

Dear John,

Welcome to the September edition of The Foundation of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's e-newsletter. You are receiving this as a service to our friends and supporters, with topics that impact your quality of life, finances, philanthropy and legacy. We are pleased to share the latest news, donor stories and timely articles with you.

As we move into the High Holy Days, we wish you and your loved ones a year filled with meaning, health, happiness, prosperity, peace and good blessings.

These Days of Awe provide us with time to reflect upon our actions and be more intentional about how we shape our future. The call of the *shofar* is an awakening for ourselves and an opportunity to work together to repair the world around us.



If you are looking for a FREE resource to help you answer questions about your life and Jewish journey which can be shared with loved ones, click [HERE](#) to access "My Legacy Story."

Read below to learn about the Brodie family and their legacy of generosity and commitment to making our community a better place. The Foundation is here to support your charitable giving and create your lasting Jewish legacy. Please contact Scott at skaplan@gmjf.org or call 786.866.8623.

We thank you for your generosity, partnership and commitment to strengthening our community. May you and your loved ones be written and sealed in the Book of Life.

Sincerely,

Sidney Pertnoy
The Foundation Chair



Scott Kaplan
The Foundation Director



THE BRODIE FAMILY - A LEGACY OF THREE GENERATIONS

Steve and Shelly Brodie are carrying on a legacy of leading philanthropic efforts that benefit South Florida's diverse community. "We proudly support a number of important Jewish and non-Jewish charities with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation at the center of our giving -- it's in our DNA," said Steve.



Brodie's late father, Myron J. "Mike" Brodie, was a well-known community leader who served as Executive Director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation for 20 years. The summer he turned 13, Mike saw the photograph that would shape his life. It was 1945 and World War II was coming to a close, he would later recall to the *Miami Herald*. As knowledge of the Holocaust emerged from Germany, the teenage Brodie "saw a picture of a little Jewish boy in the Holocaust with a Jewish star on, with a trooper pointing a gun at him with his hands up," his son, Steve, remembered. "That's when my father decided to commit his life's journey to making sure that would never happen again." For the rest of his life, Mike, who led the Greater Miami Jewish Federation for two decades, fought to raise awareness building community. During his tenure, he helped raise millions of dollars and led dozens of missions to Israel for non-Jewish and Jewish community leaders to demonstrate the country's importance.

That legacy of philanthropy and leadership continued with Steve and his wife, Shelly. It started when they became Chairs of Tulane University's UJA Campaign on campus and it continued when they moved to Miami, where Steve was attending law school and Shelly was completing her undergraduate degree.

For nearly 45 years, Steve and Shelly have been deeply involved in the Miami-Dade community. Both Steve and Shelly are recipients of the distinguished Stanley C. Myers Award. They have both held numerous positions at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and currently serve on its Board of Directors -- Steve as a Vice Chair and member of the Executive Committee. Shelly currently serves on The Foundation's Board of Trustees and is the Past Chair of the Forever Lion (Lion of Judah Endowment) program. She is also a Past President of the Alper JCC Miami and served on its board for more than 20 years. Steve serves on the Executive Committee and Boards of the United Way of Miami-Dade and Baptist Health Foundation. In 2020, Steve was honored with the American Jewish Committee's (AJC) Judge Learned Hand Award for his contributions to the legal profession and outstanding leadership in the Jewish and non-Jewish community.

Their love for Israel runs deep which is why they are the South Florida Chairs of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). They have co-chaired two Federation Family Missions together and Steve recently co-chaired the Israel 75 Miami Mega Mission. "It has been such an incredible feeling to share our love for Israel with our family and our community," said Shelly.

To ensure that their impact on the Jewish community will continue beyond their lifetime, they decided to perpetuate their Pacesetter-level annual donation through a generous gift in their living trust, making them both Forever Pacesetters and Shelly a Forever Lion. "As a child growing up in Houston, I had no idea the role that a Jewish Federation played in creating the perfect Jewish community. Through my years of involvement, I've learned that it takes a community to build a community. That is why I am leaving a legacy. There is so much more work to do. We must continue to educate, build, care for and sustain our wonderful Jewish heritage. Our ancestors worked especially hard to protect and pass it down to us - now we must do the same," Shelly stated.

Shelly and Steve later established the Brodie Family Philanthropic Fund through a gift of appreciated stock. "We look at this fund as the beginning of a family foundation and plan to use it as a way to further inspire and engage our children -- Bradley and Alexis, Michael and Rooney -- and ultimately our five grandchildren in charitable giving," said Steve.

Much to Steve and Shelly's surprise and delight, Michael and Rooney stepped up their philanthropy when they became members of The Foundation's Heritage Society through a gift of life insurance. "We were proud to be able to honor the legacy of my grandfather, Mike Brodie. Rooney is equally proud to have become a Lion of Judah and Forever Lion, following in my mother's and grandmother's, Charlotte Brodie's, footsteps," said Michael.

Steve and Shelly are especially proud when they walk into the new Hub at Temple Beth Am and see all of their children's names on the Donor Wall. All five of their grandchildren are now attending pre-school, day school or religious school at Temple Beth Am. "How blessed we are, four generations strong, giving back -- *l'dor v'dor*."

Click [HERE](#) to read Shelly's Book of Life Story.

Washington News

September is Disaster Preparedness Month

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