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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of FFA,

For the past 8 years it has been my honor and pleasure to be your president of this wonderful organization. You can always be sure that the board of directors and I will continue to do our utmost to keep the FFA strong.

But – and there’s always a but – you know we have no annual dues and that all our members pay a lifetime membership fee of \$10.00, in order to maintain the ever increasing costs of producing our newsletter, holding social events, etc. I am asking you to please donate whatever you can to defray these necessary expenses. Every dollar will help to maintain our FFA. I thank you very much. We will be celebrating our 30th reunion on June 23rd, 2019. This will be our final reunion, and the best ever. We look forward to seeing all of our members to help us celebrate our 30th. In the future we will still plan social events as we always do.

Spring and summer have passed, and many folks have already left or planning to leave for warmer climates to spend this months. Keep in mind that wherever you go, the newsletter will follow you. The Board and I wish you a very healthy and happy holiday season.

That’s my message for now. Once again, please send us pictures, announcements and other tidbits go general interest. Please send whatever donations you can afford. We depend on your goodwill and support.

I sincerely thank you very much

Yours truly,
Herb Raffelson
President

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I HAVE A HAPPENING

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you share your happenings with all of us.

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“The longer I live the more beautiful life becomes”

MAZEL TOV TO

Harold & Carol (Herman) Lutch of Dallas, Texas is proud to announce the birth of their first great grandchild, Otis Smith, Born to Shoshana & Jeremy Smith of New Zealand.

Irving Murstein of Weymouth, MA announces that his grandson John DiSessa of Clinton, Ma graduated from Boston College in May with a Business Administration degree and going to work for a finance company in Orlando, FL and has a girl friend who graduated in Orlando.

Paul Waitze of Stoughton, MA is proud to announce that his Grandson Matt Callan of Sharon, MA graduated Sharon High School and is going Syracuse University.

Marshall Kawadler of Delray Beach, FL is proud to announce the birth of his grandson Greyson Finn McNutt born on September 18th, 2018.

Congratulations to my handsome grandson James Asher Heilberg on his graduating from Columbia Grammar High School in New York. He will be attending Boston University (like his late grandfather Myron Segal) in the fall. I am very proud of him. Iris (Hunt) Segal of Boca Raton, FL

Doris & Elliot Hershoff of Peabody, MA is proud to announce the birth of their 2nd grandson Ryan Elliot Thompson born March 11, 2018.

Herb (Goldman) and Marylou Gray of Boston, MA are proud to announce the marriage of their grandson Michael Gray to Megan Levine. The wedding took place in Atlanta, Georgia. Michael received his bachelors degree in biomedical engineering from Georgia Tech and a masters degree nanotechnology from Northeastern. He is beginning a PhD program from Northeastern this fall. His wife Megan graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Industrial engineering. Later she earned a masters degree and was recruited by GE and is currently working for GE/

Our Granddaughter Lauren Rosenston graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a degree in nutrition and dietetics. She will continue at Louisiana Tech University for her masters degree as a registered dietician and nutritionist. Our grandson Bradley Rosenston graduated from Lakota High School in Westchester, Ohio and will attend Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge to study premed. Jane & Irwin Rosenston of N. Andover, MA

Myra & Bob Pransky of Randolph, MA, announces the birth of our first great grandson, son of Rachel (Pransky) & Ben Rosenfeld, grandson of May & Steven Pransky.

Sheila (Klayman) & Boomie Greenberg of Rockville, MD are proud to announce the graduation of our granddaughter Michelle Maugano, college of nursing.

Wishing my dear friend, Ellie Forman the very best in her new home. Elaine (Milden) Goldin of Boynton Beach, FL

Congratulations to our granddaughter Jessica, who graduated from Smith College with a degree in government and is working for HUD in Boston. Phyllis & Arnold Fritz of W. Bridgewater, MA

Arline & Harvey Kawadler's grandson Asher was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, September, 2018 in Northern, CA, Marcy Kawadler is the proud mother.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I read and found your article “found an old friend” so endearing that I thought I would write “our story” and maybe if you deem it appropriate will include it in a future Franklin Field bulletin.

They both attended the Patrick T. Campbell Junior High School in Roxbury. Their home room was divided by alphabet and since her last name was near the beginning of the alphabet and his name was 6 letters from the end of the alphabet, they never met each other even though they knew the names of their other classmates.

They attended different high schools and then attended the same college, Boston University and graduated together and still never met one another.

Her mother and his father had the opportunity to meet one another at their occupations but never talked about their children. He had a cousin who sold a product to her employer but only mentioned his cousin was getting married the same day as she.

They spent their summers at Nantasket Beach but never met one another but had mutual acquaintances.

They became engaged to other people and were married on the same night in the same city, were at the same movie the night before their wedding, had the same colors at their wedding, almost stayed at the same hotel after their wedding and saw each other at the airport on the way to their honeymoon at the same hotel in Miami Beach, Florida.

They were introduced to each other at the pool the next morning as people who lived in Brookline, MA. The two couples bonded and spent time together while on their honeymoon and continued the friendship on their return home.

They shared anniversaries, their children’s births, deaths of parents, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and children’s weddings and mutual friends.

Her husband passed away of cancer at the age of 58 and he and his wife separated and divorced at about the same time.

They were good friends who shared many happy memories and many sad memories and they decided to marry on July 25, 1998. They have known each other for 60 years and married for 20 this year 2018. We both love reading the FFA Newsletter.

- Anonymouse

FONDEST MEMORIES OF GETTING READY FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

By Myrna Fearer

The weather was changing. Fall was in the air and preparations for Rosh Hashonah were beginning in Jewish households everywhere but especially in my world of Mattapan.

A lot of effort went into getting ready for the High Holidays. Our six room apartment on the third floor of our triple decker on Leston Street was undergoing a fall cleaning as thorough as before Passover and my Mother took this monumental makeover personally. Every piece of furniture, every shelf, every glass, every dish and every window had to sparkle. My job was to help dust and polish furniture and to wipe each ivory piano key on my mother’s old upright with a clean cloth dipped in milk guaranteed to keep the keys from discoloring. And they never did.

In the living room, my father would cut the heavy string from the moth-proof wrapper around our rolled up wool Oriental style rug. Its deep maroon pile made the living room holiday special. In addition, we had to navigate the hall carefully to avoid the

FONDEST MEMORIES CONT.

wooden dryer racks with built-in pins where the lacy curtains were stretched to dry.

Rosh Hashonah also meant new clothes for both my older brother and me and also new shoes. Shoe shopping was the best part, walking down Blue Hill Avenue to Murray’s Shoe Store where I got to see my wiggling toes through the “Shoe-Fitting Fluoroscope.” Who knew its x-ray ability would be considered too dangerous and the machine was eventually discontinued?

Most of my mother’s shopping was conveniently done in our local stores while I was in school. There was Maxie’s Fish Store, where the burly owner wearing the big black rubber apron, filleted the fish in front of the customer. There was Whitman’s delicatessen, two kosher meat markets near each other, and also Gorky’s Tailor Shop. Morton Bakery was just around the corner. My brother was recently reminiscing that as an eight-year old boy, he worked at the bakery part time for 50 cents a week and all the half moons he could eat. Not like black and white cookies, these had a cake-like base with vanilla buttercream frosting on one-half and rich chocolate frosting on the other. After the first week, he could never look at a half moon again.

Sometimes my mother and I would walk down Blue Hill Avenue Saturday night after Shabbas ended. The Jewish stores that had been closed during the day were open for business. It was another world where yiddish was the language spoken. I had no idea what they were saying unless it was shayna punim addressed to me. Since I was a skinny little kid I believe they were hoping to make a bigger sale.

Looking back I marvel at how much my mother did to get ready for the High Holidays. When we got home from school, chicken was cooking in the soup and gribenes (rendered chicken fat, onion and chicken skin cracklings) sat in a pot on the stove waiting for pieces of round holiday challah to be dipped in. Still warm from the oven might have been brownies and strudel but there was also bakery honey cake. The dining room table was set with a sparkling white tablecloth and the best dishes. The candles were waiting in their candlesticks devoid of melted wax ready for my mother to light the candles with her head covered, praying silently for her family and a peaceful world.

After services and lunch the next day teenagers walked down to Franklin Field where Jewish kids sat on the stone wall, the boys trying to hide the knotted handkerchiefs they planned to use to snap against the ankles of the girls walking by. It was a weird rite of passage.

Yom Kippur was almost a repeat of Rosh Hashonah with a few differences. The day before the holiday my mother had us shlug kapores, thankfully not with a live chicken but with money in multiples of 18 for chai. We would take our fistful of change and circle our head three times while saying “This is my exchange, this is my redemption, this money will be going to charity so that I may enter on a good, long and peaceful life.” The money, of course, went into the ubiquitous JNF blue pushke, the charity box.

And we all had a “shabbos goy,” our accomodating mailman who was called into every apartment to turn our lights on and off during Yom Kippur. The poor guy went up and down all the apartments in all the three-decker houses and never complained.

Yom Kippur Day would find my mother in shul all day, drained from the Yizkor service followed by the annual donations where the big buck givers had a chance to show off their generosity or be talked about because they didn’t give enough. Some of us took a break only to return a few hours later so as not to miss the shofar blowing finale and a chance to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

This column, which says, “Myrna Fearer writes from Danvers” appeared in the Sept. 7, 2017 issue of “The Jewish Journal.”



Card Party August 3, 2018

1. L/R: Barbara Shapiro, Cynthia (Rosenberg) Kravitz, Carolyn Selby, Merle (Chernov) Levenbaum

2. L/R: Gail Ross, Annette Galley, Dottie, Ann Zukowski

3. L/R: Roz Krivitsky, Lori Van Dam, Louise Krakowitz, Beze Forman, Roz (Katler) Kritzman



L/R: Elaine Berkowitz, Elaine Grossberg, Iris Hunt, Byma Altman, Sylvia Gillman, Irene Siegel



Back L/R: Roz Millman, Barbara (Needle) Seigal, Sandy (Snyder) Liftman
Front L/R: Barbara (Steinberg) Sesnovitch, Carol (Fuld) Israel, Barbara (Sandofsk) Kawadler, Sandy (Bennett) Chadnow, Arline (Franklin) Kawadler, Fifi (Satter) Tanner



Back L/R: Annette (Brooks) Davis, Carolyn (Marder) Miller, Gail Lerner
Front L/R: Phyllis (Shaff) Mendelsohn, Barbara Becker, Elaine (Antin) Blaustein



L/R: Loretta (Averbuck) Chandler, Franny Katz

NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Love the newsletter, makes me learn about all my old friends.
Estelle (Dashute) Deutch of Lake Worth, FL

Thank you so much for the newsletter, I so enjoy reading it.
Seena (Chandler) Goldman of Columbus, Ohio.

I love the FFA newsletter and was surprised to see myself in the May edition. I'm sitting in the front row with Rich McNaly, Genie Bianchi and my wife Elaine. Murray Sernonick of Dover, DE

After a hard week of cleaning out stuff – not as much as we should have – the moving van arrived and 6 hours later our house was disassembled and on its way. We kissed the house goodbye and traveled through the mountains of Simi, the San Fernando Valley, Pasadena and the 210 to get to the 15 through the Mohave Desert past the Las Vegas strip to our new home in Las Vegas. We packed the car to the fullest and felt like Ma and Pa Kettle (we are sure you all remember them). Except that we were traveling in a comfy air conditioned car with 360 turbo charged horse power instead of a covered wagon with two horses. We are on to a new adventure bringing with us the love of relatives and friends who we will dearly miss and the best wishes of all as we join our children (Julie and husband DeeJay) and grandchildren (Mia, Jacob and Joe) and a great granddaughter Nora. Love, Honey (Cohen) and Barry Barman of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Thanks for the newsletter, most enjoyable. Phyllis (Lerner) Verducci of Palm Beach, FL

Hello, from Frances (Jacobs) Sharon of Randolph, MA. I must have missed the last publication because I usually send a check, and a poem, and a request to hear from anyone that is still around who might remember me, or my brother David Jacobs. So far, no response. I graduated from the "Burke" in '44 and was friendly with some of our classmates of '43 and '45. I spend my winters in Delray Beach, FL Hoping to hear from anyone, send me a message at 4 Charlotte Lane, Randolph, MA 02368

Your good work is appreciated, enjoy the newsletter. Ollie Davidson Winthrop, MA

Hello everyone, Does anyone remember me? I came to Dorchester in time to enter my third year of High School. I went to Dorchester High and graduated in 1945. My name was Shirley (Sandi) Lebowitz. I joined a club called the "Finahs". I lived on Jones Ave. then moved to Morton St. then, West Selden St. then Randolph, but now living in Brookline. I remember the Oriental Theatre in Mattapan, a restaurant or deli owned by Blackie and Whitey, the G&G restaurant, The Chez Vous skating rink, a deli on the corner of Calendar St & Blue Hill Avenue. My best friend was Seena Ufland who lived in Mattapan & had a sister named Jeri. I used to go swimming a lot at Houghton Pond. Please call me at 617 738 7167, I promise I will respond. Shirley (Lebowitz) Rosenfield, 133 Park St, Apt. 805 Brookline, MA 02446

Thank you for the enjoyment you bring with reconnection to the F.F. people. Remember our fun times at the WALL!! Helayne & Nathan Dratch of Boynton Beach, FL

Thank you for all you do!!!! Jeannie & Charlie Albert of Foxboro, MA

I enjoy reading the newsletter. Keep it up! Gloria (Pitchel) Kublin Delray Beach, FL

NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Enjoy reading the FFA Newsletter, thank you for perpetuating the past. Burt Herman of Oakbrook, ILL

A donation was made in honor of all my old friends. Marilyn Gorodetzer of West Palm Beach, FL 33417

We love receiving your newsletter. Elaine & Sid Shuman of Foxboro, MA

The FFA is a wonderful organization and keeps the memories alive for so many people like myself and Sheila. Lee Miller of Framingham, MA

I moved from Dorchester after I married in 1961 to Cambridge and then to Bethesda, MD in 1964. I moved to Florida in 1996 and currently live in Sarasota. I would welcome hearing from anyone living near here to passing through. I graduated the J. E. Burke in 1953. Barbara (Liss) Chertok of Sarasota, FL

This is my first time writing in, I enjoy so, so much receiving the newsletter, mainly to see names of any of my former classmates and what they are doing. My name is Anita (Leavitt) Caruso. I live in Brewster, MA (on Cape Cod) for 52 years. I winter in Deerfield Beach, FL. I graduated from the J.E.B. High School in 1954. I lost my husband in 2007. I have 3 children, 1 son and 2 daughters, 8 stepchildren, (4 boys & 4 girls) 32 grandchildren, & so far 16 great grandchildren. I was an interior designer for over 40 years, now I am a published author of a memoir and 3 children's books. I can be contacted at Anlocar@aol.com and would love to hear from my J. E. B. grads. I live at 138 Sheffield Rd., Brewster, MA, 508 896 6418 or my cell 508 776 0633

NEW MEMBERS

"The F.F.A. would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members"

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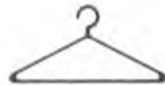


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IN MEMORY OF

In memory of Arthur (Pinky) Kagno, my sympathy to Elaine and her family. Butch Kaster of Millis, MA

In memory of my brother Eli Korisky, he will be missed. Simeon Korisky of Stoughton, MA

In memory of Joel Newberg, husband of Ann (Sternberg) Newberg, father of Helene and Jay, grandfather of Michaela and brother of Elaine (Newberg) Frankowski. Sorely missed by all his family. Elaine (Newberg) Frankowski of Minneapolis, MN.

My family moved from Roxbury to Dorchester in 1953 where I first met Jason "Buddy" Crosby. He introduced me to Cutler's Pool Room, The Old Brown Jug, the whiskey joints in Park Square and later to the dressing rooms of many of our leading singers and actors. Buddy and I laughed our way through 65 years and his passing this past August was met with grief shared by so many. He left behind his wife Janice, his daughter Jackie and his brother Norm Crosby. I speak for so many and thank him for showing me the way. Buddy was the gold standard of a good guy and great friend. Our three children grew up knowing him as another family member and our hearts go out to his family. With deepest love, Phyllis (Averback) and Dick Sundook of Delray Beach, FL

In memory of my dearest husband Harvey Jorgess who was very much loved by his wife Rickee, three children, ten grandchildren and 1½ great grandchildren. He will be very much missed by all. Rickee (Fritz) Jores of Boynton Beach. FL

In memory of my beloved brother Herbert Katz of Hollywood, FL Louis Katz of Brockton, MA

Losing good friends is always sad. Arthur "Pinky" Kagno was such a loving and kind man and he will always be missed and thought of with love. Ruth Morgan & Ben Susan of Boca Raton, FL

It was very hard to say goodbye to our dear friend Paula Landy who is now joined by her husband Dave Landy. They will always be remembered, may they rest in peace. Ruth Morgan and Ben Susan of Boca Raton, FL

My brother Louis Rotman passed away 4-20-2018, 3 days after his 92nd birthday. He was the best brother anyone could have, and I will miss him a lot. He will never be forgotten. Eddie Rotman of Randolph, MA

In loving memory of my dad, Myron Dubow, who passed away in May, 2018. He moved our family from Stoughton, MA to Fort Lauderdale, FL in 1971, but never ceased in telling wonderful stories of his life in Boston. Meredith Capps of Bradenton, FL

My deepest condolence to, Leatrice (Kollen) Miller and family on the loss of her wonderful husband and my good friend Eddie Miller. He will be deeply missed. Estelle (Dashute) Deutch of Wellington, FL

In memory of Eddie Miller, husband of Leatrice (kollen) Miller. He was truly one of the finest people we know and will be missed by all. We send our deepest sympathy and love to Leatrice and Andrew and family. Loretta (Averback) and Mel Chandler of Boca Raton, FL

In memory of our wonderful grandson Nicholas J. Lombardi who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident at the age of 26 on April 29th, 2018. A tree has been planted in his name in Israel. He touched many lives and will be forever in our hearts. Grandparents are Bill and Eileen Lombardi of Dedham, MA and Frayda Rosenblatt and the late Herbie Rosenblatt of Stoughton, MA

IN MEMORY OF

In loving memory of Herbie Opper. Roberta (Hymovitz) of Stoughton, MA

In memory of my wife's brother, Harvey Jores, and my best friend, Lenny Goldstein, Arnold Fritz of W. Bridgewater, MA In memory of my beloved husband Eli Korisky who passed away on June 7, 2018. Eli represented the U.S. in the Maccabiah games in Israel in boxing winning both the silver and bronze medals. He was also a ruby life master in bridge. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years Leah (Goldman) Korisky, 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Formerly of Roxbury, Brookline and Boca Raton, FL. All my love, Lee (Goldman) Korisky of Irvine, CA

The Franklin Field Association Board of Directors is saddened to announce the passing of one of our founders of the FFA, Elaine (Cooperstein) Kagno. Our deepest condolences to the Kagno Family.

We have submitted many in memory obits in the past but none like this. Arthur (Pinky) Kagno passed away earlier this year, today 11/12/18, his wife Elaine (Cooperstein) passed away and joined him in peace. They were among the original founders of the Franklin Field Association. They leave their daughter Lori and son Jeff. God bless them both, rest in peace. Dick and Phyllis(Averback) Sundook of Delray Beach, FL

In memory of Elaine (Cooperstein) Kagno. She was a fabulous president of the Franklin Field Association, and a wonderful friend. She will truly be missed. Phyllis Fuld, Stoughton, MA In memory of my friend Elaine (Cooperstein) Kagno, Ellie (Heffron) Forman, Milton, MA

In memory of our friend Elaine (Cooperstein) Kagno. Dottie and Jerry Rosenberg of Boynton Beach, FL

ANNIVERSARIES

- 40th Sheldon & Andrea Goldstein of Delray Beach, FL, celebrated their wedding anniversary on April 29th, 2018.
- 54th Li & Burt Tankel of Sterling, MA celebrated their 54th anniversary on November 7th, 2018.
- 55th Al & Debra Bass S. Easton, MA celebrated their anniversary on May 25, 2018.
- 61st Ethel (Gilbert) & Ed Curelop of Brockton, MA celebrated their 61st anniversary on April 13, 2018
- 66th In honor of our 66th wedding anniversary. Helen (Yanow) & Al Yorra of Milton, MA and Boca Raton, FL
- 65th In honor of our 65th Anniverary. Sheila (Klayman) & Boomie Greenberg of Rockville, MD

BIRTHDAYS

- 80th Jan Rosenston Of N. Andover, MA celebrated her birthday.
- 85th Irwin Rosenston of N. Andover, MA celebrated his birthday.

Happy Birthday to our daughter Jaynie Martin 2/24/19

Happy Birthday to our daughter Julie Kapadia 11/5/18

Lots of love Sheila & Donnie Grossman of Needham, MA

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for all the messages, info, news and pictures. We need more pictures, send copies please. We always try to put all pictures received in the newsletter, however, if photos don't get into the latest newsletter they will be put into a future newsletter. High School class pictures are much too big to be put in. All pictures need to have the names of the people in the picture. Our Birthday, Anniversary and Get Well columns are growing and the members are loving it, so share your simchas with us. All submissions must include your name, and full addresses. Maiden names for the ladies would be great too.

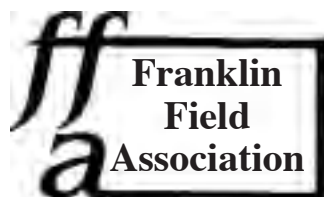
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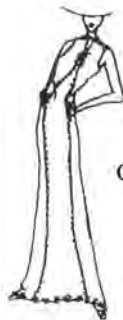
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