



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Six-Year Old San Diego Girl Youngest Lion of Judah Endowment in Country**

Shana Kari Weisman has established a Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) with the Jewish Community Foundation, making her the youngest such donor in the country. A LOJE provides an annual gift of \$5,000 or more to the Annual Campaign of the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County in perpetuity.

Shana's LOJE continues a legacy for the Chorteks and for the community. Both Shana's grandmother, Elaine Chortek and her mother, Susan Chortek Weisman, have established such gifts.

Establishing a Mother-Daughter Endowment was so meaningful and important to me that I wanted Shana to share in that feeling. We want giving back to the Jewish Community to be a high priority for both our children," said Susan Chortek Weisman.

San Diego is considered one of the leading communities throughout the country in this area. Thirty-four women have established Lion of Judah Endowments to date.

"Jewish women in our community are passionately committed to the values of Judaism and the passing of these ethics and traditions from one generation to the next," stated Miriam Robbins, Women's Division Director at the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County.

A LOJE can be easily and positively designed to match a donor's personal circumstances with great benefit. The minimum amount to establish a LOJE is \$100,000 which perpetuates an annual gift of \$5,000 to the Women's Division Campaign. For more information or a confidential consultation, call the Jewish Community Foundation at 858-279-2740

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Since 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has partnered with donors and community organizations in achieving their philanthropic goals. In addition, the Foundation works to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 2002/2003, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$33 million in 3,000 separate grants to 700 different charitable organizations.

Through its Annual Campaign, the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County provides life-saving and life-enhancing humanitarian assistance to those in need, and translates Jewish values into social action on behalf of thousands of Jews in San Diego County, in Israel, in the former Soviet Union, and 60 countries around the world.

### **Photo Caption:**

**Three Generations: Elaine Chortek, Susan Chortek Weisman, and Shana Kari Weisman have all established Lion of Judah Endowments**

