

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: 2021-015089-CA-01

SECTION: CA43

JUDGE: Thomas J. Rebull

In Re:

Champlain Towers South Collapse Litigation.

RECEIVER'S NOTICE OF FILING STATUS UPDATE ON PERSONAL PROPERTY

Michael I. Goldberg (the "Receiver") hereby submits this Notice of Filing Status Update on Personal Property with respect to the remaining personal property items recovered from the Champlain Towers collapse site.

1. This case arises out of the tragic collapse of the Champlain Towers South Condominium located at 8777 Collins Avenue, Surfside, Florida 33154 ("Champlain Towers") on June 24, 2021.

2. At a hearing conducted on July 2, 2021, the Court ordered the appointment of Michael I. Goldberg as Receiver for the Champlain Towers South Condominium Association, Inc.

3. By way of brief background as to the personal property claims, following the collapse of the Champlain Towers, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office and other authorities recovered and decontaminated close to 10,000 personal property items from the rubble.

4. Approximately 3,000 of the 10,000 recovered items were found with some form of identification in a closed receptacles. Those were decontaminated and returned to the individuals whose names were on the identification. As to remaining roughly 7,000 recovered items, through an arduous, multi-year process, the Receiver and his team worked diligently with the goal of returning as many items as possible to the rightful owners. As part of that process, the Receiver and his team created a website containing photos of all of the recovered items and developed an online claims process by which the victims could view all the recovered property, claim their items

and present evidence in support of their claims. Over the span of the last few years, the Receiver and his team meticulously examined the items, reviewed the evidence submitted, spoke with the claimants on numerous occasions, tried to trace items through serial numbers where possible, conferred with jewelry stores, art galleries and/or manufacturers where applicable, among other investigative undertakings, in an effort to get as many of the recovered items as possible to their rightful owners. The Receiver then prepared reports and recommendations, reviewed and analyzed any and all objections presented by claimants, reviewed any and all additional evidence presented, spoke to the claimants again where warranted and again worked to determine the rightful owner, if possible.

5. The Receiver undertook two claims processes based on when MDSO decontaminated, photographed and catalogued the items. To the extent only one individual claimed an item through the claims processes, the Court authorized release of such items (totaling 2,592 in the first claims process and 80 in the second claims process). The claimants were all notified how to retrieve their items which have been available for pick up at MDSO.

6. As for those items where more than one individual claimed the same item, a protocol was established whereby the claimants were provided an opportunity to submit to the Receiver evidence of ownership, documentation, photographs and/or other proof the items claimed belonged to them. Per Court orders, any items not retrieved from MDSO by certain dates (September 8, 2025 and October 28, 2025) were deemed abandoned.

7. At the conclusion of the two claims processes, including the expiration of the objections periods, there were 31 items where there had been multiple objections. After reviewing the objections, any additional evidence and speaking with many of the claimants, the Receiver was

able to resolve the objections on all but one of those items. The Court held a hearing on September 16, 2025 and ruled on the remaining objection.

8. With respect to all unclaimed items, abandoned items, items for which ownership determination could not be made, and those not capable of being decontaminated, the Court has authorized the Receiver to: (1) attempt to sell any items that the Receiver determines have resale value, the sales proceeds of which will be distributed to class members on a *pro rata* basis; (2) donate items to charity, including the Surfside memorial; and (3) dispose of any remaining items that do not fall into categories (1) or (2). As per the orders, recovered religious items that were not capable of decontamination and/or that did not fit within categories (1) or (2) would be treated in accordance with the respective applicable religious customs and practices.

9. Following expiration of the deadline for claimants to retrieve their items, the Receiver's team, along with MDSO, reviewed the bins of remaining recovered personal property items stored at MDSO. Generally, the bins were separated by jewelry, collectors' coins, religious items, damaged electronic items, and miscellaneous items of severely damaged items and/or items having minimal or no resale value.

10. With respect to all remaining Judaica items that were not capable of decontamination or were not claimed or retrieved, the Receiver's team and Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Senior Rabbi Temple Beth Am, inspected each item at MDSO in February 2026. Rabbi Barras thoroughly inspected several hundred Judaica items (including, for example, prayer books, tallit, yarmulkes, and decorative items) to determine which ones required burial in accordance with Jewish law. Those items have been separated and remain securely stored at MDSO.¹

¹¹ MDSO has advised that it does not have any recovered religious items from faiths aside from the Judaism that require special handling for disposal.

11. In order to facilitate the burial, Temple Israel of Greater Miami, Inc. has generously donated a plot at Lakeside Memorial Park & Funeral Home (“Lakeside Memorial”) for those items. Lakeside Memorial has generously waived all fees associated with the burial and has donated a memorial footstone which will be engraved in memory of the 98 individuals who lost their lives. Rabbi Barras has volunteered to conduct the burial which scheduled for March 25, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Lakeside Memorial, 10301 NW 25 Street, Miami, FL 33172.

12. Remaining decontaminated items that have been identified as having potential resale value, including miscellaneous jewelry, silver, gold and collectors’ coins, have been separated and remain in secure storage at MDSO. The Receiver is in the process of attempting to sell those items and, to the extent such sale occurs, the Receiver will distribute the sales proceeds to class members on a *pro rata* basis.

13. Following completion of the processes discussed in paragraph 10-12, MDSO will dispose of all other items in accordance with its normal and customary procedures.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on March 13, 2026, a copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of Court by using the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal and a copy of same was furnished to all counsel of record through the Florida Court's E-Filing Portal.

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