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## BIRTHDAYS

74th: Ulin Greenberg, of Sharon, MA.

75th: Happy 75th to Arlene Shaff Elman of Sharon, MA. from Ellie Forman & Dottie Rosenberg,

I'm wishing my terrific husband, Bernard Esterman a wonderful 75th birthday and our "special" anniversary of 36 years ( double Chia) A prelude to health, happiness and longevity from your loving wife Judy.

78th Robert Darwin, of Hanover, MA.

80th Bert Nessen of Randolph, from his loving wife and super children and grandchildren.

## YOUR GENEALOGY CORNER

Hello, fellow FFA-ers! Here are some things you may or may not know.....

Most people think it is impossible to reserch Jewish genealogy because the records were lost in the Holocaust. This is not true. records abound, in Poland, Russia, Lithuania, etc.

It is a common rumor that names were changed at Ellis Island. This is also untrue. Researce has shown that many of the names changes occurred before the ship landed, and the new names are often found in the ships logs. Workers at Ellis Island were under penalty of job loss if it were found that they intenyionally altered names. There were translators made available for every ethnic group of immigrants.

I will post a column in each issue of the FFA Newsletter and will answer a few questions each issue. Send the questions to [pjcouture@aol.com](mailto:pjcouture@aol.com). in the heading put FFA.

Don't ask specific questions about Zaidi Cohen, but try to ask "how to" questions, so that you can pursue this a little further if you wish. If you have any elder relatives left. do interview them and ask: 1. What was th original family name? 2. What countyand shtetl (villiage) did they come from. #. Any posible dates of arrivalsmarrriages and other pertinent facts they might remember (Ex. Aunt Sadie was born two days after Chanukah in 1901)

My web site is Legacygen.com And watch out -- you might get hooked. Pat (Paula) Goulston Couture, Assoc. of Prof. Genealogists

## ANNIVERSARIES

40th David & Ruth (Swartz) Morgan of Delray Beach, FL.

50th Happy anniversary to cousins Arlene & Lenny Elman of Delray Beach, FL. from Ruth & David Morgan

Don & Sheila Grossman, of Needham, MA. and O.Stevensville, MA.

Joe & Sandy (Marder) Hurwitz of Natick, MA. from Carolyn & Marvin Miller of Pittsford, NY.

53rd Irv & Barbara Coppel of Highland Park, IL. celebrated their 53rd annversity on September 1, 2010.

54th Stan & Lorraine (Trust) Corman of Randolph, MA. celebrated their anniversary with family.

60th Charlotte & Mel Frazer of Boynton Beach, FL. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

## TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930'S, 40'S 50'S & 60'S

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-base paints.

We had no child proof lids, on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes we had baseball caps not helmets on our heads.

As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.

Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar, And, we weren't overweight.. WHY? Because we were always out side playing... that's why!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streets lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day, and we were OKAY.

We did not have Play stations, Nintendo's and X-boxes. There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVD's, no CD's or cell phones, no personal computers, no internet and no chat rooms. WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them.

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We would get spankings with wooden spoons, switches, ping pong paddles, or just a bare hand and no one would call child services to report abuse.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthday, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes. Little league had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine these generations have produced some of the best risk-taker, problem solvers and inventors ever.

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, seccess and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. If you are one of them. CONGRATULATIONS.



## TRAVEL TIPS

by CHET

In the last newsletter, I closed with there are five (5) popular modes of vacations travel. They are 1) car (w/or w/o trailer) 2) Bus, 3) Train, 4) Plane, 5) Boat/ cruise ship. Anyone or all could be used and not leave the USA or N. America.

Right now, in travel across the USA, we are at the height of making (booking) an opportunity to visit, see and experience our 49th State, "Alaska", it is one of the busiest single destinations for Americans to cruise/visit in the world today. What to consider for planning an Alaskan cruise, all major cruise lines offer varied kineraries (all inclusive), from the most popular seven day cruise to those of ten, twelve and fourteen day cruise. The ten to fourteen day include two to seven day land itineraries. The most popular cruise is the seven day cruise. The first and the last days are spent at sea, traveling to an from Alaska, along the coast of British Columbia, once in Alaska most ships call at a different port on each of four days, but reserve one day for cruising in or near Glacier Bay National Park. The most popular Alaskan Ports are called" Haines, Juneau (It's Capital), Skagway, Ketchikan and Sitka.

When should you go? The cruise season runs from mid-May to late September. The most popular sailing dates are from late June through August, when the warm days are apt to be most plentiful. Daytime temperatures in may, June and September are in the 50's and 60's July and August averages are in the 60's and 70's with occasional days in the 80's. For more information call or contact a travel agent or go to: [www.alaska.com](http://www.alaska.com). Very important - not for booking! For information only..... You are welcomed to call Chet Block @617-277-5148

## GET WELL

To Loretta (Averbuck) Chandler, of Boca Raton, FL. A healthy and speedy recovery from your recent illness. Long time friend Evelyn & Bert.

To Evelyn Nessen a speedy recovery from her recent set back. your loving husband Bert.

To our long time friend, Mel Kramer of Stoughton, Ma. A quick and speedy recovery from his recent accident. from Evelyn & Bert Nessen.

Left/Right: Ronnie Forman, Ellie Hefron Forman, Arthur Finkelstein, Carol Marden Miller, Phyllis Finkelstein Field, Norman Marres, Chet Enbender, Carolyn Cohen Enbender

## MAZEL TOV TO

Matthew Heiss graduated from U. Conn in May, Wesley Korisky graduated from Heritage H.S. Colorado & Colin Korisky graduated from Middle School in Colorado.  
Grandchildren of Simeon & Glenda Korisky of Randolph.

Charlotte (Alpert) Rosenberg of Bridgewater, MA. and the late Mike congratulate their granddaughter Michelle Spinney on her graduation from Bridgewater-Raynham H.S. She will be attending Franklin Pierce University in the fall. Michelle is the daughter of Jill & Steve Geller.

Mazel Tov to Merle & Lester Levenbaum of Needham, MA. on the graduation of their grandson Scott Michael Rosen of Sharon, MA. from Bentley University, Magna cum Laude.  
from Evelyn & Bert Nessen

Mazel Tov to Herb Rae Raffelson on the Bat Mitzvah of his granddaughter Charlotte Godas.

Mazel Tov to Selma & Syd Engler of Norwood, MA. on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Matthew James Hickey.  
from Evelyn & Bert Nessen.

Mazel Tov to Sonny & Barbara Shapiro of Stoughton, MA. on the graduation of their grandson Matthew from Holy Cross.  
from Evelyn & Bert Nessen,

Mazel Tov to Lester & Merle Levenbaum of Needham, MA. on the graduation of their granddaughter Erica Levenbaum from Westford Academy and will attend John Hopkins in the fall.  
from Evelyn & Bert Nessen,

With great pride, Barbara (Feldman) and Saul Hatch of Margate, FL. announce the graduation of their granddaughter Ashley Rebecca Pierce from Framingham State College, Ashley is the daughter of Joe & Donna (Hatch) Pierce has graduated Cum Laude.

Our late Board member Arlene Kawadler's mother Dorothy Franklin celebrated her 100th birthday at the Fireman House in Randolph, MA. with Arlene's children & grandchildren. The FFA Board wishes her a very happy birthday. from Rita Libman.

Selma & Syd Engler of Norwood, MA. are happy to announce the Middle School graduation of their granddaughter, Lauren Nicole Eskoz, daughter of Paula & Norman Eskoz of McHenry, ILL. Lauren is an honor student & received several awards at her graduation, We are very proud of her.

Syd & Selma Engler of Norwood, MA. are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Matthew James Hickey, son of Meryl & Ken Hickey of Framingham, MA. on May 15, 2010, We are very proud of his performance at the service.

Barbara & Irv Coppel of Highland Park, IL. are proud to announce that their grandson, Jack Gillman was Bar Mitzvahed on Saturday March 6, 2010.

Mel & Charlotte Frazer of Boynton Beach, FL. announces the graduation of their granddaughter Jenna Fuld from High School, Easton, MA.

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## NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

I love the newsletter, I have been in Highland Park, IL. for 60 years, since graduation from the University of Illinois. Thanks for all your hard work, keep them coming. from Irv & Barbara Coppel.

I look forward to receiving my FFA newsletter and seeing all the names from my past. Can't wait to go to the reunion in Florida next February. Hope to see many old friends.  
Gloria Pitchel Kublin

Always look forward to receiving the newsletter. It keeps us in touch with whats going on. Thanks Zel Shinfeld.

Thanks for all the nice memories. Pyhllis Lerner Verducci.

## PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Well here we are again, the FFA of Massachusetts just had another fantastic affair, at Christia's in Foxboro, MA. I would like to thank all the members and their friends made it the success it was, especially the committee who work very hard putting this affair together. I would still love to see more of our membership participate in our affairs, we do work hard on doing this for our members. It was great as always seeing friends from the days at Fanklin Park and the Talbot Bowling Alleys that we haven't seen in years.

As I mentioned our last newsletter the Board of Directors are in the process of looking for a great location for our 25th anniversary, just think 25 years, "boy" where does the time go! We are looking to run this affair either June or September 2013. I really would like to see many of my old friends, that I have not seen for a while, so watch your newsletter and the website for location and date.

There is one thing I ask from the membership, keep sending in your donations, this is what keeps us alive. It pays for mailing and printing on the newsletter and to maintain the website, without your support there would be no more news to report to you the membership. Also, we need your happenings good, bad or indifference news.

## FFA COMING EVENTS

*The FFA in Florida has booked the Signiture Grand, Davie, Florida for February 13, 2011. Mark your calander to save the date. Watch your newsletter or Website for more information.*

*The Committee is busy looking for a location to run our 25th anniversary reunion in May or September 2013, So, please watch for the date and location, we are hoping for a very large turn out for this affair.*

*We will also post all affair on our web-site so you can view it on:*

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## CONDOLENCE

Condolences of one to one of our own classmates Buddy, and friend: Edward "Labey" Cutler. remembered by: Jordan "Jordy" Goldings, Alvin "Al" Graiver, Larry Herson, William "Billy" Kaunfer, Paul "Cookie" Rosenblatt and Barry Tutin. From the great class of "Mother" Roxbury Memorial High School Class of 1953

Our heartfelt condolences go to the family of Labey Cutler. We will miss our dear old friend and wish Lucy and her family fond memories that will sustain them forever: Love Bobbie and Lenny Goldstein.



## NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

### "PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED"

Hi to all members, I would like to address all members who are planning to move..... we need you to give us your new address, if you enjoy receiving the newsletter we need your current mailing address. Each time we mail out a newsletter, we always get back quite a few that have moved and your name is put in a dead file, so please give us the courtesy of notifying us.

If your address, zip code, telephone number, area code or any personal information has changed since our last newsletter, please let us know so we can update our files.

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## IN MEMORY OF

In memory of our long time friend Herb Nitkin a gentle giant who died in March, from his gang, the Balsams & the Lucernes. from Sumner L. Gilfix

In memory of my dear friend Barney Platzman who passed away April 2010, with condolences to my best friend Shanie Platzman & family of Sharon, MA. from Sylvia Magerer of Dunkirk, MD.

In memory of the passing of Edward (Labe) Cutler and to his lovely wife Lucy and family... from his pals, friends, buddies and classmates of (Roxbury Memorial high Schook 1953) Shalom from Jordan (Jordy) Goldings, Alvin (Al) Graiver, Larry Herso, William (Billy) Kaunfer, Paul (Cookie) Rosenblatt, and Barry (Rutin) Tutin.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvey Segal of Randolph, MA. was one of the 120 veterans of WW11 who were honored on April 14 by the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC for liberating consetration camps in Europe.

Jeremiah E. Burke class of 1955 is planning their 55th reunon, Looking for clasmates. Please call:  
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