

Local Lions at International Lion of Judah Conference in Hollywood, FL

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The 2019 International Lion of Judah Conference took place in Hollywood, Florida, on January 13-15. The Jewish Federation of Greater Naples was represented by nine Lions of Judah from our community who attended this year's three-day conference.

The Federation thanks Goldie Bertone, Rosalee Bogo, Marcia Cohodes, Karen Deutsch, Paula Filler, Suzanne Gallant, Susie Goldsmith, Lisa Ratner, Jane Schiff and Phyllis Seaman for participating and attending this conference.

Among the conference attendees were 72 winners of the prestigious, internationally-recognized Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. Our very own Rosalee Bogo was a recipient of the award.

Fourteen hundred women from 87 Jewish Federations and six countries, representing 17,500 Lions of Judah from around the world, gathered in Hollywood to showcase their impact over the past 50 years and discuss the future of women's philanthropy. The theme was "Women Repair the World," and together they pledged a record-breaking \$35 million (almost a 17 percent annual campaign increase from last year) to do just that.

Among the Lions of Judah, 22 percent have set up legacy gifts known as LOJEs (Lion of Judah Endowments). In this 25th anniversary year of the LOJE, the new campaign, dubbed LOJE25, aims to help more women strengthen their philanthropic power and grow that number.

Giving to Federation is not a phase, it is a way of life. Together, with LOJE25, Jewish Federations have the potential to continually nurture new generations of philanthropic leaders.

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