



Women's Philanthropy

"A strong woman stands up for herself. A stronger woman stands up for everyone else." - Unknown

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President's Message

Dear WP Board Members and Past Presidents,

We hope you all had a wonderful Passover and a chance to reflect on the story of the Jewish people escaping slavery and making their way towards freedom. It's interesting to ask ourselves every year how we and others are enslaved and how do we bring ourselves to freedom? This is not an ancient story and unfortunately these themes still ring true today.

We have all been watching the heartache in war-zone Ukraine as they struggle for their freedom. We are proud that Federation is able to be there at the border to provide basic needs for the refugees. Our CEO, Jacob Solomon and Board Chair, Ike Fisher were recently there on the ground to watch our system in action. To hear about their experience [Click Here](#) and be sure to check your emails for frequent updates provided to learn more. In the last two years we have seen time and time again exactly why our Federation exists and is needed. The Federation is able to help in these crises situations because of the infrastructure we build and fundraising that we do year-round.

For example, this past month we held our first hybrid Super Sunday which allowed volunteers to make calls both from the comfort of their home and at a few small outdoor gatherings. Together hundreds of volunteers raised over \$636,000 from over 900 donors for the Annual Greater Miami Jewish Federation/UJA Campaign. Thank you to those of you who were a part of this effort!

At the end of March, Federation held a Pacesetter event for major donors unlike any before it. Five gracious hosts across our Miami community turned their backyards into spectacular venues to bring this special event back in person. Guests heard from former President George W. Bush in conversation with his daughter Jenna Bush Hager a co-host of the Today Show. Collectively nearly \$3 million dollars was raised for Federation's Annual Campaign.

As we turn the corner into Spring, a time for growth and renewal, we want to thank you for all you do for Women's Philanthropy, our community and hope you will continue to grow and learn with us.

Campaign Update

We are happy to report the following:

- The **2022** general campaign has raised \$14.7 million from over 3200 donors card for card increase of 13.55%.
- The women's campaign has raised \$4.2 million from over 1700 donors card for card increase of 15.38%.

If you have assignments that are open for 2022, now is the time to reach out to ask them to consider making their pledge! Please refer to your worker reports for your open assignments. Contact the WP office if you have any questions.

Lion of Judah Spring Current Event Series

National Women's Philanthropy is pleased to offer another installment of their virtual Current Event series on Wednesday, April 27 at 3pm ET. The session, moderated by Liz Schroyer, is **Geopolitics of the Russian War on Ukraine: Implications for Ukraine, Russia and Beyond in an Era of Misinformation and Disinformation**. The panelists are Ann Applebaum, Staff Writer *The Atlantic*, Tom Nides U.S. Ambassador to Israel and Wendy Abrams Past Chair NWP at JFNA. To register, please use the link below.

WP Board Meeting and Special Program

Please join us on May 11th for a short WP Board Meeting followed by a guided private tour of the exhibit *My Name is Maryan* at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The exhibit is a monographic presentation of four decades of paintings, sculptures, drawings and film by the iconoclastic, ground-breaking Polish-born artist Maryan. We will be guided by docent Dr. Helen Sachs Chaset. Please keep an eye out for an invitation headed your way soon and plan to attend.

Washington Conference

You are invited to join the Miami cohort for the Jewish Federations of North America's (JFNA) Washington Conference on May 11-12. Space is limited to 450 participants. While in DC, you'll meet with Members of Congress, senior Administration officials, thought-leaders, and policy experts with a specific focus on antisemitism and security as urgent Jewish community priorities. Ninety percent of American Jews believe that antisemitism is a significant global problem. The conference – hosted by JFNA's National Young Leadership Cabinet, National Women's Philanthropy and Advocacy Corps – is open to all and will fill up quickly. Please register using the link below. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Sayles at jsayles@gmjf.org.

The Women of our Community



Spotlight on Nedra Oren

How did you become involved with the Federation?

Went on a MISSION!!! A whole group of us in South Dade wanted to go to Israel (1982) for our youngest child's Bnai Mitzvahs. I think the rest of the group would have been content to go with one of the companies, but I said why don't we let Federation plan a family mission & they all agreed. Mark & I fell in love, were hooked & the long story short we became Pacesetters & were off & running!!!!!!! We were maybe \$1000 donors before. Who can remember that long ago. Mark was a hard working oncologist & \$10,000 was a fortune to us in those days.

Why is your involvement important to you?

My involvement was & is still important to me because I am a Jew. I am on three community boards in Miami...GMJF, PAMM & Miami Music Project (an afterschool program for Miami's most underserved youth). As involved as I/we are in all of these, our most important philanthropic dollars still go to Federation, synagogues both in Miami & Aspen & Jewish causes be it Birthright, AJC, Ukraine, Champlain etc. The survival of the Jewish people & Israel is still our main concern. Here I am almost 30 years after having been President & still go to most meetings & all dinners. Why? Because I still believe in GMJF's mission: try to set an example, be a cheerleader & hope others will follow. I believe Federation is the finest collector & disperser of Jewish philanthropic dollars.

What is a philanthropic accomplishment of yours that you are most proud of?

I was invited to the South Dade Board and after a couple of years became Campaign Chair for Women's Division then Campaign Chair for the General Campaign. This all led to being the first female President of Greater Miami Jewish Federation which was a gratifying and satisfying experience. But you must understand that I came from a family that was not very observant but one for which the survival of Israel and the Jewish people was and still is very IMPORTANT. UJA (it was not a foreign term to me growing up) was very important in my family's philanthropic giving and obviously it got passed down to us. I know that I was lucky that to know that UJA as it was called, was where it was and is and that I must be part of it. I learned by example.

Salon Speaker Series

On March 29th, the Salon Speaker Series (for newcomers to Miami) gathered for our second book review to discuss *The Gilded Cage: Queen Esther's Untold Story & The Queen You Thought You Knew*. This evoked a thought-provoking conversation about the story of Esther and her legacy.



We also look forward to our next book club meeting on May 10th featuring the book *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn.

Packing with a Purpose

Women's Philanthropy partnered with our Young Leadership Department, the Jewish Volunteer Center and Repair the World for the Packing with a Purpose event on April 19th. We continue to address the issue of Period Poverty. Those who were able to join put together hygiene care kits and learned about period poverty and ways we can work together to combat it. These kits will be passed out at the upcoming Kosher Food Distribution on April 29th. If you are interested in volunteering at the food distribution, please register using the link below.



Staff Updates

After almost 2 years, Carly Monheit has resigned as WP Senior Campaign Associate. We thank her for her contributions during her tenure to Women's Philanthropy and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. We wish her the best of luck as she transitions to her new role as a mother (G-d willing) in a couple of months. Carly's last day will be May 13th.

We are excited to announce that WP will soon be welcoming Batya Lisker to our team as Assistant Director. Batya comes to us with many years of diverse experiences working in the Jewish community. She is a veteran educator (having founded a school in LA) and administrator including executive assistant to the chairman of the Chabad Lubavitch World Headquarter for 13 years. Most recently she was the Director of Development at the Chabad of Palm Beach. Her many skills, talents and dedication will serve her well in this new position. We look forward to you meeting her once she begins on May 31st.

Israel at 75 Mega Mission



Join our Miami community from April 20-27, 2023 to celebrate this monumental moment. The cost is \$3,975/person for double occupancy. The itinerary includes: 5 nights in Jerusalem, 2 nights in Tel Aviv, 6 unforgettable Mega Events, 5 star hotels, meals, all touring, tips and more! Additionally, there is an option to join our pre-mission to Poland from April 17-19, 2023.

For more information and registration info, please click on the link below.