



WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

Lighting the Way



“It has been really special participating in Women’s Philanthropy with my mom. Hearing stories and memories through my mom’s perspective makes me realize that the Jewish Federation never loses relevance. There will always be communities in need or organizations that can use extra support.”

Julie Mozes, Women’s Philanthropy
(and daughter of Jayne Perilstein)



For more than a century, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has been proud to Carry the Light for our Jewish community by embracing three key roles: convening the community, providing services and support to our diverse populations, and encouraging and stewarding the generosity of our donors.

By mobilizing our combined resources, making everyone feel included, and strengthening our values and traditions, we ensure that all of us can enjoy meaningful Jewish journeys.

Women’s Philanthropy uniquely serves this mission and vision by bringing women from all backgrounds, generations, and Jewish faith traditions together to work with and learn from one another, lead community service initiatives, and to support critical needs in Philadelphia and Israel communities through their collective philanthropic support.

When you participate in Women’s Philanthropy, you become a torchbearer, helping to Carry the Light and leading the way for generations to come.



During the 2016 Women's Philanthropy mission to Poland and Israel, Holocaust survivor, Anneliese Nossbaum, was accompanied by granddaughter, Ma'ayan Mao, as she returned to Auschwitz for the March of the Living.

WHAT IS WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY?

Women philanthropists are leaders, change-makers and community-shapers. We are sisters and daughters, mothers and friends, compassionate and committed women at every stage of life and career.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Women's Philanthropy is an inclusive community of passionate, caring women of all ages, backgrounds and lifestyles who share a commitment to supporting the Jewish community in Philadelphia, in Israel and around the world.

Through charitable donations and hands-on community service, Women's Philanthropy engages women in the fulfilling work of making the world a better place. We foster leadership among our members — encouraging and facilitating women to take leading roles both within the Jewish Federation and in other organizations and areas of work that are meaningful to them.

Most importantly, we build and support Jewish life for today and for generations to come.

WHAT WE DO

Through our donations and hands-on community service, Women's Philanthropy helps people in need and keeps Jewish life in Greater Philadelphia and around the world strong and vibrant. We travel together, volunteer together, learn together, and socialize at fun events that forge meaningful connections between women with shared values.

Get Inspired

Hear a fascinating speaker or attend an intimate parlor meeting, join multigenerational women on mission trips to Jewish communities around the world, and work alongside inspirational leaders in your own community.

Learn and Advocate

Stay on top of issues affecting the Jewish community and get the inside story about Jewish Federation dollars at work at home and overseas, so you can become an informed advocate among your peers.

Make a Difference

Be part of a generous group of women who raise an estimated \$6 million annually for Jewish Community Fund-supported programs and services. Our collective philanthropy enriches our own lives while improving the lives of countless others.

Lead the Way

Pursue your ambitions and participate as a leading voice in your Jewish community through our Leadership Development Program or in service on our Women's Philanthropy Board. Many Jewish Federation Board members and other influential community trailblazers have begun their leadership journeys with participation in Women's Philanthropy.

“It is empowering to be a part of such a smart, hardworking and interesting group of women who have similar values and are working together to achieve the same goal.”

Julie Savitch, Women's Philanthropy

THE IMPACT OF WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

Each year, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Women's Philanthropy raises an estimated \$6 million for Jewish Community Fund-supported programs and services. But, so much more than providing philanthropic support, this empowered and empowering group of women impact the Jewish community in countless ways every year.

As a group, Women's Philanthropy remains committed to and knowledgeable of issues affecting the Jewish community so they may serve as informed leaders among their peers. They advocate on behalf of underserved populations and campaign for important issues in Harrisburg and Washington DC. They participate in meaningful mission trips and work as tireless advocates for the Jewish Federation's philanthropic endeavors in Israel and elsewhere overseas.

But it doesn't stop there. Women's Philanthropists also participate in hands-on events to engage the community — packing boxes of food to be distributed; baking challah as part of a global, grassroots movement to bring Jews together around Shabbat; and spearheading our annual High Holiday Food sort, where we collect and deploy more than 40,000 pounds of food to our area food pantries.

These activities make a difference in the lives of so many in need. But they also have a deep impact on the women participating in them. Women's Philanthropy inspires women of all ages and backgrounds to take leadership roles in their community, empowering them to learn more, do more, and share their experiences with others. Women's Philanthropy also offers tremendous bonding opportunities — for mothers, daughters and sisters, and new and lifelong friends—building a deeper richer tapestry of commitment and caring within our community.



RECOGNITION FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Few endeavors are as rewarding as helping others in need. And perhaps nothing is as empowering — both to yourself and to those who follow you — as making a philanthropic commitment in your own name. With your participation in Women’s Philanthropy, you demonstrate your leadership in your family, and in your Jewish community. In celebration of this commitment, the Jewish Federation recognizes Women Philanthropists with two leadership giving societies: Lion of Judah and Pomegranate.

LION OF JUDAH

The Lion of Judah donors are the most dynamic philanthropic Jewish women in the world, an international sisterhood of more than 17,500 global activists who care deeply about the Jewish future. Lions demonstrate dedication to the Jewish community by contributing time and resources — and set an exemplary standard of leadership and giving. Each woman makes an annual donation to the Jewish Federation of \$5,000. Collectively, Lions have raised tens of millions of dollars in support of critical projects worldwide.

Lions are recognized at the following levels of support:

Lion of Judah	\$5,000
Ruby	\$10,000
Sapphire	\$18,000
Emerald	\$25,000
Zahav Lion of Judah	\$50,000
PMC Lion of Judah	\$100,000
ILR Lion of Judah	\$250,000

At every giving level, Lions play a vital role in creating social justice, aiding the vulnerable, preserving human dignity and building Jewish identity. Every two years, Lions are invited to gather for three phenomenal days of extraordinary learning, sharing and celebration at the International Lion of Judah conference. The conference is inspirational to all who attend as it attracts the world’s leading speakers in the fields of religion, culture, art, business and politics.

A tangible reflection of deep commitment to caring for Jewish community members both near and far, Lions proudly wear a beautiful signature pin forged in the form of the Lion symbol. This pin is immediately identifiable across chapters, connecting this sisterhood internationally.

POMEGRANATE

The pomegranate is a fruit indigenous to Israel and an ancient Jewish symbol. In the Song of Songs the pomegranate is referenced symbolizing that a woman’s wisdom is abundant, like the seeds of a pomegranate. It is often used as the new fruit on the second night of Rosh Hashana, as it is said to have 613 seeds, corresponding to the 613 mitzvot. The pomegranate has also long been a symbol of fertility, and thus of the unlimited possibilities for the new year.

With this symbolism in mind, at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the pomegranate has become an important emblem of Jewish women’s philanthropy. With a significant annual commitment of \$1,800 made in her own name, a woman opens a world of endless possibilities for herself and her community. Women giving at this level are also recognized with a signature pin, this time representing the pomegranate.

“Women’s Philanthropy is a great place to meet like-minded women and makes a significant impact on the lives of Jews both locally and throughout the world. I am thrilled that my daughter has become involved, and I’m inspired by her commitment.”

Jayne Perilstein, Women’s Philanthropy
(and mother of Julie Mozes)



LIGHTING THE WAY

Women's Philanthropy brings together women from all backgrounds, generations, and Jewish faith traditions to work with and learn from one another, to lead community service initiatives, and to support critical needs in Philadelphia and around the world.

Their inspiring work on behalf of underserved and underrepresented populations immediately impacts our local and global communities. Their commitment to developing strong women in Philadelphia and beyond empowers not just their contemporaries, but their children, grandchildren, and all those who will follow.

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mobilizes financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world.

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