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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

I don't know where the time goes, but it's time for another Newsletter, although not much has changed since our last correspondence.

Now that the Covid is easing I'm sure in the very near future, the board will hopefully get together and formulate something of great interest for our wonderful members.

We do thank all of you who sent in donations, please continue to do this notes of interests and photos. We love reading about you and your loved ones.

Well, before we know it, Chanukah, Christmas and New Year will be here. May I wish you a Happy Year to come, and may your days be filled with good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Herb Raffelson, President.



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NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

I want to thank all those dedicated people who make this newsletter possible. I really enjoy all the news.

Gloria (Epstein) Koltz, of Holyoke, MA

Hello to my classmates from RMHS. We had a great time in our class of 1954! Wishing you all good health and sunshine.

Anne (Wolfe) Silva of Greenacres, FL

Thanks for finding me. I live in MA, I hurt my shoulder and had

to and wanted to move near family. Irene Ginsburg of Hopkinton, MA

Keep up the good work. Earl Titlebaum of Boca Raton, FL

Thank you for all your work, well done. Sandra (Kaufman) Berger of Boca Raton, FL

Never give up, it's the greatest.

Myra & Bob Pransky of Randolph, MA

I do hope this contribution will help keep your association and newsletter operating for as long as possible. It represents a time not forgotten and an illustration of what courageous and determined people achieve! Barry Haight of Venice, FL

Keep up the wonderful work you do, love getting news about the old neighborhood. Claire Stearns of Needham Heights, MA

Barbara and I look forward to receiving the newsletter and enjoy the pictures and comments, which trigger our memories. Barbara (Custin) and Philip Poverman of Chestnut Hill, MA

Thank you for all the hard work to keep the newsletter going.

Ann Marsh of Lake Worth, FL

Enjoy reading the newsletter, thank you.

Marilynn Grosky of Sharon, MA

Hope my donation helps keeping the Association active.

Gerry Gitner of Boynton Beach, FL

Hi, I am still living, nice picture of my cousin Allan and Sheldon Adelson. I saw the Cutler sisters at your last dinner.

Hope we all stay well. Irving Murstein of Weymouth, MA

A special thank you to all who help put a great newsletter!!!! We always enjoy reading every word.

Jeannie (Poretsky) & Charlie Albert of Foxboro, MA

My pleasure to enclose a check to support of your continual good

work in continuing the FFA Newsletter. Sincerely, Sid Kaufman of Boca Raton, Fl and New Seabury, MA

It was much appreciated that Rita (Kaplan) Libman put a rememberance in the newsletter. I hope that the enclosed check helps keeping the letter going. Tell Rita Libman, I think of her

brother in law every day. Thank you again.

Jay Shapiro of Boynton Beach, FL

Thank you for your Newsletter, I'm afraid I don't know anyone listed, but is is fun to see the pictures, and read about my old neighborhood. I guess no one remembers me or my brother, David Jacobs, because no one has ever responded to my pleas for contact. I am hoping to hear from anyone fro the classes of '43 or 44' J. E, Burke, anyone who might remember me. Please keep up the good work. It's a tough job to put out your paper and it is most certainly appreciated and eagerly awaited.

Frances (Jacobs) Sharon of Randolph, MA

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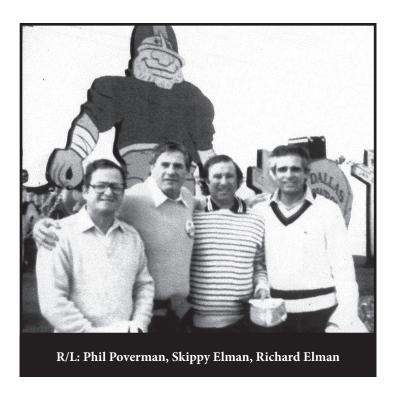
Stan & Elaine (Godoff) Bower of Milton, MA, I am very proud of their three children: Talia Lichtstein daughter of Kari Bower and Andy Lichtstein, graduated from the University of California, Berkley. Trevor Abraham son of Lisa Bower and Alan Abraham graduated from Elon University in North Carolina. Madison Abraham daughter of Lisa Bower and Alan Abraham is going into her sophomore year at University of Vermont.

Cynthia (Albert) Bramberg, of Peabody, MA is happy to announce the marriage of her son Peter Bramberg to his beloved Debbi Clemenzi on July 10, 2021, whom we all adore, and we're all so happy.

Congratulations to my grandson Alex on his marriage to Alexandra Pohl. Rustie Fisher, E. Taunton, MA

My congratulations to my grandson, Matthew Hickey, on his receiving his Master's Degree from UCLA, California. We are very proud of him. Selma Engler, Norwood, Ma

I would like to welcome my new great-granddaughter. Ava Isabelle Dvorkin was born on Friday August 13th, and lives in Canton, MA. Her big sister Maya is so excited to have a little sister. Anne (Wolfe) Silva of Greenacres, Fl



NEW MEMBERS

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

Sydell (Cutler) Rosen, Needham, MA

BIRTHDAYS

- 25th Happy Birthday to my beautiful granddaughter Lauren Nicole Eskoz. Selma Engler of Norwood, MA
- 85th Sandra (Sneider) Liftman of Canton, MA has recently celebrated her Birthday. Best wishes from her husband Ted and her children Robin, Mark and Kimberly.
- 85th Happy Birthday in honor of my cousin and dear friend Rita (Kaplan) Libman. Gloria (Epstein) Koltz of Holyoke, MA
- 90th Happy 90th birthday to my wonderful and amazing husband Clint Israel. Thank you for being my best friend for over 63 years. Your loving wife, Carol Israel of Marblehead, MA
- 90th Happy birthday to my very special brother in law
 Clint Israel, sending lots of love and best wishes.
 Phyllis Fuld of Stoughton, MA
- 92nd Stanley I. Berger of Boca Raton will celebrate his 92nd birthday, with his family. Herb Kaufman, Beverly (Kaufman) Wolfe, and Sandra (Kaufman) Berger say "HELLO" to all F.F. Friends.

ANNIVERSARIES

- **63rd** Doris & Elliot Hershoff, of Peabody, MA Wedding Anniversary, June 15, 2021.
- **63rd** Bob & Barbara Kagan of Boynton Beach, FL, formally of Sharon, Ma
- 66th Helayne (Bornstein) Dratch of Boynton Beach, Fl,Married for 66 years to the love of my life, Nathan!What a bright spot in my day when the newsletter arrives



Top L/R: Arlene (Shaff) Elman. ?, Elaine Katz, Jeannie Bianchi Front L/R: Sandra Hecht, Mimi Cohen, Ellie Schwartz, ?

WRITERS CORNER

My name is Burt Herman I grew up @ 24 Greenwood Street, Dorchester, near the Fowler Street Shul. I sold newspapers, set pins at the Grove Hall bowling alley, was a soda jerk at Lillenfield's drug store at the corner of Washington and Erie Street. During my college years I sold Encylopedia Britannica, waited tables at Steuben's restaurant, delivered flowers for Winstons on Newbury Street and was a waiter at the Jewish Resort known as Camp Annisquam in West Gloucester.

In Junior High I was on the Allies basketball team. We played at the YMCHA on Seaver Street. I went to the Patrick Campbell and Roxbury Memorial (class of 49) I received a BS in Business and MA in education from Suffolk. I Subbed in the Boston School system, then at Foxboro High for two years before entering the financial service business. I was in the Naval Security Group serving in French Morocco for 21 months. I've worked in the financial services business for the past 60 years, managing Transamerica's two Chicago Branch offices for 35 years before striking out on my own, 25 years ago, as the Herman Agency, Inc.....which my son, Larry, now heads.

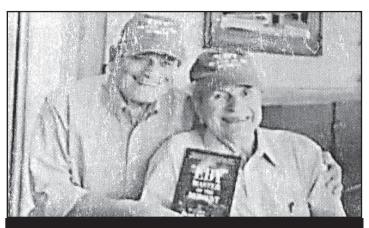
On thanksgiving eve 1975, our DC-10 (wife and 3 young children) missed colliding with an L-1011, 36,000 feet over Carleton, Michigan. The margin was an incredible 20 feet. The closest near miss in the history of commercial aviation, literally a fraction of a second, the blink of an eye.

Forty three years later thanks to a series of serendipities, I finally met and hugged the pilot, Guy Eby, who saved us. He recently celebrated his 102nd birthday. I along with several passengers and a stewardess attended his 100th birthday in Daytona Beach, meeting their hero for the first time.

CBS TV produced a documentary, based on my book, it was aired Thanksgiving eve 2018 and re-aired thanksgiving eve 2019. The link is: https://wimeo.com/user72252756/review/305596138/bd333b95f1

Elaine and I have been married for 61 years. We divide our time between Sarasota, Florida and Oak Brook, Illinois. We have three wonderful children and six amazing grandchildren.

I am most grateful to editor Phyllis Fuld and the Board of the Franklin Field Association (Newsletter) for facilitating fond memories.



Bert and Elaine Herman





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In memory of Stan Ross husband of Fran Ross of Delray Beach, FL. from Dottie (Williams) & Gerry Rosenberg of Boynton Beach, FL

In Memory of Sonny Hirsch, from Dottie (Williams) & Gerry Rosenberg from Boynton Beach, FL

In memory of my loving wife Deanna (Keimach) Werrick. Buddy Werrick of Delray Beach, FL

In memory of Harold Mindel, my dear friend of 26 years, who passed away 5/30/21. He was a kind and generous man who will bemissed by all who knew him and called him a real mensch, from Cynthia (Albert) Bramberg from Peabody, MA

In memory of Arthur Greenbaum who passed away on June 3rd, 2021. Arthur and I worked together for 50 years at Tri-City Sales. He was a good friend and I will miss him. Cynthia (Albert) Bramberg of Peabody, MA

In memory of my sister Rita (Resnick) Swartz of Stoughton, MA Norman Resnick, of Palm Beach, FL

In memory of my beloved husband Irving (Irv) Coppel who passed away in May of 2020. Barbara Coppel of Highland Park, IL

In memory of Charles Francer, father of Washington, DC attorney Jeffrey Francer, passed away at age 74 in August, 2021. I knew him from birth as a brother of my friend Leo Francer. also left a daughter in law and two grandchildren. Irving Murstein of Weymouth, MA

I am going to miss my good friend Mikey Swartz. We were friends since I was 15yrs. old. We spoke twice a week, ever since he moved to Florida. My condolences to his wife Susan and his sons Jeffrey and Wayne. From Stan (Stushe) & Elaine (Godoff) Bower, Milton, MA

In memory of our beloved brother Marvin Raffelson, he was a great brother. God bless you. Herbie Raffelson of Easton and Arlene Spillberg of Stoughton, MA

In loving memory of Albert Beiderman of Delray Beach, Fl He was a special man, if you noticed the fancy stamps on our newsletters they were sent from Al, every 6 months came in the package of stamps to the FFA. He leaves his daughter Margie Beiderman of San Jose, CA

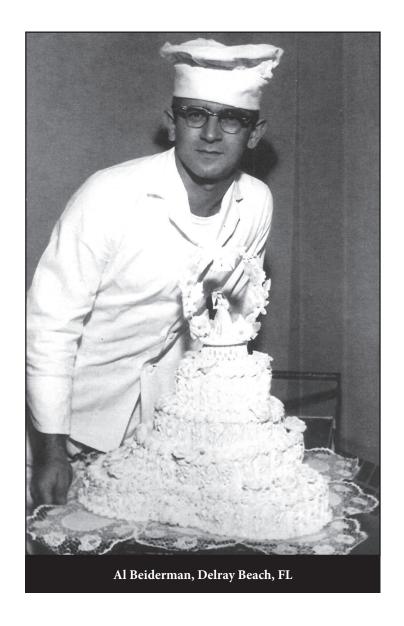
IN MEMORY OF (CONT.)

So sorry to hear of Barry Linsky's passing, my deepest condolences to his wife and m y old friend Elaine Linsky!
Selma Engler of Norwood, MA

Once again I encourage all my friends to join me in tribute to their loved ones. Anne (Wolfe) Silva of Greenacres, FL

On a very sad note, I am honoring my dear friend, Joan Fishman of Holbrook, MA as she passed away this week. Tragic and heart breaking. I send my sincere love and sympathy to her beautiful family. Joan started as a neighbor and become an incredible friend for over 60yrs. She started Capeway Company with me many years ago. A talented artist, wonderful friend and an incredible Mom---Joan you are missed by so many.

Anne (Wolfe) Silva of Greenacres, FL



Wolks donate \$5 million for Hebrew Senior Life's Memory Care Center

BOSTON – For Peabody native Deanna Wolk, her reason to support Hebrew SeniorLife's Center for Memory Health came by way of volunteering to play mah-jongg with seniors at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale.

For Dorchester – native and businessman Sidney Wolk, his reason was the family tzedakah or charity box growing up, where they put their spare change, no matter how tough times got.

Recently, the nonprofit Hebrew SeniorLife, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, announced the Boston couple had donated \$5 million to support both patients and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's dementias and other memory care issues.

For their generous donation, Hebrew SeniorLife has named its Center for Memory Health in honor of Deanna and Sidney Wolk, the chairman and CEO of the Medford-based The Cross Country Group.

The center for Memory Health was launched in 2019 at Hebrew Seniorlife's Hebrew Rehabiliation Center in Roslindale. The center provides Harvard Medical School-affiliated outpatient memory care services, both in person and virtually, for those dealing with cognitive challenges such as Alzheimer's, memory loss and dementia. The gift will help expand these services to patients and caregivers.

The donation comes at a time when 5 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's according to Hebrew SeniorLife. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the need of these patients and others with memory care issues have only increased, with Hebrew SeniorLife reporting demand for additional support.

"They have stepped up in a time like no other in an area, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, that is expected to triple in size in the coming years," said Lou Woolf, president and CEO of Hebrew SeniorLife, in a statement.

Deanna Wolk said during an interview on Zoom she became involved with Hebrew SeniorLife as a volunteer, playing mah-jongg or working in the gift shop, something she has been doing for years, though the COVID crisis has curtailed her ability to volunteer in person and be with the people she knows.

From her volunteer work, she saw the great care residents were getting from staff and Hebrew SeniorLife. They have contributed in the past to the founding of a hospice and other programs.

"Having seen and given to other programs before, we saw... all the good work they do for so many different people," Sidney Wolk said.

Growing up in Dorchester, Sidney Wolk said he learned the meaning of tzedakah living in a Dorchester household where his father worked as a plumber.

"When the union had work, there was a week's pay," Sidney Wolk said, and when there wasn't, times were very, very tough. But, always they had that little box, no matter how little we had, it was instilled upon us by my parents to, "Put all your spare coins in that Jewish National {Fund} box and give to charity. You have to help people less fortunate than you."

"And that of course permeated my whole existence, to be honest with you," Sidney Wolk added. "We've been very lucky. Giving back is very, very important, and we try to do the best we can for so many people."

Wolk went to Boston Latin where he is still active and serves as a trustee. After, he attended Boston University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and went on to become a successful entrepreneur. Wolk still has the fire in his belly to give back.

"It's very, very important to help others that aren't as fortunate or as lucky as I have been. And I'd rather be lucky than smart, and I'm very, very lucky," said Sidney Wolk, who said his family is a conservative Jewish one. They keep kosher home, and still attend Temple Emunah in Lexington, where they lived for 30 years before moving to Boston. "We still enjoy a Jewish life," Sidney Wolk said. The couple have three children and eight grandchildren. Their daughter, Robin Wolk, serves as President of Congregation Or Atid in Wayland.

Growing up in Peabody, Deanne Wolk said her family belonged to a small Orthdodox synagogue on Littles Lane downtown where her father was vice president.

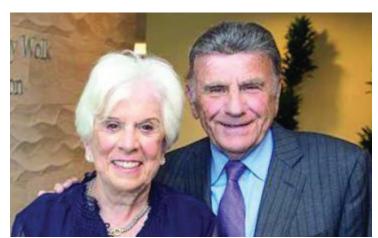
The Wolks are dedicated to support the Center for Memory Health because so many people they know have been affected by Alzheimer's and other memory care Issues.

"We have relatives, friends, etc, that are afflicted with this terrible disease and their families really don't know how to handle it, what to do and what have you," Sidney Wolk said. "So, their journey to help the people they love live a better life for as long as they can, and most importantly, for their own well-being as well."

Sidney Wolk said he has been impressed by the staff of the Wolk Center. Since making the donation, Deanna Wolk said they have received calls from people thanking them, including those who are taking advantage of the center's services.

The Wolks praised the work of the center's Dr. Alvaro Pascual-Leone, the neurologist who is the medical director of the Wolk Center for Memory Health.

"He's just terrific, he's a very impressive fellow with great credentials and a great heart, he really cares about the patients that he's serving, so it's just a good combination," Deanna Wolk said.



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NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members.

I am so thankful for all the wonderful support you have given the FFA. Our members are still asking us to keep the newsletter going, as I said before it will continue as long as our members support us.

The past few years, some of our members suggested new columns such as the "Writers Column", etc.. As you will see members have sent in articles for the newsletter, I hope you all enjoy reading them, as much as we do.

Keep the columns coming, Birthdays, Anniversaries, In memory, mazel tovs, Writers Column and articles.

Please keep the newsletter going, we need your help to do it. Let's continue the fun and friendships we experience by sharing our memories and news, keep the happenings coming.

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