



Dear John,

Last week was one of the most horrible and painful in Jewish history. The heinous, barbaric terrorist attack and pogrom by Hamas on Saturday morning, October 7, during Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, killed more than 1,400 people (men, women, and children -- even infants), including at least 30 American citizens. Thousands of Israelis were injured and 150 were taken hostage into Gaza.



To aid the families affected by this catastrophe and to fund the extensive rebuilding and rehabilitation that will be required, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation in partnership with Jewish Federations of North America, has established an ***Israel Emergency Fund***.

The Israel Emergency Fund is providing all of the following – and more:

- Food and essential supplies for affected families, the elderly and the homebound
- Cash for victims of terror
- Emergency medical services and healthcare
- Evacuation, housing and respite
- Trauma relief and psychological support
- Assistance for vulnerable populations, such as children, at-risk youth, and people with disabilities, and their caregivers
- Preparation for medium- and long-term needs

You can make a secure online donation now ([CLICK HERE](#)) and stand in solidarity with Israel. As the war continues and terrorist forces in neighboring countries begin to launch additional strikes on Israel, the needs are growing exponentially, and we are in close touch with our partners on the ground who are supplying life-saving support. We are grateful to more than 3,000 individuals who have already donated nearly \$7 million to the emergency fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of so many. As always, Federation will absorb all administrative costs so that 100 percent of funds donated will provide critically needed aid to victims and their families.

If you are a fund holder, you may recommend a grant directly from your donor-advised fund (DAF) to "Greater Miami Jewish Federation" and under Grant Purpose, indicate "Other" and type "Israel Emergency Fund."

Visit the online donor portal at: <https://gmjf.donorfirstx.com/> to make your grant recommendation. If you need assistance, please contact Julian Ospina, Grants Manager, at jospina@gmjf.org or call 786-866-8467.

Our hearts, minds, thoughts and prayers are with Israel during these difficult days ahead.

Last month, at the Board meeting of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, it was announced that Jacob Solomon will be retiring as President & CEO effective June 30, 2024, after 42 years with Federation and 32 years as Executive. As you'll read in the link to the press release below, Richard D. Fain is serving as Chair of the search committee to identify our next chief professional officer over the coming months. We are forever grateful to Jacob for his lifetime of service, dedication, commitment and love for our Jewish community.

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release: "[**Longtime Greater Miami Jewish Federation President & CEO Jacob Solomon Announces Retirement**](#)"



As we enter the final quarter of the calendar year, now is a great time to plan ahead for year-end and consider where and how we want to make an impact on our community in Miami and in Israel. Please take a look at the following [Tax-Smart Ways of Giving](#). In addition to cash, The Foundation can work with you and your professional advisors to facilitate the contribution of a

variety of non-cash assets, such as business interests, real estate and non-publicly traded stock, which may provide significant savings on capital gains taxes and a charitable income tax deduction. Please contact Scott at skaplan@gmjf.org or call 786.866.8623 to design a gift that's right for you.

We thank you for your generosity, partnership and commitment to strengthening our community.

Sincerely,



Sidney Pertnoy
The Foundation Chair



Scott Kaplan
The Foundation Director



Golden Care Corner

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation is forever grateful to those individuals and families who have created their own Jewish legacy. As a token of our gratitude, **Golden Care** is available to our legacy donors (*Forever Pacesetters, Forever Lions* and members of our Heritage Society) who have established or committed to establish a permanent endowment within The Foundation of \$100,000 or more.



Golden Care provides its members with advocacy, referral and support services that offer a level of added security and self-sufficiency as they age.

Here is just one of the many ways that our Golden Care professionals, Miriam Masia and Mindy Tucker, are assisting our active Golden Care (GC) clients.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, while in synagogue, Mindy and Miriam received an emergency call from a local independent living center where one of our Golden Care clients resides. They were told our client could not leave the bed and looked quite ill but was refusing to get medical attention. Upon their arrival, the center informed Mindy and Miriam that the paramedics had already been called four times, but our GC client had refused help. She had long been a practitioner of Eastern medicine and prided herself on living very holistically and "not going to doctors." Although she is in her late 80's, she takes no prescribed medication and does not even see a physician for blood work, checkups, etc. All of this contributed to her refusing to go to a hospital. However, once Mindy and Miriam saw her, they knew right away she needed immediate care. Mindy and Miriam spoke to their client at length about their respect for her philosophical choices but also impressed upon her the urgent need to receive an evaluation at the very least. Finally, after close to one hour of discussion, our GC client agreed to be transported to the Emergency Room. She had a severe infection that turned into sepsis, requiring a hospital stay and a 6-week infusion of antibiotics. GC was there for our client when she needed someone the most. She is now at a rehabilitation center getting much stronger and recovering nicely.

The care that is provided to each donor is reflected by the unique needs of each individual. Like an extended Jewish family, our Golden Care professionals are in constant contact to ensure you are receiving the help you need. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Washington News

2024 EV Credits for Auto Purchases

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