

Biggest impression was from our dinner at the Tulane Home of President Scott Cowen. The fact that government failed at every level, consequently community leaders rose to the occasion and implemented strategies for coping and then rebuilding.

The stories from our tour leaders, Carol Wise and daughter Julie Wise Oreck. The tour through areas that were once vibrant and full of life now reduced to ghost towns. Seeing the red marks on the doors where relief workers came through to look for survivors (and unfortunately, those who did not). The impact of the fact that this is now 2 1/2 years later...why isn't the rebuilding further along?

Not realizing the depth of the Jewish Community in New Orleans and the spiritual need to return and bring back the vibrancy of that community.

Seeing the shul that suffered so dramatically from the flooding and then from the looters. Listening to the heartbreak of Florence as she recalled, as if it were only yesterday, the tragedy of what took place.

It was a wonderful experience for our National Women's Philanthropy Board to participate on this extraordinary mission with you ladies of the Jewish Women's Archive. Thank you for the work that you do, for the stories that you are saving for future generations.