

Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Society Luncheon



Lion of Judah Co-chairs Stephanie Gitlin and Gail Baron with speaker Lisa Friedman Clark (center)



Judie Van Glish, Lisa Strause Levinson, Nicki Fisher, Barbara Levin, and Carol Gorelick



Nancy Tarbis, Joan Kirschner, Amy Augustine, and Jenny Rosenthal, Pomegranate Co-chair



Rachel Spector, Debbie Porter, Kim Levy, and Dana Ditesheim



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Lee Blumenthal, Jane Marcus Schorr, and Bonnie Tangalos, Pomegranate Co-chair



Bette Schwartz, Lynne Sheffer, Arlene Berkman, and Arlene Davis

Over 85 women attended the Jewish Federation's Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Society Luncheon on Thursday, January 19. Gail Baron, co-chair of the Lion of Judah campaign, introduced the program by saying, "We dedicate today's program and our 2017 Lion of Judah Campaign in remembrance of two beloved Lions of Judah: Patty Gorelick and Rose Luski. May their memories be a blessing to us all." Sandra Levine and Sue Worrel were called upon to pay tribute to their friends Patty and Rose, and their heartfelt words touched everyone in the room.

New Lions Amy Vitner and Judy Raghaven were recognized and welcomed into the Lions' Den; while new Pomegranates Melanie Brown, Joan Kirschner, Lynne Sheffer, and Lyba Rousso were presented with their Pomegranate Society Pins.

Guest speaker Lisa Friedman Clark, introduced by Lion of Judah Co-Chair Stephanie Gitlin, shared her poignant story of how she "danced through raindrops" while walking the fragile line that separates us as Federation donors and Federation recipients.

Pomegranate Co-Chairs Jenny Rosenthal and Bonnie Tangalos updated the group on Lion-Pom activities - the Lion-Pom Book Club and the upcoming Mini-Mission to Birmingham, AL. Bonnie articulated their experience as leaders of the Pomegranate Society by saying, "We couldn't be more thrilled with the fantastic response we are having to our Lion-Pom Events. Jenny and I both know from personal experience that Federation is not just about raising money; it's also about building community. The more we have participated in Federation events, the more we feel connected to different members of the community. Jenny grew up in Charlotte and I am new to the community, and this has added a new dimension to our lives and it can for you, too."

Arlene D. Schiff, National Director of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Life and Legacy program, thanked those women who have created legacy gifts to benefit the Jewish Federation, and encouraged all in attendance to consider creating their own gifts to benefit the Jewish Federation after their lifetime.

To find out more about becoming a Lion of Judah or a member the Pomegranate Society, or creating a legacy gift for Federation, please contact Sue Littauer at sue.littauer@jewish-charlotte.org.

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