bridge and Beyond

With special guests

Rev. Peter Johnson

Dr. David Patterson

Brenda Jackson

Partnered with the North Texas BLEWS
(Black Jewish Coalition) & Temple Shalom



Thank you to the [Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum](#)
for inviting us to partner with them on many programs.



Briefing on the F-35 Program in Israel and the US

Eric Fox & Chris Widerstrom
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Our most recent program reminded us of our mission to support the security and stability of Israel – the only democracy in the Middle East and America's strongest and most reliable ally in that region.

[Click here to view recording.](#)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we began a humanitarian program called **SWJC Building Bridges - Feeding Heroes and Neighbors in Need**. The SWJC Board voted to cover all costs of the program. [Every dollar](#) raised for this specific program feeds a Hero or Neighbor and is earmarked through a separate fund. [Click here to contribute](#). A HUGE THANK YOU to those individuals who have contributed to this effort and to our Partners: **NAI Robert Lynn Retail, Kahn Mechanical, Joe Funk Construction** and the **Rotary Club of Dallas**. This program continues to make an impact. We have provided 4,300 meals since April to our Heroes – Healthcare, Police and Fire personnel all over the DFW area, plus we have fed Neighbors in Need. These healthy, nutritious meals bring hope, comfort, and are a delicious way to let people know they are not forgotten. Contributions to this humanitarian program do not fund the work of SWJC, but go directly to provide meals.



So, again, we wish you a happy New Year full of health, peace, laughter, family and love. Please make your **year-end contribution** to support Southwest Jewish Congress, [click here](#). Thank you.