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Leon Schagrín holds up a recognition given to him during a Holocaust Survivor Day celebration at Temple Beth Emet organized by Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County.

DeSantis has claims about his tax plan. What will actually be on the ballot?

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Gov. Ron DeSantis has made some bold claims about his property tax plan since unveiling it last week.

He's said 92% of primary homeowners could pay no property taxes. He's touted a state fund that will help rural counties weather the shortfall.

Some of those claims are outdated thanks to the Legislature, which significantly changed the amendment this week. Other claims he's made aren't reflected in the amendment.

What the amendment would do is raise the homestead exemption from \$50,000 to \$150,000 in 2027, and to \$250,000 in 2028.

Here's what the governor has said about the amendment, and what the amendment that will be on the November ballot actually does:

CLAIM: FLORIDA IS ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAXES

The ballot summary of the amendment — the portion that most voters will read — states that the amendment “requires ... a schedule for full elimination” of property taxes on primary homes. (Those are homes with homestead exemptions, which reduce the taxable value on a home.)

DeSantis also repeated



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this claim in a one-page summary released last week.

But the actual amendment does not include any such requirement. Lines 281-285 state that the Legislature “shall” create a procedure for counties and municipalities to increase the homestead exemption “up to” any conceivable limit.

It's confusing. Even the two legislators who sponsored it can't agree on what it means.

Sen. Bryan Avila, a Miami Republican, said the amendment requires the Legislature to create a procedure for local governments to raise the homestead exemption if local officials want to.

“A local jurisdiction, if they wanted to go beyond

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‘Your lives are living history’ 100-year-old Holocaust survivors celebrated

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One saw his entire family killed in a concentration camp and then wrote a memoir documenting his darkest moments.

Another ate snow to survive a week without food or water.

A third founded a globally recognized musical group for Holocaust survivors.

These are among the nine Holocaust survivors living in South Florida who were honored Tuesday marking an important milestone: At 100 years old or older, they're among the oldest living Holocaust survivors in



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Esther Weinglass, 84, dances at Holocaust Survivor Day at Temple Beth Emet on Wednesday.

the world.

For Holocaust Survivor Day, which is observed globally on June 4, nearly 130 survivors gathered

with friends and neighbors at Temple Beth Emet in Cooper City to celebrate their lives and important contributions

in educating future generations about the atrocities of the Holocaust.

At the celebratory event organized by Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County, eight of the nine survivors were present to receive a medal of honor, enjoy catered lunch and watch a performance from a student choir.

Randy Colman, president and CEO of Goodman Jewish Family Services, thanked the survivors for being living examples of perseverance and strength.

“Your lives are living history. Your courage has shaped generations and your resilience continues

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To beat Wasserman Schultz, Black candidates consider coalescing behind one person

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Four of the Black candidates running in the Democratic primary for Florida's 20th congressional district met in a closed-door meeting Monday to discuss coalescing behind one candidate in the hopes of beating U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Those present at the meeting, confirmed by three people, walked away with the clear focus that whittling the race down to Wasserman Schultz and a lone Black candidate would create the best opportunity to beat the congresswoman in a district that prior to



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Debbie Wasserman Schultz is running for Florida's redrawn 20th congressional district.

last month was drawn to ensure Black representation.

But as of Tuesday evening, Wasserman

Schultz's opponents had yet to agree on who should carry that torch.

“I think we're all going to come to some agreement before the end of qualifying,” said candidate Elijah Manley, who was at the gathering along with Luther Campbell, Dale Holness and ex-Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick.

“I don't have a crystal ball, so I can't say what's going to happen,” Manley said on Tuesday. “We didn't have an agreement last night but we did agree that we needed to consolidate. So that I believe is happening, and conversations are going on. They have been very

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Ahead of the World Cup, plenty of hotel rooms are available — and the prices keep falling

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Now may be the moment to book a hotel room to enjoy the World Cup in Miami.

Plenty of rooms are available — and prices keep falling. The tournament opens in just over a week.

How much more will prices drop? Or have they hit a floor?

Some rate drops are slowing, including the nights of four of seven matches at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens. That suggests area hotels may be close to figuring out a pricing

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Niko Evans takes a video selfie with a miniature FIFA World Cup trophy at the official FIFA World Cup store on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach.



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