



Dear John,

As we welcome the new year, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions have been instrumental in advancing the Mission of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation to create a lasting impact in our Jewish community in Miami, in Israel and around the world.

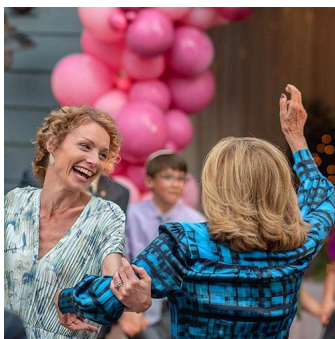
Thanks to you, we continue to strengthen, build and lay the foundation for an even brighter Jewish future. As we look ahead to 2025, we are filled with hope and enthusiasm for the opportunities to come. With your continued partnership, we are confident we can achieve even greater things.

We hope to connect with you at the following Foundation events in January and February:

1. This **Sunday, January 12 at 3 p.m.**, please join The Foundation at the Miami Theater Center in Miami Shores as we sponsor the Miami Jewish Film Festival's World Premier of ***One Big Happy Family***. See the description below and a link to purchase tickets:

One Big Happy Family

WORLD PREMIERE. A woman's world is turned upside down on her birthday by a surprising DNA test result sending her on a heartfelt journey of self-discovery with her mother, all while navigating the



challenges of family and love. This feelgood film features standout performances by Linda Lavin (of blessed memory), Lisa Brenner and Dante Basco.

This special premiere event will include the attendance of writer-producer-actress Lisa Brenner, who will introduce the film and participate in a Q&A after the screening. The Miami Theater Center (MTC) is located at 9806 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores.

To purchase tickets for this film, [CLICK HERE](#).

2. On **Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m.**, The Foundation invites all legacy donors and fund holders for a special complimentary event at the Aventura Arts and Culture Center.

L'Chaim: A Toast to the Jewish Legacy of Broadway is a musical journey that pays tribute to the Jewish legacy of musical theatre by exploring and celebrating the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists



from Irving Berlin to the Gershwins, Kander & Ebb, Bock & Harnick, to Stephen Schwartz and Stephen Sondheim. Rooted in history, heritage and tradition, four Jewish performers, along with a live band, bring to life the most iconic songs from the stage of past and present and the historical stories that go with them. History, Heritage, Tradition...*L'Chaim*!

This is a special **thank you appreciation event for all Federation legacy donors and Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) holders. To reserve your complimentary tickets to the February 19 performance of *L'Chaim - A Toast to the Jewish Legacy of Broadway***, please contact **Tonya Penson** at tpenson@gmjf.org or call 786.866.8625. Tickets are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. Join us starting at 7 p.m. for a *L'Chaim* drink and snack

before the show.

Wishing you and your loved ones a New Year filled with health, happiness, and success.

With deepest appreciation and gratitude,



Sidney Pertnoy
The Foundation Chair



Scott Kaplan
The Foundation Director



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*Pick your battles and
understand that you can't
always have your way.*

Irene J. Baros
Born 1927

Irene Baros has been a cherished member of the Miami community for 90 years, dedicating nearly her entire life to supporting the Jewish community. Her journey began with fond memories of her mother lighting *Shabbat* candles on Friday nights and maintaining a kosher home, even when kosher butchers were scarce.

Irene recalls attending many services at Miami's first synagogue, Beth David, when it was located on 3rd Avenue downtown. Despite the lack of air conditioning, the synagogues were always filled with devoted congregants. She was a charter member of Beth Am

and has been a member of Temple Sinai for 30 years.

Irene married Bill Baros, a chemical engineer, and they enjoyed a beautiful 60-year marriage until his passing. Together, they were pillars of the Jewish community in Miami. Irene was a young girl

when her parents brought her to the first organizational meeting for the Greater Miami Jewish Federation with Stanley Myers. Over the years, she has served on the Central Board, chaired numerous events, and attended the first-ever Lion of Judah meeting.

Bill and his father eventually owned the Miami Rug Company, and Irene and Bill raised two girls and two boys. Today, Irene proudly boasts of 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, with three more on the way.

Irene's philanthropic spirit has always been a guiding force in her life. She believes that the more you give, the more you receive in return. Inspired by her parents and husband, Irene has made significant contributions to the community. In 2007, she donated an ambulance to Magen David Adom in Bill's memory.

At the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Irene is a member of the Heritage Society, a Forever Lion, and a Golden Giver. She is also grateful for the Golden Care program, which she "never thought" she would need. Golden Care is a unique program of The Foundation, providing geriatric care management and medical advocacy for individuals who have included the Greater Miami Jewish Federation in their estate plans with a gift of \$100,000 or more. Irene also has a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) to support her various philanthropic causes. Irene's philosophy is simple yet profound: "I just always want to be a nice person."

Irene Baros's legacy of generosity and dedication continues to inspire and uplift the Miami Jewish community and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. We are grateful for her many contributions.

To learn more about the benefits of **Golden Care**, click **[HERE](#)**. You may also contact Scott Kaplan, Foundation Director at 786.866.8623 or skaplan@gmjf.org or Miriam Masia, Senior Philanthropic Advisor at 305.305.0034 or mmasia@gmjf.org to discuss how you can qualify for this special program.

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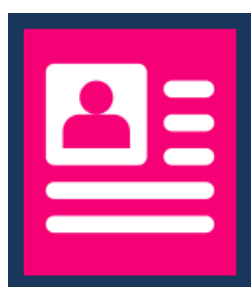


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