**United Jewish Federation**

**Annual Meeting**

**December 17, 2020**

**Attendees:** Virtual Meeting with more than 100 computers connected plus additional viewers via Facebook.

The names of meeting sponsors were scrolled repeatedly on the screen as a lead-up to the actual start of the meeting. Nancy Mimoun kicked things off. She and Jill Kaplan served as event chairwomen.

**Community Candle-Lighting—Chanukah Day 8**

A pre-recorded Chanukah candle-lighting ceremony followed. Professional and lay leaders were spotlighted as they each lit one candle. Beth Styles accompanied the recording with live singing and background music.

**UJF President Remarks**—David Gordon

David summarized the 2020 accomplishments and activities of UJF. He highlighted the *No-Hate, No -Fear Rally*; the distribution of Covid-19 emergency funds; the opportunity for interest-free loans; the delivery of a myriad of educational programs; the New Jewish Voice publication; PJ Library programs; the inception of the Life & Legacy Program; 3-Square; Reading Partners; and Dignity Grows.

David also announced plans for a community trip to Israel for November, 2021.

**Keynote Address—Born Lucky**—Sherri Wise

Sherri Wise delivered a meaningful and poignant story of her experience as a victim of a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv in 1997. She focused on her recovery and the support she received from UJF. She offered a powerful message of renewal and hope.

**Harvey H. Peltz Award for Young Leadership**—Sharon Franklin and Robin Fischel

Sharon Franklin presented the Harvey H. Peltz Award for Young Leadership to Robin Fischel who delivered a gracious and inspiring acceptance speech.

**Nomination for 2021 UJF Board of Directors**—Ricky Arbron

Ricky acknowledged outgoing board members and then presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2021 UJF Board.

 

Ricky made a motion to approve the slate. The motion was seconded by Ellen Weber.

The motion carried via an online poll activated for each connected computer.

**UJF Chief Executive Officer Remarks** -- Diane Sloyer

Diane addressed the meeting briefly. She emphasized the success to date of the Life & Legacy program which has already secured ~$4 million in afterlife gifts for the benefit of the Jewish agencies in our community.

**Campaign Video**—Ellen Weber

A pre-recorded video of Ellen Weber ran next. Ellen spoke enthusiastically about the UJF 2020 Campaign for Communal Needs. She encouraged those who had not yet done so to make their 2020 gift pledge.

Nancy Mimoun adjourned the meeting at approximately 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Rosen