



Dear John,

Building Lasting Shelters for Our Future



As we gather in our *sukkot* this season, we're reminded that true strength lies not in the walls around us but in the traditions, values, and shared spirit we build together. The *sukkah* is temporary, yet it symbolizes protection, resilience, and faith—qualities

that have sustained the Jewish people for generations.

Legacy giving and endowments allow us to carry these values forward, extending that shelter beyond the holiday so that future generations remain supported, connected, and inspired. This *Sukkot*, as we celebrate the joy of the harvest and the bonds that unite us, we also affirm our dedication to a strong and vibrant Jewish future.

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Chag Sameach!

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ADRIANA HALAC

FROM ARGENTINA WITH LOVE

Adriana Halac is one of our newest Forever Lions. Read on to discover the story of this remarkable and inspiring woman.



I grew up in Argentina in a deeply Zionist home, where attending Jewish school, participating in youth groups, traveling to Israel, and witnessing countless gatherings of families preparing to make *aliyah* were simply part of everyday life.

That passion for Jewish life only deepened as I grew older. My husband Edgar and I became active leaders in our community, serving at Centro Unión Israelita, the Hebraica JCC, and the Israelita San Martín School in our hometown of Córdoba.

When we moved to Miami nearly 25 years ago, it felt natural to seek out a new "home away from home." We found it at Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus, inspired by the warmth of Rabbi Farber and later by the newly appointed Rabbi Rojzman, also a fellow Argentinian. And we didn't just join—we got involved. I launched a book club in English for Spanish speakers so we could practice the language together, co-founded the Social Action Committee, and, drawing on our background in architecture, my husband and I co-chaired the

Renovation Committee that transformed our sanctuary into a beautiful, multi-purpose, state-of-the-art space.

Our vibrant Jewish community allowed me to continue learning through CAJE, The Center for Advancement of Jewish Education. For the past 15 years, I've immersed myself in studies of Judaism—and especially my favorite, the Hebrew language.

My journey with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation naturally followed. Through the Women's Amutot Initiative, I discovered a profound connection to Israel, and in Women's Philanthropy, I came to truly understand the meaning and power of giving. For us, being Jewish is more than something that runs in our veins. It is a commitment to actively strengthen our community's institutions and nurture our enduring bond with Israel.

I chose to endow my Lion of Judah—a small but meaningful grain of sand—to help secure a lasting legacy for our seven beautiful grandchildren and for our resilient, hopeful, and strong Jewish community in Miami, in Argentina, in Israel, and wherever Jewish life is in need of support.

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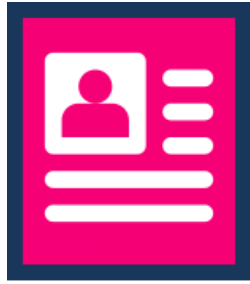
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