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MAZEL TOV TO

Mazel Tov to Alan & Elaine Shneider of Mashpee & Ft. Lauderdale, on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Peri Beth Goldin, daughter of Randi & John Goldin of Boca Raton, FL.

Arthur & Linda (Sonnenfeld) Budd of Boynton Beach, FL. joyfully announce the Bat Mitzvah of our granddaughter Amanda Stephanie Budd, daughter of Jeffery & Carrie (Wald) Budd of Atlanta, GA. on April 4, 2009.

Congratulations to dear cousins Arlene & Lenny Elman on the Bas Mitzvah of their fabulous granddaughter, Melanie. from Ruth & David Morgan.

My granddaughter, Jessica Altman, graduating E. Taunton High School, 2nd Sunday of June, Our family is so proud. Granny, from Arlene Altman, Boca Raton, FL.

EDITORIAL

Many thanks to you, our members who helped to make the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Franklin Field Association held at the Sheraton Needham Hotel on September 21st, 2008., the success that it was.

We the Committee, Ellie Forman, Elaine Shindler, Dottie Rosenberg, Phyllis Fuld and Phyllis Spiro who worked so hard to make this day as wonderful and as much fun we had hoped it would be, were delighted to see so many of you attending after all the plans had been made. Many thanks to Bert Nessen for all the hours he spent putting together the booklet, and name tags that everyone received when they registered.

We appreciated your continued support in all future functions and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Rita (Kaplan) Libman, and I approve of this message.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Judy Spector,
Harold Waldman,
Diana (Steinberg) Sherman,
Gloria (Josephs) Provencher,
Debbie Schwalb,
Cynthia (Springer) Wassarman,
Mimi (Lovitz) Burns,
Gerald Eidelman,
Lenny Rittenberg,
Laura Levy,
Jordan & Shelly Golding,
Ruth Clark,
Miriam (Pearl) Allen,
June (Hecht) Freeman,
Mervyn Weiner,
Harvey Doren,
Marvin & Joyce Black,

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So. Easton, MA.
Newton, MA.
Northboro, MA.
Delray Beach, FL.
Delray Beach, FL.
Stoughton, MA.
Jamaica Plain, MA.
Boynton Beach, FL.
Deerfield, FL.
Boca Raton, FL.
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Dover, NH.
Newton Highlands, MA.
West Orange, NJ
Newton, MA.
Chestnut Hill, MA.

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From Left to Right: Mike Swartz, Subby Kreskal, Paul Saperstein, Eddie Opper, Stan Bower

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I HAVE A HAPPENING

You will get more enjoyment out of the newsletter when you share your happenings with all of us.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Well, my dear members, another year, 2009 and hope all of you are in good health, it's tough to reach the age that some of us are without feeling a little aching. I and the Board wish you a very speedy recovery from your ailments and have a good and healthy year!

As you know we try to bring you the members, some sort of a function. These are planned for you by the Board members in Massachusetts and Florida who work very hard planning an affair. So all we ask of you is to attend, not all, but some. We just had a luncheon in Florida, very successful and back in October 2008 Massachusetts had the best affair in many years, so when we send out flyers announcing an up-coming affair, get together with your friends and make your reservation.

Now, on the other hand, as you know the FFA really does not make any profit from these affairs. So we depend on your generosity (donations) to help keep the organization running, over the past few years your contributions have been great, so all we ask of you, don't wait until tomorrow, do it today, with the cost of every thing going up we really do need your help.

DONATIONS

Chet Block,
Ronald Promisel,
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Sophia Fleishman,
Herb & Nan White,
Irwin & Sylvia Rosenfield,
David & Ruth Morgan,
Arthur & Linda Budd,
Leo & Adeline Francer,
Sara Rothman, PH.D
Barbara Gerber,
Gil & Ronnie (Krakofsky)Lipman,
Bernie & Barbara Pearl,
Jerry Eidelman,
Lew & Bobbie (Jaffe) Salett,
Stan & Elaine Bower,
Herbert & Irene Ginberg,
David Derman,
Ellie Forman,
Buddy & Evelyn (Simon) Dolins,

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So. Easton, MA
Delray Beach, FL.
Boynton Beach, FL.
Delray Beach, FL.
Silver Spring, MD.
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Pembroke, MA.
Boynton Beach, FL.
Jamaica Plain, MA.
Boynton Beach, FL.
Osterville, MA.
Ashland, MA.
Danvers, MA.
Stoughton, MA.
Delray Beach, FL.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Ruth Averbuck,
Don Rodman,
Philip & Barbara Poverman,
Jerry & Barbara Kawadler,

Braintree, MA.
Foxboro, MA.
Chestnut Hill, MA.
Milton, MA.

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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.

Your Franklin Field Association welcomes all monetary contributions from its members, regardless of the amount, all contributions are tax deductible.

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NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Wonderful party, I was thrilled to be there, keep up the great job your doing;
Ruth Averbuck of Braintree, MA

I grew up in Dorchester and now live on Long Island, New York. I would love to hear from anyone who might remember me! Judy (Levine) Altman
bestsafta@hotmail.com

Thanks for doing such a good job with the newsletter. I always look forward to receiving it.
Barbara (Segal) Gerber, Dorchester, MA.

Thanks for all your hard work.
Herbert & Irene Ginsberg, Ashland, MA.

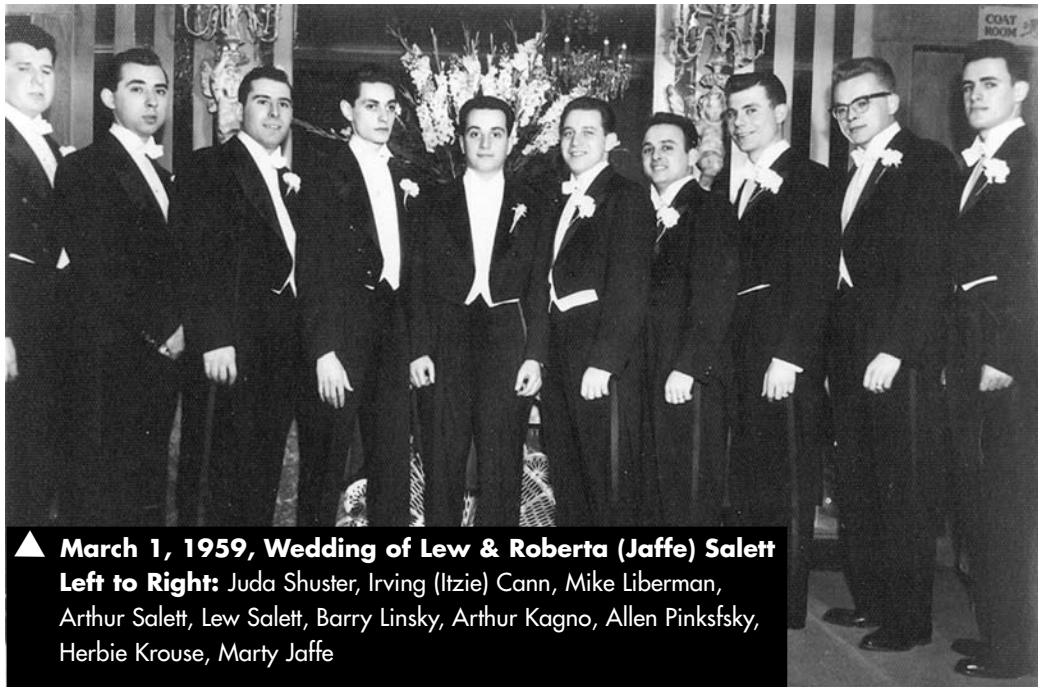
IN MEMORY OF

In loving memory of our classmate "Normy Gear." from Labey Cutler, Jordy Goldings, Barry Tutin.

In memory of a dear friend and pal, Irwin "Red" Gomberg of Dorchester & Boynton Beach, FL. who passed away in October. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Francine and his family from his old time gang. David Kline, Washington DC

NEW GRANDPARENTS

Jean & Herb Melker of Sharon MA. are pleased to announce the birth of their first great grand child, Jayden Alan Kelly, on October 1, 2008.



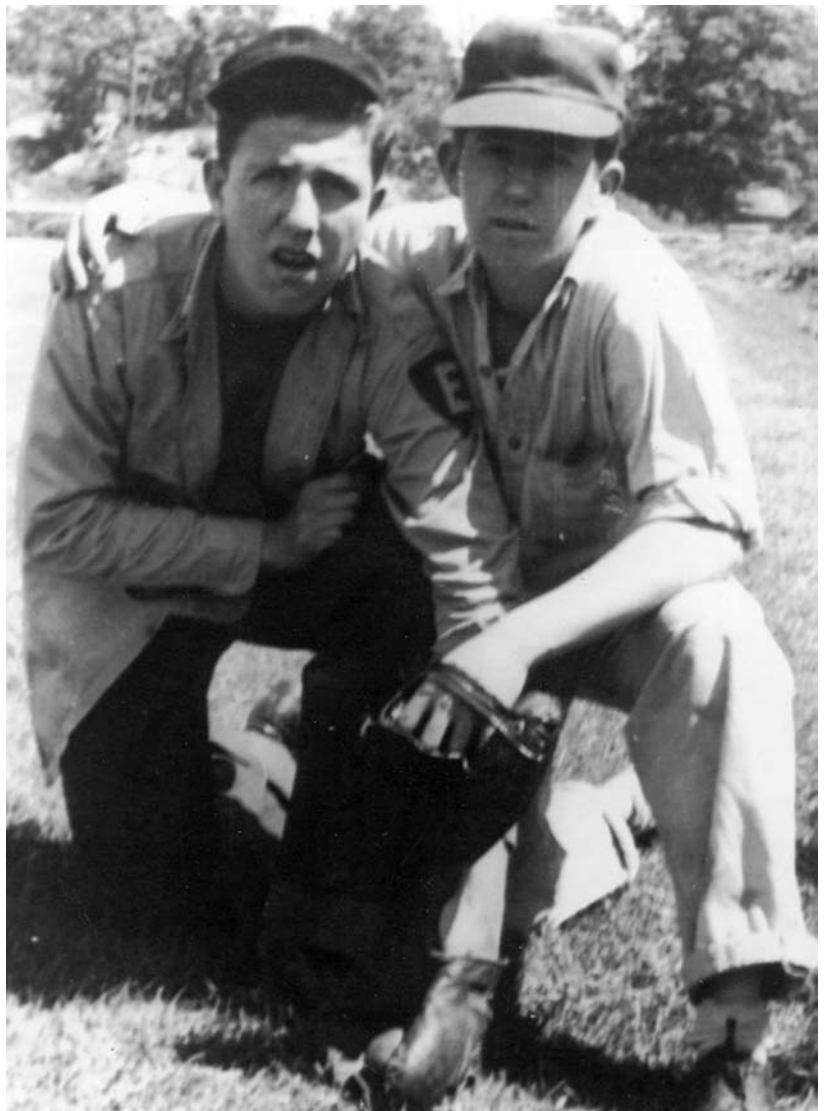
▲ **March 1, 1959, Wedding of Lew & Roberta (Jaffe) Salett**
Left to Right: Juda Shuster, Irving (Itzie) Cann, Mike Liberman,
 Arthur Salett, Lew Salett, Barry Linsky, Arthur Kagno, Allen Pinksfsky,
 Herbie Krouse, Marty Jaffe



▲ **Roxbury, 1950**
 Arnie Grell & Lenny Sack



◀ **Around 1944
 or 1945**
 Doris (Feldman) Pratt,
 Lillian (Hyman) Cohen
 3rd girl unknown



▲ **Franklin Field, Summer of 1947 - Two Aspiring Ball Players**
 Danny Rosenfield & Lenny Glazer



▲ **Fishing, 1952**
 Charlie Akashian & Alan Libman

CONDOLENCE

Condolences to Francine (Josephs) Gomberg of Boynton Beach, on the loss of her beloved husband, Irwin Gomberg.

Condolences to Samuel Smokler of Needham, MA. on the loss of his beloved wife Arlene (Weiss) Smokler

Condolences to Carl Gutterman of Sharon, MA. on the loss of his brother, William Gutterman.

Condolences to the family of Charley "Itchy" Itchkawitz of Stratford, CT.
from Philip & Barbara Poverman, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Condolences to Barbara Weinberg of Boynton Beach, FL. on the loss of her beloved husband Jackie Weinberg, Feb. 4, 2008. He was a wonderful caring special person.

Condolences to Louis Fritz and his family on the loss of his wife Phyllis. from long time & dear friend Barbara (Segal) Gerber

Condolences to Fred Holtzman of Bridgeport, CT of the loss of his wife, from Bernie & Barbara Pearl, Boynton Beach, FL.

Condolences to the family of Edith Sklaver of Malden, MA. who passed away on July 6th 2008

Condolences to Elaine (Berkson) Timmons of Needham, MA. on the loss of her beloved sister Barbara (Berkson) Samuels of Stoughton, MA. & Florida.
from cousins Evelyn & Bert Nessen

Condolences to Herb Geller of Needham, MA. on the loss of his beloved wife Lorelei (Lori Needle) Geller.
from good freinds Evelyn & Bert Nessen

ANNIVERSARIES

45th Stan & Connie Pearl of Delray Beach, FL.

50th Mike & Roberta (Brown) Kaplan, of Rockland, MA.

Lew & Bobbie Salett, Boynto Beach, FL

Buddy & Evelyn (Simon) Dolins of Delray Beach, FL.

55th Bert & Evelyn (Chernov) Nessen, of Holbrook, MA.

Irwin & Sylvia Rosenfield, of Easton, MA.

Gil & Ronni (Krakofsky) Lipman, of Pembroke, MA,

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"SENIORS CAN'T ALL BE BAD"

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others.

However, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT the senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,
The pride out of appearance,
The courtesy out of driving,
The romance out of love,
The commitment out of marriage,
The golden rule from rulers,
The responsibility out of parenthood,
The civility out of behavior
The togetherness out of the family,
The learning out of education,
The service out of patriotism,
The refinement out of language,
The dedication out of employment,
The prudence out of spending,
The ambition out of achievement, or,
God out of government and schools,

And we certainly are not the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!!

And, we do understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our counrty,

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party....even if it lasts until 8 p.m.
I'm very good at opening childproof caps.... with a hammer.
I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I am going.
I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.
I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.
I'm very good at telling stories: over and over and over and over.
I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not nearly as cute as mine.
I'm so cared for -- long term care, eye care, private care, dental care.

I'm not really grouchy, I just don't like traffic, waiting in crowds, lawyers, loud mudic, unruly kids, Jenny Craig and Toyota commercials, barking dogs, politicians and a few other things I can't seem to remember right now.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe place, somewhere I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

I'm having trouble remembering simple words like.....

I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

I'm sure they are making adults much younger these days, and when did they let kids become policemen?

I'm wondering, if you're only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150?

And, how can my kids be older than I feel sometimes.

I'm a walking storeroom of facts.... I've just lost the key to the storeroom door.

Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN and I think I am having the time of my life

Submitted by: Fred Kaplan

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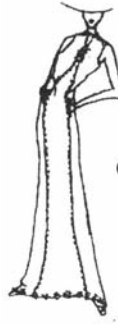


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A speedy recovery to Hiky (Swartz) Summerfield of Stoughton, MA. after a knee replacement.
from friend Phyllis Fuld

A speedy recovery to board member Phyllis Fuld of Stoughton, MA. on her recent hip replacement.
from Evelyn & Bert Nessen

Speedy recovery to Arlene Saperstein of Boston, MA. after having back surgery.
from long time girl friend Rita Libman.

To my favorite brother-in-law Yosie Spillberg, best wishes on your successful surgery.
Love Herbie

Get well wishes to Evelyn Nessen of Holbrook, MA. on her recent surgery.
from: Ellie Forman, Dottie & Gerry Rosenberg.

Get well wishes to Phyllis Fuld of Stoughton, MA, on her recent surgery.
from Dottie & Gerry Rosenberg, and Ellie Forman.

To Arlene Saperstein on her recent surgery.
from: Ellie Forman, Jerry & Dottie Rosenberg.

A speedy recovery to our very good friend Sid Engler of Norwood & Florida.
from Evelyn & Bert

DOES ANYONE KNOW ME?

My name is Frederick Portnoy and I grew up on Kingsdale Street in Dorchester, off Talbot Avenue, later moving to Hazleton Street in Mattapan before moving to Randolph and finally into Avon. My older brothers (2) and one sister frequented the Bowling Alley on Talbot Ave and were into stock cars etc. and Nantucket Beach. Maybe you knew them. As a youth, my friends new me as Rick or Ricky for Frederick was too long of a name. My grandfather had built the synagogue across from the Sara Greenwood School and my uncle was the Rabbi there. I frequented The Wall, the G&G Deli, Norfolk & Almont playgrounds and the Mattapan Bowling Alley between Hazleton & Walk Hills Streets, before moving on to the South Shore. I was married for 19 wonderful years before my wife passed away in 1999. I was active duty Air Force, then continued with the Army Reserves and National Guard before retiring in January 2000, In 1971 I started working for the State and will retire January 31, 2009. I have fond memories of the many friends I had, but over the years we lost track. Now with a lot of free time, I would like to meet up with friends from the past. I am a new member of the FFA (as of September 2008) and look forward to meeting some of you at one of the affairs through this organization. Feel free to contact me via Reverend@usa.com . Yes, a few years ago I became a non-denominational reverend. That must certainly be shocking to those who knew me.



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