



THE TATTLER

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*Our beloved founders presented to us a beautiful temple of family ties.
It is our duty to preserve it for our future generations - cousins forever!*

Next Meeting

Come on – join us

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 11:30 AM at the home of Helene & Alan Fine, 7201 Westover Way, Somerset, NJ 08873. Please give them a call at 732-469-3768 and let them know that you'll be there! They will be happy to send you directions. A collation will be served.

Last Meeting

Here's some of what you missed

A discussion of Stanley Rothman's current motion concerning amending the By-Laws regarding fees collected by the BFC for burial at Beth David cemetery, by both those in attendance and those who corresponded via the mail, highlighted the fact that there is a high level of misunderstanding surrounding the motion. For that reason, the motion was unanimously tabled until the next meeting, and this information is being passed along to all family members, so they can vote with full knowledge. The motion reads:

"I, Stanley Rothman, a member-in-good-standing, make a motion to amend the By-Laws of the BFC, to eliminate the fee of \$150.00 to obtain a permit for burial." Seconded by Rona Lee Barnett.

Clarification of the motion is as follows: The fee of \$150.00 is a one-time fee assessed to cover cemetery beautification and maintenance in lieu of purchasing individual (private) perpetual care (approximately \$3200.00). This \$150.00 fee is deposited into the Jack Cohen Memorial Fund – the fund used for cemetery beautification. This fee must be paid prior to issuance of a permit to erect a footstone.

If you vote "FOR" this motion, you're voting to eliminate the \$150.00 one-time assessment. The BFC will not be responsible for upkeep of the individual graves.

If you vote "AGAINST" this motion, you're voting to retain the \$150.00 one-time assessment. The BFC will maintain your loved one's grave in perpetuity.

Everyone is urged to think carefully before voting. Remember, only "members-in-good-standing" may vote on this issue.

~ ~ ~ **Send all ballots to "BFC VOTE" % Alan Fine, 7201 Westover Way, Somerset, NJ 08873** ~ ~ ~

THEY WILL REMAIN SEALED UNTIL THE VOTE TAKES PLACE ON MAY 3, 2009.

<p>BALLOT – TO ELIMINATE \$150.00 ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>() "FOR" - eliminate the \$150.00 fee. I understand that the BFC will not be responsible for any future upkeep.</p> <p>() "AGAINST" - keep the \$150.00 one-time assessment and maintain my loved one's grave in perpetuity.</p> <p>Signature _____</p>	<p>BALLOT – TO ELIMINATE \$150.00 ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>() "FOR" - eliminate the \$150.00 fee. I understand that the BFC will not be responsible for any future upkeep.</p> <p>() "AGAINST" - keep the \$150.00 one-time assessment and maintain my loved one's grave in perpetuity.</p> <p>Signature _____</p>
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From the Editor

The view from my desk

In early March Helene & I flew down to Florida. Our son and his family live in Tampa. We spent three nights visiting with them – but that's not what this story is about!

In November, my mom, Florre Fine, fell and had very successful hip replacement surgery. She's doing great – thanks for asking! She moved from her condo in Sunrise Lakes to the independent living facility at The Preserve at Palm Aire in Pompano Beach. We drove down from Tampa and arrived in Pompano at dinner time on Sunday – she never looked better! We spent all day Monday running around with her doing errands, shopping, and having lunch and dinner. A great day!

On Tuesday we met friends from NY (who now live in Boca Point) for lunch. We called my mom after lunch to let her know we were on our way over, and she informed us that she fell while washing her patio and had a few band-aids on her face – she told us so we wouldn't be scared when we saw her. Scared?? When I saw my mom I panicked! Her band-aids were 4" x 4" gauze pads that she had pasted on her face, over her eye and into her hair! She had a big, beautiful, swollen closed, black eye, and she was still bleeding from her nose. She fell about 4-hours before we got there, but "didn't want to bother anybody"! Where was her lanyard with the call button for emergency help? Oh, it was on her night table!

Finally, she let me call the nurse on duty – who came down and immediately said "hospital". Off we went to North Broward Medical Center's Emergency Room, where she was attended to by a wonderful young physician, Dr. Hillel Harris. Dr. Harris told us that my mom absolutely needed stitches for the gash she put in her forehead, and asked my mom if she wanted him to put in the stitches or a plastic surgeon. My mom told him to go ahead. Aside from the stitches, a cat scan showed no other problems, and my mom was not in any pain. While talking to Dr. Harris, I learned that he was fairly new to the hospital and that he was from Long Beach, NY. We had something in common – I knew where Long Beach was! Little did I know how much in common we had. We went directly from the hospital to dinner – so I guess all was well.

Flash forward one week, I'm sitting here on my computer, working with the BFC Family Tree that Saul Cohen sent to me for input into the 75th Anniversary Journal, when a name pops off the page, you guessed it, Hillel Harris – not "**Dr.** Hillel Harris", just "Hillel Harris". I e-mailed Saul, related the story about my mom, and asked if he had any information about Hillel. Within minutes he e-mailed me back and told me that he had just spoken with Hillel's grandfather, Michael Lazar, and that Hillel, or now, "Dr. Harris", was indeed the Dr. who stitched-up my mom! I immediately contacted both Mike Lazar and Dr. Harris, and hopefully, will get to meet them both next time we're in Florida.

Here's how this story ends, my mom had the stitches removed yesterday. She told me what a great job Dr. Harris did – how you really couldn't see a scar – not even knowing that Dr. Harris was a BFC cousin! So I told her the story. Me I just went back into the Family Tree and added the title "**Dr.**" before the name Hillel Harris! **Thanks Doc!** Ed.

We are very fortunate that so many BFC members have 'winter homes' in warm weather climates. However, I cannot keep track of who is where or when, so *The Tattler* will only be sent to your permanent mailing address. Over 16% of BFC Members now get *The Tattler* via e-mail, without any postal delays, in perfect condition, on the first day it is published and now in color! With the price of postage going up again next month, why not you too?

Just contact me at finetimer@comcast.net

A big 'thank you' to all cousins who have purchased a personal greeting in the 75th Anniversary Journal. If you've purchased a greeting and are unable to join us at the reunion, we are happy to send you a copy of the Journal in the mail.

Looking Into The Circle

News about our family members from far and wide – send me some information about your family.

Great-grandpa Ralph Leon Shear wants us to know that his great-grandson, Zachary Steven Berman was born on January 10, 2009 and weighed in at 5 lbs, 15 ozs. Mom and dad are Melissa & Ross Berman. Happy grandparents are Sandra & Dr. Stewart Lubert. *Mazel Tov!*

Jill Bernstein reports that she had a hysterectomy on January 16 and is recovering fine.

On February 21, 2009 Carly Elise Rensaw stepped up to The Torah to become a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth Torah in Wellington, FL. Proud grandma is Gloria Margolin. *Mazel Tov!*

From Pembroke Pines, FL, great-grandma Bea Kaskowitz tells us that she has a new great-granddaughter, Charlotte Marren Berk, born on December 4, 2008, and weighing in at 7 lbs., 11 ozs. *Mazel Tov!*

Proudly serving our country, Bessie Bernstein has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the US Marine Corps. Read more about Bessie and her service in Iraq at: latinastyle.com/currentissue/v14-3/letters.html

Dr. Robert & Jacqueline (Weber) Berg report that their older son, Dan, and his wife Lisette, had their second son, Dylan Miles on Sept. 15th 2008. Their first son is David Marshall. Dan is with Central NY Cardiology in Utica, NY (affiliated with the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute). He's their electrophysiologist. His wife is a Hospitalist with St. Luke's, working as an internist. Their younger son, Andrew, is planning a November wedding with his fiancé Margot Louis. They both work in the Ralph Lauren corporation and reside in NYC.

Bob & Nadia Bernstein report that they have traveled widely since retiring. Recent trips include China, the Black Sea, Egypt, and Jordan. They are happy to say that they are enjoying retirement "immensely".

Stan & Arlene Rothman write that daughter Wendy visited with them in Delray Beach, FL, while other daughter, Barbara Trucchio, will be 50 in May and become a Bat Mitzvah in June. Barbara's son Anthony will be graduating from Albany University in May. *Mazel Tov to all!*

Our daughter-in-law, Kimberly Fine, was the #2 highest fundraiser for the Tampa "Walk Now for Autism" on March 28. Our grandson, Jacob Ethan Fine, cut the ribbon at the start of the 'walk' which had over 3200 participants! We are very proud of them both! The entire Fine clan (4-generations) along with Great Aunt Arlyne Druckman, will be cruising in the Caribbean for a week in April.

It's the Gypsy in me. . .

Here's some recent address updates.

*Correction from last Tattler:
It's Tiffen, (with an e) not Tiffin!*

Adam & Dr. Shadlin Tiffen
Xxxxx Wheatland Road
Fairfax, VA 22033-5300

Joe Cuce
xxxxx Fairchild Road
Springhill, FL 34608-8466

Rebecca Turkel
xx Ricker Terrace
Newton, MA 02458-2128

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Siegel
Xxxxx Hansberry Court
Ormond Beach, FL 32174-1014

Dr. & Mrs. Alvin Spindler
xxxx Danbury Road - Unit # 28
Ridgefield, CT 06877-2728

Mr. & Mrs. Evan Shusterman
xx Essex Road
Great Neck, NY 11023-2224

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Shear
Xxxxxx NW 5th Court
Coral Springs, FL 33071

Ellen Sperling
xxx East Liberty Lane
Savanah, GA 31401-4466

Meredith Baskin
xxxxx Chenal Pkwy
Little Rock, AR 72211-5353

Daniel Baskin
Xxx Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21202-2341

Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Bernstein
xxx E.52nd Street
NYC, NY 10022-9046

Sunshine Report – by Maddie Silver . . .

Our ever lovin', kissing cousin, Sunshine Lady announcing your birthday or anniversary

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Scott Shear	Trey Aronow	Dr. Steven Cohen	Ronnie Goldberg
Makayla Wax	Arlene Rothman	Adam Laufer	Benjamin Tulis
William Bernstein	Olivia Bernstein	Ellen Ravens	Carole Green
Daniel Franklin	Joan Laufer	Ellen Sperling	Betty Bernstein
Jonah Tulis	William Berl	Dr. Norman Beil	Barbara Bernstein
Peter Petardi	Elaine Bernstein	Patricia Goldberg	Jodie Schneir
Robin Sperling	Elisa Trucchio	Beth Stauber	Robert Siegel
Sarah Marker	Stacy Cheifetz	Scott Sperling	Martin Beil
Jessica Bernstein	Chloe Shear	Kate Taylor Devlin	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Shireen Shear	Sharon & Tom Ranonis	Francine & Michael Stauber
Jill & Scott Kirschbaum	Cynthia & Nicholas Petardi	Jennifer & Robert Bernstein
Barbara & Stephen Bernstein	Carole & Theodore Siegel	

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Helene Fine	Julie Cheifetz	Rita Barber	Dr. Harvey Weber
Saul Cohen	Edith Bernstein	Beverly Bernstein	Scott Kirschbaum
Seth Berl	Joel R. Kramer	Ronald Schwartz	Felicia Lopez
Bernice Kay	Hedda Kantor	Lynn Bernstein	Michael Stauber
Lisette Berg	Jack Spielsinger	Brian Green	Stanley Goldberg
Norman Kramer	Barbara Trucchio	Alyson Schneir	Nicole Petardi
Sarah Beil	Ellen Mash	Etai Taylor Bally	Robert Barnes
Jill Bernstein	Joseph Pugh	Daniel Spielsinger	Liza Linderberger
Leslie Becher	Steven Rothman	Stanley Parker	Harvey Bernstein
Dr. Judith Hyman	Michelle Marker	Kevin Meltcher	Michael Bernstein
Seth Cohen	Carl Bernstein	Michael Franklin	Virginia Laufer
Maya Schneir	Robin Schulman	Nicole Spielsinger	Rita Barber
Carolyn Bernstein	Lawrence Bernstein	Keneth Siegel	Lori Cohen
Wayne Margolin			

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen & Howard Mash	Nadia & Dr. Robert Bernstein	Nicole & Barry Franklin
Dr. Ruth Rankin & Dr. Steven Parker	Sheila & Dr. Robert Schulman	Pam & Steven Rothman
Fran & Stuart Antman	Dr. Lynn Taylor & Boris Bally	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Joan Siegel	Maya Schneir	Francine Stauber	Mark Sperling
Allan Roberts	Justin Stone	Bradley Goldberg	Alexis Jordin Stone
Joshua Stauber	Heidi Radbell	Steve Becher	Myra Goldstein
Laurie S. Kramer	Esther Bernstein	Jeremy Bernstein	Rebecca Tulis
Kyle Leaver	Jacob Schneir	Dr. Richard J. Bernstein	Lindsay Parker
Sharie Gavzie	Tom Osmun	Isabel Cohen	Dr. Richard Sperling
Jill Kirschbaum	Taylor Laufer		Stuart Antman
Nathan Asher Bernstein	Beth Taylor Devlin		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Bette & Mel Ganz	Virginia & Adam Laufer	Pearl & Sam Antman
Arlyne & David Druckman	Elly & Michael Ravens	Elaine & Mark Tulis
Sydelle & Michael J. Lazar	Muriel & Lewis Beil	Dana Tulis & Eddie Meyer
Marilyn & Ed Davis	Melissa & David Aronow	Jessica & Michael Bernstein

Hot off the Press . . .

Important information for BFC members

Very Important Information – Look for Your Name Below

As mentioned in the last Tattler, one of the tasks currently taking place is a complete review of the BFC Membership List in comparison to *The Tattler* Mailing List . The following cousins are on *The Tattler* mailing list, **but are not current in their dues and do not appear on our Membership list as of 4/6/09:**

Antman, Stuart & Francine	Ingberman, Arthur and Ruth	Schneir, David & Sallie
Barber, James & Rita	Jaffe, Bruce & Margot	Schneir, Shelley
Bergquist, James & Sondra	Kaspar, Karim & Sandy	Schulman, Jack
Berl, David	Lazar, Anita	Schulman, Robert
Bernstein, Barry	Lazar Ethan & Karen	Schwartz, Eric & Bonnie
Bernstein, Daniel & Bonnie	Lazar, Victor	Schwartz, Ronald & Barbara
Bernstein, Esther	Leaver, George & Michelle	Seltzer, Cerise
Bernstein, Richard W.	Licht, Ben	Shear, Richard & Benay
Bernstein, Leonard & Beverly	Lindenberger, Jay & Lisa	Spielsinger, Dave
Bernstein, Victor	Maloff, Arthur	Spielsinger, Jeff & Maria
Cheifetz, Ira & Linda	Marker, Richard & Michele	Spielsinger, Neil & Penny
Davis, Edwin & Marilyn	McNair Robert & Lynda	Spielsinger, Saul & Luann
Disick, Stewart & Aileen	Miller, Harriet	Stanley, Michael & Melissa
Frank, Terry & Frances	Nadel, Albert & Isabelle	Steinberg, Steven & Barbara
Franklin, Eleanor	Parker, Steven & Ruth	Stern, Michael
Goldberg, Roger	Parker, Stanley	Tiffen, Adam & Shadlin
Goldstein, Glen & Beth	Pezzello, James & Eileen	Tiffen, Craig
Goldstein, Joan	Rampal, Marlene	Tiffen, Margo
Goldstein, Nathan	Rodin, Phyllis	Tucker, Dolly
Goldstein, Gregg & Robin	Rosenberg, Bradley	Tulis, David & Lisa
Goldstein, Barry & Michelle	Shaw, Allyson	Waxman, Harris & Lloyd
	Schacter, Robert & Wendy	

If your name appears on this list, please contact our Membership Chairman/Ass't Financial Sect'y, Arlene Weber at petoof@aol.com or via US mail at xxxx Cadillac Drive, East Meadow, NY 11554-1205, to take care of your dues responsibility. If you are on this list and have already taken care of your 2009 dues responsibility, please accept our apology in advance.

You must be a 'member-in-good-standing' of The BFC in order to continue to receive *The Tattler* or any other benefits.

Did you know that if you are 65 or older and have been a dues-paying member-in-good-standing for the last 10 years, you can apply for **Golden Age Membership** in the BFC! Golden Age Members pay no more annual dues, but receive full BFC benefits!

Last Call for "Greetings" for the 75th Anniversary Journal

Full Page \$50 – ½ Page \$30 – ¼ Page \$20



Congratulate the BFC on this special occasion ~ Honor your family
Send me a check for the size greeting you want, payable to the BFC
Tell me what you want to say ~ I will set up your greeting for you

Deadline is April 25 Send your check to:

Alan Fine, 7201 Westover Way, Somerset, NJ 08873

Questions ? Please contact me at: finetimer@comcast.net or 732-469-3768

Let's End with a Little Humor

Hey, did you hear the one about

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement. One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has gotten so bad that once I hit the ball I couldn't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one more try." "That's no good" sighs Arthur, "your brother's a hundred and three. He can't help." "He may be a hundred and three", says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes a mighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?" "Of course I did!" replied the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight". "Where did it go?" says Arthur. "I don't remember."

Morris was taking out the garbage in his condo, when he noticed two suspicious guys that looked like they were trying to break into his car.

He went back inside and phoned the police, who asked 'Is someone in your house?' and he said 'no'. Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. Morris said, 'Okay,' hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. 'Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were two suspicious guys that looked like they were trying to break into my car. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them.' Then he hung up.

Within five minutes six police cars, a SWAT Team, a helicopter, two fire trucks, a paramedic and an ambulance showed up at the Morris' condo and caught the burglars red-handed .

One of the Policemen said to Morris: 'I thought you said that you'd shot them!' Morris said, 'I thought you said there was nobody available!'

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