



# Women's Philanthropy

*"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." - Albert Pike*

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## President's Message From Tammy Woldenberg

"People tend to think that we use our words to describe our world. But the truth is that we actually use our words to create our world."  
~Noa Tishby

There were certainly a lot of significant words spoken at the recent Women's Event. Our featured speaker, Noa Tishby gave us language and inspiration to fight antisemitism and to stand up for our people. In my opinion, the most important words she shared

were, "We must stand up to hate. It is simply not an option to remain silent!" In her powerful and entertaining way, she also underscored why defending Israel is so important and why it's the most misunderstood country on Earth. Let's use our words (and every other tool at our disposal) to continue to create the world we want to live in. The big question of the morning was "Why Federation?" And as Elise Udelson reminded us...because Federation can respond wherever and whenever it is needed. We provide food and serve basic human needs for the most vulnerable, bolster security at our institutions, help refugees fleeing war-torn countries, and now with the Be Well Miami initiative, provide support for those struggling with mental illness. This is just to name a few ways. I ask you, what other organization does all that?

A shout out to Leslie Benitah, The Women's Event Chair, for her leadership and willingness to pivot to Plan B given the overwhelming attendance not initially expected. Congratulations to Fran Berrin for receiving the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award for her dedication and many years of service to our community. To those of you who were able to join us, thank you. Our first big event since the pandemic provided us with an opportunity to connect in a meaningful way and was a resounding success raising over \$1.5 million which includes 15 new Lions of Judah. For those of you who missed it, please join us for the rest of the amazing programming coming up in next few months (see below). Women's Philanthropy will not disappoint!



## Campaign Update

We are happy to report the following:

- The **2022** General Campaign has raised \$23.5 million from more than 6,400 donors with a card-for-card increase of 13.63 percent.
- The Women's Campaign has raised \$7.3 million from more than 3,400 donors with a card-for-card increase of 13.84 percent.
- The **2023** General Campaign has raised \$5.5 million from more than 1,500 donors with a card-for-card increase of 10.32 percent.
- The Women's Campaign has raised \$2.9 million from more than 1,000 donors with a card-for-card increase of 17.34 percent.





Please reach out to donors for the 2023 campaign. Thank you for all your help in making this campaign one of our most successful at a time when our local and global Jewish communities really need all of us. With your continued support our 2023 campaign will exceed all of our expectations.

## WP Board Meeting & Tu B'Shevat Seder



  
**WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY**  
**WP Board Meeting & Tu B'Shevat Seder**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
 In the spirit of Tu B'Shevat, join us to celebrate the New Year of the Trees and connect to the wonders of creation.  
**10:00am-Noon**  
**Greater Miami Jewish Federation**  
**4200 Biscayne Boulevard**  
 Enter through the rear on Federal Highway.  
 Please RSVP by Feb. 2 to [wp@jewishmiami.org](mailto:wp@jewishmiami.org) or call Michelle Weiss at 786-866-8441  
**Tammy Woldenberg**      **Elise Udelson**  
 President                      Campaign Chair

## Women of Wisdom Learning Series



  
 An engaging and interactive program examining great Jewish women leaders and issues that matter today.  
**"Women of Valor: The Untold Story of Jewish Heroines"**  
 Join us for a learning series examining powerful women in our tradition. They are our role models. They inspire emulation. They deserve admiration.  
 Sessions to be held on the following days:  
 December 5, 2022  
 February 14, 2023  
 March 13, 2023  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**  
**with Rabbi Laila Haas**  
**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Greater Miami Jewish Federation**  
**4200 Biscayne Blvd.**  
 RSVP to [wp@jewishmiami.org](mailto:wp@jewishmiami.org)  
  
 Rabbi Haas is now the Director of Adult Learning and Growth at CAJE. She attended University of Miami and received her B.A. as a Judaic Studies major. She earned her Rabbinical Ordination and Masters of Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and a Masters of Education Administration from Xavier University. Rabbi Haas served as Associate Rabbi and Director of Education at Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Alabama from 2011-2018.  
 Silvia Assor, Women of Wisdom Chair  
 Tammy Woldenberg, President  
 Elise Udelson, Campaign Chair  
 Adriana Adler, Vice President Outreach & Leadership  
 Ilene Kozman, Immediate Past President & Nominating Committee Chair  
 Heidi Baumann, Michelle Ben-Avivi, Leslie Benitah, Melissa Buckner, Corey Feinstilver, Liza Goldstein, Susan Kleiner, Sherry Nulman, Jayne Shapiro and Liza Weiner, Members-at-Large  
 Ofi Osh-Cohen, Director  
 Batya Lisler, Assistant Director  
 Bring a friend • No charge • Dietary laws observed  




## The Women of Our Community

### Spotlight on Mindy Solomon (WP Board Member & Chair of Art of Philanthropy)



#### How did you become involved with Federation?

I have been a Lion of Judah and a LOJE for 20-plus years. I started giving support in my early 30's and became an active volunteer for many years in Pinellas County, Florida. I chaired Women's Philanthropy and LOJE, as well as Budget and Allocations. It was exciting and fun.

#### Why is your involvement important to you?

I love the Federation model — the one-stop shopping approach to giving. It covers so many areas of interest and need. Having been on the Budget and Allocations side of the table, I appreciate the thoughtful and measured way money is spent and given.

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

Working with so many volunteers over the years and seeing their enthusiasm and passion for the Jewish world. Women rule and ROAR...watching millions of dollars being raised in a room by women who really get it.

#### What is something that no one knows about you?

I saw a leprechaun when I was 7 years old and living in Cork, Ireland.

## Did You Know???

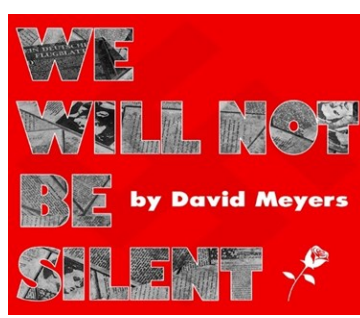
Federation's Women Amutot Committee recently awarded its 2023 round of grants, committing more than \$330,000 to 22 nonprofit organizations that focus on the needs and welfare of women and girls in Israel by addressing economic and social empowerment, protection against and prevention of violence, and leadership development.

This year, the committee voted to double the minimum grant amount to \$10,000 "to account for the diminished buying power since we first issued grants 21 years ago and to acknowledge the time the organizations spend on the grant application process to have greater impact," said Committee Chair **Irene Kossman (who is also immediate past WP President)**.

Funded programs include WePower, promoting women's leadership and gender parity in Israel's public and political sectors; the Association of Rape Crisis Centers, caring for survivors of sexual assault and promoting social change; Bat Kol: Queer Jewish Women, supporting ultra-Orthodox trans women; and Yozmot Atid, a micro-entrepreneurship program for *Haredi* women.



## Art of Philanthropy



Women's Philanthropy organized a recent field trip to the theatre to see a performance of *We Will Not Be Silent* by David Meyers at the GableStage.

It tells the true story of Sophie Scholl, a German college student who led the only act of public resistance to the Nazis during the Second World War.

The play is not about the Holocaust, but examines the role that ordinary Germans played in the rise of Hitler. Sophie, the protagonist, reminds us, "Just because you repeat a lie, doesn't make it true."

While this story is a snapshot of that time, the struggle for democracy and human rights remains a very relevant issue today.

Sophie is an example that "we must stand up to hate; it is simply not an option to remain silent," and she did so at a very high personal cost. This notion was also highlighted by Noa Tishby at the recent Women's Event, as mentioned in Tammy's message above.

Please join us at the next Art of Philanthropy event:

Women's Philanthropy invites you to

# THE ART OF PHILANTHROPY

Join us for *Otherworldly*, an art exhibition and talk featuring works by Rodrigo Valenzuela, Jeremy Olson and Melanie Daniel.

**Thursday, February 23**  
**6:30-8:30 PM**  
**Mindy Solomon Gallery**  
848 NW 22nd Street, Miami  
LITE BITES AND WINE

*Tapestry, 2022, oil on canvas, 59"x39"*  
by Melanie Daniel

## Israel at 75 Miami Mega Mission

Join our Miami community 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 April 17-19, 2023 (currently waitlist only).

For more information and to register, please see below.



## Sharing and Caring

Celebrating an Event? Milestone? Or had a loss? We want to know. Please be sure to send us the information. If we don't know, we can't care and share ([wp@jewishmiami.org](mailto:wp@jewishmiami.org))