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Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

## **Jewish Women's Foundation of the Greater Palm Beaches**

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### **THE FUND GOES NATIONAL!**

JWF of the Greater Palm Beaches and 16 other women's funds across the country are collaborating on a grant to Israel! It's unprecedented, and at this point in time, it's essential.

Our mission is to raise awareness about important issues affecting women and girls in Israel by leveraging our collective resources in effective grant-making.

This is intended to be a forceful response to recent instances of discrimination against women and the exclusion of women from participation in the public sphere in Israel. It shows our determination to stand behind the women of Israel at a critical time in history.

We are requesting grant proposals that address the inclusion of women in the public sphere, the equitable treatment of women in the courts, in all levels of government and in the workplace. The theme is "Women in Israeli Society: Rights, Inclusion and Representation."

Here are the facts:

- 17 funds have created the Jewish Women's Collaborative International Fund.
- Each fund has committed \$10,000 (\$5,000 for each of two years).
- Edith Gelfand, our JWF Co-Chair, is our volunteer representative to the process.
- Each participating Fund has submitted the name of one previous Israel grantee to receive the request for proposals.
- Proposals are due at the end of March and will be reviewed by the Collaborative.
- Collaborations by potential grantee with other organizations are being encouraged.
- Decisions about grantee(s) will be made by the end of June.
- Projects will start in mid-October and run through September 2014.
- Reporting and evaluation are part of the process.

Collaborative grant-making by a coalition of women's funds has been a long-term goal. Our Trustees endorsed our JWF's participation last fall, and we are proud to participate in this process.