

GREENBAUM TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED LION OF JUDAH AWARD

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Sheila Greenbaum, Federation vice president, will be recipient of the distinguished Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award at the International Lion of Judah Conference in Washington, D.C. in September 2006. She is being honored for her philanthropy and volunteer leadership that “embodies the spirit and vision of the Lion of Judah through a commitment of tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world).

Sheila says she wears her Lion “proudly and uses people’s comments about it as an opportunity to talk about women’s philanthropy in the Jewish community.”

Sheila has held vice presidential positions in Jewish Federation, carrying major portfolios including Campaign and Planning & Allocations. Most recently, she chaired a Task Force on Strategic Planning and is currently overseeing implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Many of her community activities focus on her passion for individual rights, social justice and appreciation of a diverse community. She is a member of the National Board of ACLU as well as the Eastern Missouri affiliate Board. She is also a founding member of Central Reform Congregation, the only congregation making its home in the city.

Sheila anticipates the synergies created by bringing together women from seemingly divergent backgrounds. One example occurred when she hosted Justice Dahlia Dorner of Israel’s Supreme Court. She gathered “sister” Jewish Federation volunteers, lawyers, women politicians, and neighborhood activists at her home to learn about the similarities and differences in Israel’s judicial and social system, and to hear the Justice’s powerful story. New and productive alliances and relationships developed from this shared experience.

The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements.