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## The Sixth Annual Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon to be Held November 19

**T**his year's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon is just around the corner. The much anticipated event is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2004, and will be held, once again, at the Radisson Deauville Resort.

The seven inductees represent the far-reaching impact that Beach High alumni have always had, and continue to have. This year's inductees are:

- Jeffrey A. Chesky, M.D. ('63)  
Gerontologist/Music
- Charles Fieldson  
Faculty ('54 - 87)
- Mitchell Kaplan ('72)  
Cultural/Entrepreneur
- Rhoda Berman Levitt ('53)  
Community Service/Arts
- County Commissioner  
Jimmy Morales ('80)  
Civic/Public Service
- Jeffrey A. Rynor ('74)  
Community Service/Legal
- Bernie Yuman ('67)  
Arts & Entertainment

The Induction Ceremony will begin with a 9:00 a.m. press conference at Miami Beach Senior High School, 2301 Prairie Avenue,

followed by a program for students in the school auditorium.

The induction ceremony luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Deauville Resort, 6701 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach. Tickets are \$40, if purchased before November 10<sup>th</sup>, and \$50 after that date. You can buy tickets using the order form inserted into this newsletter.

You can also participate by becoming a sponsor. For event or sponsorship information, call Stacey H.S. Hipsman at (305)931-6170.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Turn to the newsletter's special insert pages for complete Hall of Fame Luncheon info, as well as bios of the seven prestigious new inductees.*

— **Stacey H. (Spector) Hipsman ('81)**

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## ALUMNI NEWS

**M**any Beach High grads also attended Treasure Island Elementary, and if you're one of them, you'll be happy to hear that the school will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005.

You've got a whole year to look forward to their reunion weekend scheduled for October 22-23, 2005.

Everyone who ever attended Treasure Island is invited, and the reunion committee welcomes suggestions, memories, questions, and comments. For more information, contact **David Reskin** at 305-866-2649 or via e-mail at davidreskin@hotmail.com. The committee reports that they will soon have their own website, and in the meantime they're up and running at a Yahoo! Group. That internet address is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TreasureIsland50/>.

Journalist and author **Nina L. Diamond** ('74), also your humble *Alumni News Link* Editor, moved to Austin, Texas last fall, and reports that this fabulously artsy and progressive city is also home to plenty of other former South Floridians, including **Susan (Shulman) Schaffel** ('73) and her husband, Jordan (a North Miami Beacher). Susan publishes the *Local Birds* series of illustrated bird guides, which include South Florida, Texas, and California.

# THE SIXTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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*Dr. Jeffrey Chesky*

Dr. Jeffrey Chesky graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1963. He received his undergraduate degree in 1967 in Zoology/Biological Sciences from Cornell, and his Ph.D. in 1974 in Physiology & Biophysics from the University of Miami.

He is a Fellow of both the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, which last year gave him its Distinguished Service Recognition. This award is named for Dr. Mildred Seltzer, whose husband Jerry Seltzer graduated from MBHS in the 1940s. In 1995-96, Dr. Chesky served as the national President of Sigma Phi Omega, the academic honorary society in gerontology.

He has authored or co-authored about 75 articles, book chapters, and abstracts related to the biology of aging (many are related to his research on age changes in muscle and the effects of rigorous physical exercise on modifying aging changes) and gerontology/geriatrics education. Recently, he has been involved in a federally sponsored geriatric education training program in which he coordinates and/or teaches workshops on various topics in geriatrics. Many of these are given to the staff of nursing homes in rural Illinois.

He is currently Professor Emeritus of Human Services, Gerontology, and Biology at the University of Illinois at Springfield, and an adjunct professor of pharmacology at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.



*Charles E. Fieldson*

Charles E. "Chuck" Fieldson received his Bachelor's degree in 1950 and an M.A. in 1954, both from Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia. He joined Miami Beach Senior High School's faculty in 1954, taught social studies, history, and world history honors classes. He also served as Head of the Social Studies Department.

Chuck Fieldson has coached football and basketball, and was the Head Varsity Basketball Coach from 1957-1984, and Athletic Director from 1968-1987.

In 1990, the school's Gymnasium was dedicated in his name, and the annual Student Athlete award is given as the Chuck Fieldson Athletic Award.

During his coaching career, he led championship teams and received numerous honors, both athletic and educational. He has been the President of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA), and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 1981. He received the United Teachers of Dade Distinguished Service Award in 1985, and has served on numerous boards, including the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

He has received Keys to the City of Miami Beach from Mayors of the city, a yearbook dedication in 1984, and was honored for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the youth of our community by the Miami Beach Police Athletic League.



*Mitchell Kaplan*

Mitchell Kaplan graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1972. He received a B.A. in English from the University of Colorado, and an M.Ed. at the University of Miami.

After teaching English at Southridge High School in

Miami, he opened Books & Books in Coral Gables in 1982, and then a second store on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach in 1989. Books & Books has become South Florida's leading independent book store and the hub of the area's thriving literary community. He has become one of the country's most prominent and influential independent book store owners.

A co-founder of the Miami Book Fair International, the country's largest event of its kind, he now serves as the Chairperson of its Board of Directors. He also serves on the steering committee of the Florida Center for the Literary Arts.

Mitchell Kaplan is the President of the Board of the American Booksellers Association (ABA), and also serves on the Board of ABFFE, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression.



*Rhoda (Berman) Levitt*

Rhoda (Berman) Levitt graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1953. She attended the University of Miami twice, first receiving a Bachelors of Education, and then later one in Fine Arts.

As an arts advocate and philanthropist, Rhoda Levitt

has been involved in arts and cultural organizations of every kind throughout South Florida for decades. Her numerous activities included serving as Vice President of the Board of

Directors at the University of Miami College of Arts & Sciences; President of the Florida International University Arts Council, Chairperson of the Florida Arts Council; Chairperson of the Miami City Ballet Board of Trustees; on the Executive Board of the Performing Arts Center of Greater Miami; on the Board of Trustees for WLRN, National Public Radio/Television; and on the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies.

Rhoda Levitt has been honored with the Outstanding Woman Award by the Miami Ballet Society, the Maxie Award by the New World School of the Arts, the Ambassador of the Arts Award, the Arts Hero Award, the South Florida Critics' Circle Kleinberg Arts Award, and awards from the American Cancer Society, City Theater, Miami Light Project, American Red Cross, and Temple Zion, among many others.

From theater to music, from dance to art, Rhoda Levitt has enriched the cultural landscape in ways beyond measure.



*Jimmy L. Morales*

Jimmy L. Morales graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1980. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Harvard in 1984, and earned his law degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1987.

After working as a corporate attorney in New York and Washington, D.C., he returned to Miami to practice corporate and international law, and is now with Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.

Jimmy Morales has served as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner since 1996, representing District 7. He is currently one of the two remaining candidates in the runoff election for Miami-Dade County Mayor.

He also serves on the Downtown Development Authority, Miami-Dade League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties, and the National PTA Hispanic Advisory Board. He also served as chairperson of the Dade Community Foundation.

As a County Commissioner, Jimmy Morales has sponsored or co-sponsored numerous vital programs, including The Deep Subsidy Mortgage Program assisting low-income homebuyers, The Apprenticeship Program, The Miami-Dade Sports Commission, The Ethics Commission, and The Human Rights Ordinance.

He has received numerous awards, including Public Official of the Year (2000) from the National Association of Hispanic Administrators, the Bill Colson Leadership Award (2000) from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Elder Advocate Award (2003) from the Alliance for Aging, a Founders Award (2002) from the Women's Emergency Network, and a Public Policy Leadership Award (2000) from United Way of Miami-Dade County.



*Jeffrey A. Rynor*

Jeffrey A. Rynor graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1974. He received his undergraduate degree with Phi Beta Kappa distinction in 1978, and his law degree in 1980, both from the University of Florida. He then received an LL.M. degree in taxation from George Washington University in 1982.

Now practicing with Mitrani, Rynor & Adamsky, P.A., Jeffrey Rynor specializes in matrimonial and civil litigation. He was named one of South Florida's "Top Lawyers" in the 2004 and 2005 editions of the *South Florida Legal Guide*.

He is chairperson of the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust; past chairperson of the Individual Fund Development Committee for Big Brothers/Big Sisters; a director of Temple Emanu-El, The Hebrew Academy, and the Miami Beach Jewish Community Center; past national board member

and past President of the University of Florida Chapter of Bacchus (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning The Health Of University Students); past President of the Vizcayans; a past director of the Dade County Bar Association; a past President of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Miami; and past chairperson of the Equal Opportunities in the Profession Committee. He has received a National Hero Award for his many years and dedication as a Big Brother.

Jeffrey Rynor is the past Chair of the Dade County Bar Association By-Laws Committee, past Chair of their Matrimonial Law Committee, was honored by *The Miami News* in 1988 as one of Dade County's Good People, and by the Ronald McDonald House in 2002 as one of South Florida's 12 Good Men.



*Bernie Yuman*

Bernie Yuman graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1967. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Miami in 1972.

An entertainment industry executive and philanthropist, Bernie Yuman is one of the most influential managers in the world. He founded Las Vegas-based SAY Entertainment in 1976, and Bernie Yuman Management in January 2000.

Yuman has been a friend of Muhammad Ali for over 40 years and he became his manager in January 2000. Bernie Yuman has been the manager of Siegfried & Roy for more than 29 years. He is the driving force behind the most successful live entertainers in the history of Las Vegas. Yuman has been privileged to represent Don Shula, the winningest coach in the history of the National Football League as well as other athletes and entertainers.

Yuman has produced animation, television, and an IMAX movie, *Siegfried & Roy, The Magic Box*. He is the Executive Producer of *Father of the Pride*, the new Shrek-like animation series from DreamWorks, currently a smash hit on NBC.

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Yes, it's a money pitch. But I hope you'll first invest a moment to understand why it makes sense to become a participating sponsor of the Miami Beach Senior High Alumni Association's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon.

You'll be in good company.

Since its inception in 1999, more than 1,500 successful Beach High alumni, area business leaders and elected officials have assembled annually to celebrate the life achievements of Beach High's most distinguished graduates, including U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald Kogan, U.S. Ambassador Steven J. Green, Academy Award winners Daniel Taradash (*From Here to Eternity*), Mark Medoff (*Children of a Lesser God*) and nominee Andy Garcia (*The Godfather III*), Grammy Award winning composer Desmond Child, college baseball coaching legend Stanley "Skip" Bertman, and inspired architect/sculptor Kenneth Treister.

Your company will be in good company.

Your business will share the marquee with some of South Florida's pillar companies, many of whom return annually to support this event. And your presence at the event will uplift us all.

Your support will be reinvested.

Proceeds from last year's event helped fund more than \$12,000 in scholarship awards for deserving Beach High achievers. Your investment will help launch the careers of future Hall of Fame inductees and pay dividends every time you think of it.

And your support and presence at this year's Hall of Fame induction luncheon will surely be appreciated by those of us who have voluntarily committed to produce yet another memorable event.

If you would like to participate and/or can recommend other prospective sponsors, please contact me at your earliest possible convenience. I will be pleased to answer your questions and ensure that your sponsorship contribution is enthusiastically recognized.

Sincerely,

Stacey H.S. Hipsman  
Hall of Fame Chair, MBSH Alumni Association  
(305) 931-6170

## Hall of Fame Luncheon (circle choice and fax).

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- Ad and company profile in next Alumni Newsletter
- Recognition on the Alumni Association Website ([www.beachhigh.com](http://www.beachhigh.com))
- Membership in the Alumni Association for 6 years
- Copy of Paradise Project: A 75 year retrospective of Miami Beach Senior High

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