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# Class of 1959 Updates

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**Ellie Ravreby Agranat** ([eragranat@yahoo.com](mailto:eragranat@yahoo.com))

Despite the pandemic this year, 2020 is a special time for Barry and me as we celebrated our 60th anniversary this year.

As in past years, I continue to spend much of my time in retirement taking Life Long Learning Courses up north at Brandeis and down south at FAU (Florida Atlantic University) in Jupiter. I still belong to a book club, founded literally fifty years ago, with twenty women, most of them still alive and well, thank heavens! Given the pandemic, we now meet via Zoom, but look forward to the day when the pandemic ends and life can go back to normal.

For outdoor recreation Barry and I are playing a lot more golf, for it's safe, keeps us physically active, and takes up a fair amount of time. What I've learned is that playing golf more frequently does not mean you will improve; it just means you become more accepting of your lack of talent. That's it for my update.

**Marilyn Goretsky Becker** ([canmarstan@gmail.com](mailto:canmarstan@gmail.com))

After graduation from Brandeis, I attended Lesley College (now University) to study education with an eye to moving to NYC where I would continue to study singing with my Metropolitan Opera teacher William Peerce Herman which I had begun while still a student at Brandeis, and to work in education to support myself. In the interim, I met my husband Stanley Becker, a sweet, wonderful man, a CPA and we married in May 1960. (Do the math, we are married 61 blessed years.) We are the parents of a son Adam who is 53, an attorney living nearby in Westwood and a daughter Allison Becker Pollock, 54, a grade one schoolteacher also living nearby in Waban. We are the grandparents of four wonderful kids from ages 24 down to 19.

I attended Jewish Theological Seminary and became a cantor and love my work in this field, serving congregants in very gratifying work. We pray for the blessing of health and continued years

**Stephen Berger** ([sberger@odysseyinvestment.com](mailto:sberger@odysseyinvestment.com))

I have had a rich and varied life since graduation moving between government, academia and business for 60 years.

In government I was Director of 2 major NY State Commissions, then the State Planning Director and then Commissioner of Social Services, responsible for Medicaid, Welfare and Human Services.

I ran the Emergency Financial Control Board during NYC's fiscal crisis in the 70's, The Port Authority of NY & NJ, chaired the State Commission on Health Care in the 21st century and served as Finance Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

I also served by Presidential appointment as Chair of the US Railway Association charged with bringing Conrail out of bankruptcy.

Academia: In the late 70's I received an appointment as Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration at NYU where I taught public policy and finance for 6 years. I also served as Chair of the Brandeis Board's Finance Committee from '98 to '01.

Business: I was Chairman and CEO of the Financial Guarantee Insurance Company and then Executive VP of GE Capital and for the last 23 years I have been Chairman of Odyssey Investment Partners, a major middle market Private Equity Firm. I also serve on the board of the Metropolitan Opera.

45 years ago, while in government, I met an extraordinary woman who was an Executive in the NYS Correction Department, Cynthia Wainwright. Cynthia has founded, served on and chaired a remarkable number of civic organizations (both while she was working full time and since she retired) in education, mental health, preservation and the arts. She presently chairs both the Churchill School and The Bridge, a major mental health agency.

We're heading for our 42nd anniversary, live in NYC and in Dutchess County. We have 2 daughters, Robin (and grandson Dylan) who lives and has a business in Costa Rica and Diana who lives in NYC. And I'm sitting, zooming and waiting for my vaccine to arrive so that I can go back to work!

**Joan Roistacher Blitman** ([jrbloitman@gmail.com](mailto:jrbloitman@gmail.com))

I'm just an ordinary gal, somewhat awed by the achievements of many of our classmates. Following a successful business career, I retired 7 years ago and enjoy alternating between homes in Florida and New Jersey. I've survived a divorce after 21 years, almost 30 years of marriage to my beloved and now departed Lee, and am lucky to enjoy a committed partnership the past 6 years with Larry.

I've travelled extensively both internationally and through all 50 states. Currently I volunteer online at a Crisis Center, mentor low- income high school students and am on the Development Committee of a local Japanese Museum in addition to playing golf, bridge, reading, and puzzling— crossword and jigsaw.

Most recently I find myself mourning departed friends and family and particularly my soulmate, Susan Dundy Kossowsky. I find solace and joy in my relationships with my 2 daughters, my stepdaughter and stepson, my 8 grandchildren and many dear friends.

**Esther Klein Cooperbrand** ([estherrc@yahoo.com](mailto:estherrc@yahoo.com))

After graduation with a General Science major I worked for a year doing Cancer research at Boston City Hospital. Then I was hired by System Development Corporation in Santa Monica, California to write Computer Programs to calculate rocket trajectories. (Watch the movie "Hidden Figures" to see what it was like at that time.) That's where I met my husband, Alvin Cooperband. We have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

I currently enjoy gardening, travel, Opera, Cooking, playing the piano, playing Canasta and spoiling our grandchildren who range in age from 4 to 26.

I look forward to seeing classmates on Zoom!

**Paul Epstein** ([pepstein@comcast.net](mailto:pepstein@comcast.net))

Greetings,

I'm going to follow Michael Meltzer's lead by letting the composer and critic Kyle Gann summarize my composing career in the attached 2004 article from Chamber Music magazine. My five sentences follow:

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At Brandeis I discovered an interest in theater, continued a love of film with frequent trips to the Brattle in Cambridge, and met and married Adele Umans, class of '58.

After graduate study at UC Berkeley and a Fulbright year in Milan, I taught music theory for six years at Tulane, thirty-two at Temple, but functioned mainly as a composer.

Adele and I took early retirement in 2001, and in 2018 moved into Foulkeways, a beautiful Quaker-run retirement community near Philadelphia, where she died a year ago after a long illness, and where I - with the help of a wonderful group of friends - am learning to live alone for the first time in my life .

In addition to composing regularly (a cd of my piano music is out and also available on Youtube together with a bunch of organ pieces, and I will have the virtual premiere of a piece for five instruments this month) I am well into Joyce's "Ulysses," the first item on my reading bucket list.

My small family now includes my son, a lawyer practicing in Philadelphia; his wife, a social worker; and my granddaughter, a recent graduate of NYU.

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See you all soon,

Paul

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**Howard Feibus** ([howard.feibus@resiliollc.com](mailto:howard.feibus@resiliollc.com))

- Let's start with Brandeis. The best thing I took away was my future wife, Susan Douglas, who had to cut short her Brandeis career; now I'm a family man with 1 wife, 2 sons, 3 grandsons, 4 daughters-in-law.
- I took a job with Bell Laboratories where they sent me for a Ph.D. in Physics. For my thesis, I studied Positron Annihilation. You can ask me anything about the subject; including how it applied to the rest of my life. You would be surprised by the answer.
- From there I went to work for Con Edison in New York, where I single-handedly saved "Big Allis". And I single-handedly rotated the Citigroup Building.
- Next, I joined the Government, where I arrived just ahead of Ronald Reagan. I was responsible for developing a coal-fired powerplant that produced pollution-free electricity. The result led to coal-fired electricity being phased out and replaced by natural gas-fired powerplants. Pretty impressive, no?
- Next, I started marketing wholesale electricity services, which I created during a research project. By the time my competitors figured out how to compete, I was able to retire.
- Now, I'm pursuing a venture to substitute renewable energy for fossil-fired energy, without increasing the cost of electricity. My first project has a 20-year operating schedule, so I plan to be around for a while.

**Michael Fisher** ([mfishderm@verizon.net](mailto:mfishderm@verizon.net))

Dear Fellow Classmates,

Despite the pandemic, we're still here to celebrate our fortitude and resilience. Family, health and happiness continue to be our mantra for the good life. Our two children, their spouses and the four grandkids are amazing and give Mima and Yaya Fisher the utmost of pleasure.

I am the former Chairman of Dermatology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and presently a semi-retired Professor working 2 1/2 days/week from home (as a vulnerable) teaching residents and students via teledermatology. My wife, Davi keeps busy as a museum docent and member of the local community youth bureau of New Rochelle.

Brandeis always remains in my thoughts and I credit it for taking an unformed 16 year old Brooklyn boy who'd never been away from home and making him into a 20 year old thoughtful and responsible adult.

Thank you, Brandeis and let's hopefully look forward to the future with a new administration, a vaccine and the promise of a semblance of normalcy.

**Shepard Forman** ([shepardforman@gmail.com](mailto:shepardforman@gmail.com))

I grew up the son of pogrom survivors in a Brookline, Mass., apartment that boasted a small bookcase lined with a collection of Readers Digest and a volume of Jewish jokes.

Brandeis shook me up intellectually and politically, left me confused and uncertain but on the path to a rewarding teaching, research and philanthropic career in international development and human rights.

Leona, my wife of 53 years, and I have two children: Jacob, a screenwriter who teaches cinematography at the American Film Institute and is 27 years unwed to Kristen, a public interest lawyer who defends immigrant kids from deportation; and Alexandra, who created an institute for story-telling with a social purpose in Rio de Janeiro and two years ago adopted Lara Rosa Forman, a 13 year old Afro- Brazilian, beautifully completing our family.

We spend our retirement years between our permanent residence in Rio and our cherished farmhouse in Ashfield, Mass., staying physically, mentally and emotionally fit with family and friends, reading, writing (I recently finished the first full draft of a loosely autobiographical screenplay on racism and police brutality in Brazil and the US) and contributing where we can to a range of political and social causes.

Leona and I worked our entire lives intent on contributing to a more just, equitable and humane world, perplexed now with how the hard-won advances we have witnessed over a near century can still be safeguarded, sustained and extended.

**Edward Friedman** ([Ssfriedm@wisc.edu](mailto:Ssfriedm@wisc.edu))

I am not good at describing myself; trying to do so is embarrassing.

I remain passionate about promoting social justice; but my efforts are much too feeble.

I am thrilled that the work of my two daughters actually does advance that cause.

Ed Friedman

**Ricki Fulman** ([rickif@aol.com](mailto:rickif@aol.com))

I moved to New York after graduation to pursue a career in journalism, which lasted until 2003, starting as an editorial assistant at Harper's Bazaar and ending at Crain's New York, with most of it spent writing and reporting at the New York Daily News.

At The News, which was a respected huge circulation tabloid in the early 60s, I began in the Style/Fashion section, which is where they put women in those days, but eventually moved on to report on many important news and lifestyle stories of the time including the women's liberation movement, domestic violence, surrogate child birth,

It was the golden age of print journalism and I always felt lucky to be working in a business which was challenging and varied and often made a difference in people's lives.

I retired in 2004 and have kept busy until the pandemic, volunteering in different places, most recently at the Museum of the City of New York; also traveling and enjoying all the amazing cultural offerings in New York City, which I hope will resume sometime next year.

**Aviva Futorian** ([futorian@outlook.com](mailto:futorian@outlook.com))

My most meaningful experience after Brandeis (so far) was travelling to Mississippi in the '60s as a "freedom school" teacher, then as a field organizer for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, followed by 25 years of interviewing local residents and recently co-authoring a book, *Voices from the Mississippi Hill Country: The Benton County Civil Rights Movement* (Univ. Press of MS, July 2020), about life before, during and after the Civil Rights Movement, as told-through the voices of farmers, teachers, sharecroppers, landowners and students. Next most meaningful experience (after becoming a lawyer) was handling death penalty appeals, coming to understand and appreciate my clients, and helping to abolish the death penalty in Illinois. Other memorable experiences: working as Legislative Assistant to Rep. Eliz. Holtzman during Nixon's impeachment, heading up the Women's Law Project for the Legal Services Corporation in Chicago, and (currently) trying to reform conditions of long-term prisoners in Illinois.

Not-so-meaningful experiences: dropping out of graduate school, having figured out I was not a scholar but a dilettante; getting divorced; and being unsuccessful in getting prison sentences commuted before prisoners get covid-19.

Current important activities: Writing postcards to Georgia and heaving a huge sigh of relief at the presidential outcome.



**Donna Medoff Geller** ([donna.f.geller@gmail.com](mailto:donna.f.geller@gmail.com))

My family and music have been the focus of my life. When the youngest of my four children was nine, I was asked to establish a program for piano accompanying for undergrads and grad students at the University of Akron, where I received my Master of Music degree and taught for thirteen years.

As a soloist and professional accompanist, I played hundreds of recitals and gave many lecture-recitals and served as pianist and soloist with the Akron Symphony Orchestra.

With a keyboard on a cart, I brought comfort to many patients in Cleveland and Akron hospitals.

After my husband retired, we had twenty wonderful years together in Florida and traveling before he passed away three years ago.

**Sally Marshall Glickman** ([smglickman@verizon.net](mailto:smglickman@verizon.net))

After graduation, following a somewhat traditional path for women, I married Stanley A. Glickman '58, taught in both regular and special education settings, raised a family – Faith, now a partner in her law firm, and Scott, now a principal in his private equity firm, returned to graduate school for my MEd in Special Education, volunteered on behalf of Brandeis (National Alumni Association President and first Alumni-Term Trustee), and worked to set up the Glickman Family Scholarship for undergraduate education at our alma mater.

About thirty-five years later, I found myself searching for a new challenge. I loved my teaching and my role in the development and training of so many young people, yet I believed I could have a broader effect if I advocated for students across different school districts. Suddenly, I became a widow and needed to move more quickly to support myself. I established my advocacy practice, restructured my life, traveled the world, and loved advocating for twenty-one additional years.

Now, in my twilight years, I continue to lead a full active life with my genealogy research, study of eastern philosophers with the aim of living a more resilient and calmer life, and, most important, time to spend, now mainly virtually, with my four children (including in-law children) and eight grandchildren. Life is a blessing, even with being barred from the supermarkets!

**Arlene Levine Goldsmith** ([agoldsmith@nackidscan.org](mailto:agoldsmith@nackidscan.org))

I loved Brandeis and believe that our education had a profound impact on my life. After graduation, I received a fellowship to Columbia University School of Social Work and in 2009, I was elected to the School's Hall of Fame. I held several jobs between 1961 and 1967, and while teaching at Hunter College, co-authored a book, [Those Children](#). I married Mark Goldsmith in 1961, and in 1967 we had twins, Jennifer, a physician who is the Director of the Primary Care Residency Program at NYU, and Scott, an attorney, who is President of Cities and Transit, a division of Intersection. They are each married with two daughters, ages 14-21, to whom we are devoted grandparents. In 1981, I received my Ph.D. from Fordham and founded an agency, New Alternatives for Children.

New Alternatives for Children (NAC) is a child welfare agency which serves medically complex and behaviorally challenged children in New York City. From an initial staff of 6, we have grown to 400, annually serving 3500 children and their families. We are supported by city and state contracts, foundations and private donors. I was named a Robin Hood hero by the Foundation in 1994, am a fellow at the NY Academy of Medicine, and have won significant awards for our work with the most vulnerable population of children in NYC.

My husband retired from the cosmetics industry after 35 years. He founded a not-for-profit, GOSO, Getting Out and Staying Out, which works with incarcerated young men between the ages of 16 to 21. He testified in the White House, and was instrumental in the passage of the Criminal Justice Reform Act Part 1. He recently retired and is writing a book about his 15 year experience on Rikers Island.

I continue to work full time and have no intention to retire at this time. I love my job. However, this pandemic has curtailed our life like everyone else. We traveled a great deal, three times to Africa. I miss what we all miss, hugs with our grandchildren, all that NYC has to offer in the arts, and personal connections with the world. I recognize the privilege that I have had in my life and continue to reflect on the inequities and structural racism in our society, when NAC families in NYC required 10,000 bags of food in order to survive and feed their children.

**Judith Neipris Greenbaum** ([charlie.greenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.greenbaum@gmail.com))

I attended Brandeis as a transfer student 1957-1959, majored in NEJS, lived off-campus with senior year in a cooperative, Roosevelt House, studied and worked on and off campus with little time for social interaction on campus.

Following a year in Israel on the American Friends of the Hebrew University one year program and a year at the Harvard School of Education, I celebrated my marriage at Brandeis Chapel and the student center in June 1961 to fellow Brandeisian, Charles Greenbaum (class of '56).

After two years teaching American history at White Plains High School, White Plains, NY, while Charlie completed his PhD at NYU, we made Aliyah to Israel in 1963 with one child, soon to be four children in the space of 5 years. Both of us have been employed our entire careers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Charlie in the Department of Psychology and I in the Department of English as a Foreign Language, retraining over the years in Applied Linguistics and still later in Language Editing.

We both remain active in retirement, currently residing in a protected living facility, enjoying ten grandchildren, continuing to work and volunteer. Charlie still directs PhD students, working on research and writing, with a recently published book for which I did the initial language editing: [Handbook of Political Violence and Children - Oxford...](#)

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**Marcia Berg Haskell** ([Haskell.marcia.berg@gmail.com](mailto:Haskell.marcia.berg@gmail.com))

When I started Brandeis, I chose my nickname, Meb. First step to controlling what I wanted my life to become. My strongest memory of Brandeis was that every class taught how to problem solve and multitask. I went to work the day after graduation. My focus from the day I arrived at college was science and that continued after graduation. Spent 40 years moving from one field to the next. When I became responsible for other people, the focus shifted to helping my employees grow, as people and scientists or engineers.

In the 1960s, I met my soulmate, Stanley. We were exclusive but not married, until 2006 when hospitals wouldn't allow non-family members to go into the ICU. Marriage was even better than expected, but I lost him to cancer a year ago.

My world, today and expectations for the future are very limited. In my retirement, I've been able to focus a lot of time on developing styles of photography and painting acrylics. I submit my paintings and photographs to art competitions, give my work to anyone who wants it and wonder at how fast things pile up.

Unlike many of you I am not doing anything to improve the world. For the first time, I am completely alone. The pandemic and the loss of my husband have found me feeling like my world is much smaller. Currently, my time, when not creating art, is spent in donating, giving away or throwing out all the collections Stanley and I enjoyed so much.

**Chuck Israels** ([cisraels@comcast.net](mailto:cisraels@comcast.net))

Simple self description: American Jazz Musician

Anyone who might be curious can find a lot here <[chuckisraelsjazz.com](http://chuckisraelsjazz.com)> There's music, videos, interviews, etc.

I regret having been in a cocoon of self-involvement most of the time at Brandeis, so I know too few of you and too little about you. Maybe this is a chance to rebalance that equation

**Nancy Fisher Kaufman** ([nankaufman@gmail.com](mailto:nankaufman@gmail.com))

After graduation, I worked as a psychiatric social worker for a year and then went to California with my future ex-husband and started graduate school at UCLA in anthropology. I had intended to get my MA in a year and return to NY. Instead, I'm still here, 60 years later.

I had a son and a daughter, divorced, became an LA county social worker, went to law school at night, and served as the Managing Attorney of Orange County Legal Aid, where I met my own true love. He and I left legal aid after 8 years and opened an office in Santa Ana as Printemps & Kaufman, where we continued to emphasize the same issues that had drawn us to legal aid. I developed an expertise in a very unpopular and unremunerative field: eviction defense. Our law and domestic partnership continued for 38 years, until Ed Printemps' death in 2017.

I'm retired and substantially disabled, but still in my house. I spend a lot of time playing with arts & crafts and gardening. I don't go anywhere, but thanks to the technological miracles we now have, I can see the whole world and stay in touch with old friends.

**Rosalind Fuchsberg Kaufman ([roz30@aol.com](mailto:roz30@aol.com))**

I loved Brandeis, where I met Richard (Dick) Kaufman '57, and married after my junior year, now married 62 years. I majored in anthropology, great preparation for the worldwide travelling I did beginning in my 20's with Dick, who was an international economist. We also lived in Israel for a year (1960-61) when Dick was doing research for his Ph.D. thesis in economics from Harvard. My strong connection with Israel has continued all through the years, and we travelled there innumerable times.

Besides business trips, beginning in our 50's we went on cycling trips throughout the world, including France, Vietnam and the Canadian Rockies, and on sailing trips in the Polynesian Islands and the Caribbean.

At age 35, after our 3 children were in school, I began law school and graduated from NYU Law in 1977. I practiced law for 40 years, representing plaintiffs at trial in cases in which they were injured by other people's fault, including motor vehicles, medical malpractice, civil rights, toxic poisoning, etc. I am now Counsel Emeritus of the Jacob Fuchsberg Law Firm and often consult with prospective clients. Our first daughter Gale is Brandeis '83 and our youngest granddaughter Arielle is now a Brandeis sophomore. 3 generations! We have 7 other terrific grandchildren who bring pleasure and variety to our lives, as they comprise a diverse group including gay and transgender.

I am now in the Caring Stage of life, as Dick has Alzheimer's Disease. Dick is at home with me and I count my blessings every day. In keeping with my philosophy of keeping positive, I remain active as a Board Member of the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel, and of the Touro College Jacob Fuchsberg Law Center. During the pandemic, I've maintained connections through arranging Zoom meetings (such as this one), and including my book group, family members and friends.

I live in Westchester County, New York, love theatre, music and reading, and would love to see other alums once this coronavirus pandemic has passed

**Fern Gelford Lowenfels** ([frglowe@aol.com](mailto:frglowe@aol.com))

My years at Brandeis and the experiences I had there were pivotal in determining the trajectory of my life both socially and academically; academically, I realized that (1) I wanted to teach History to high school students and (2) enabled me to provide my high school students with interesting, high level courses.

After leaving Brandeis I traveled, went to graduate school at Columbia and began my first teaching job. I then heard from Aviva who informed that I must come down to Mississippi to do voter registration and teach in one of the freedom schools, a most gripping, interesting and life changing experience. For the next 40 years or so I taught some of the most fabulous students in two of Manhattan's "inner city" schools. As a New York City teacher I became involved in the teachers' union, the UFT and for many years led the chapters in the two schools and continued working for the union after retirement. I was also a professor of Education in New Jersey where I taught future teachers and was an alumnus member of the Brandeis Arts Council .

In 1964 two Brandeis graduates introduced me to a great guy who practiced law, taught law and is the author of a major treatise in securities law; we have been married for over 55 years and live in both Suffern and Manhattan; our son is a dealer in art and antiques, our daughter, who until recently, was an equine therapist and sings in two Jewish choirs, and two fabulous grandsons.

For more than 50 years we traveled the world with our children and then with our grandsons. It has been good.

**Michael Meltzer** ([mmpianochor@verizon.net](mailto:mmpianochor@verizon.net))

Hi everyone. In all my working years, my proudest bragging point is (was) my choral & organ sheet music shop, 1973-1978 inclusive. In 1977 it was reviewed by the American Guild of Organists national magazine, and that review would abuse the "five sentences" guideline. But, it fits neatly into an attachment here. The article was by the editor, retired organist Charles Henderson, photos by yours truly.

Six or seven years ago, I took as a mission statement a suggestion by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Make your own Bible. Select and collect all the words and sentences that in all your readings have been to you like the blast of a trumpet." I turned it into a daily celebrity birthday citation sub-blog on Facebook, with selected quotes that are either pithy, or provocative, or just plain funny. An absorbing hobby, it keeps me off the streets. Some day it may be a publishable datebook.

**Phyllis Weiner Margolin** ([phylwin1@verizon.net](mailto:phylwin1@verizon.net))

Irwin and I celebrated our 59th Wedding Anniversary with our daughters Judy & Michele, their spouses & our four grandchildren. Often during our long marriage, we commented on feeling truly blessed.

Three months later, in January 2020, he passed away.

It's been a very tough year - my loss was immediately followed by the pandemic here in NYC.

Thanks to a devoted family, plus supportive friends & neighbors, I've done my very best.

To all of you, I extend warmest wishes for a coming holiday season in good health filled with gratitude for all the countless blessings we enjoy.

**Julia Wolf Mazow** ([jewm@comcast.net](mailto:jewm@comcast.net))

A “short” summary of my life in recent years: My husband Jack died almost 2 years ago after 57 years of marriage, and I miss him terribly. We traveled, raised 3 children, and I was happier than I dreamed I could be. In the meantime I got a Ph.D., studied Yiddish, taught, translated some work of Yiddish women writers, and became involved with the women’s movement, especially Jewish feminism. I also became a manuscript reviewer for [Jewishfiction.net](http://Jewishfiction.net), an online publication. Today I am retired, finding it difficult to make a difference, muddling through our COVID world.

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**Gloria Feman Orenstein** ([orenstei@usc.edu](mailto:orenstei@usc.edu))

There is a 17 minute documentary film on me and the Women of Surrealism in a very animated and humorous vein. It also has the visit of The Shaman of Samiland (Lapland, N. Norway). It is short but has been at film festivals all over and won some prizes. It’s about my story but not made by me. People are loving it because the director/producers from The Woman's Building in L.A and the filmmakers are so creative, talented and FUNNY. So go to see the trailer at [www.Gloriascall.com](http://www.Gloriascall.com). There you will see the essence of it, but the full film has much more in it, of course. I think the surrealism was captured as well as one could imagine.

At present I am retired from USC where I was a Full Prof. in Comparative Lit and Gender Studies. Prior to 1982 when I joined USC, I had taught in English at Douglass College, where I directed the Rutgers Junior Year in France and their Women's Studies Program. I was then living in NYC, and I created The Woman's Salon for Literature which lasted a decade in New York City. We had readings by many early feminist writers such as Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde, and you can find it on the web via Google with my name and The Woman's Salon. Salons were a great interest to me, and much later I created one in Paris called Le Lieu Dit, that went on for a year. Recently, more than fifty years later, a scholar from the Sorbonne found out about it, and did her dissertation on it, finding it very important to the art world of feminists in Paris of the Second Wave.

I completed my Doctorate, writing on Surrealism and theatre at New York University In early seventies, I published my first article on The Women of Surrealism in The Feminist Art Journal. It caught on rapidly, and to this day The Women of Surrealism have had a renaissance, and their works are having exhibits everywhere. I also became interested in the pre-patriarchal Goddess Civilization. My book, “The Reflowering of the Goddess” was published, as well as my dissertation under the title, “The Theatre of the Marvelous: Surrealism and the Contemporary Stage”.

In 2018 I was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Womens Caucus of the College Art Association.

My daughters and grandson and granddaughter are my pride and joy. Nadine is the head curator of Drawings and Prints at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NY and Claudia has been the Chair of Theatre at Hunter College, and is a Full Professor, now specializing in Puppetry worldwide.

My years at Brandeis were so motivating to me, and they opened the window to the world for me to study and enjoy. I will cherish the memory of my years at Brandeis forever, and I hope that we who are meeting today, will reconnect many times in the future.

**Martin Peretz** ([mpmp3948@gmail.com](mailto:mpmp3948@gmail.com))

I AM ACTUALLY EXCITED AND INTRIGUED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND COMRADES AFTER A DECADE MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY WHEN WE SAID "GOODBYE" TO EACH OTHER. I'VE BEEN MARRIED TWICE AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOTH PASSED THE FIFTY YEAR MARK: MY DAUGHTER EVGENIA WHO WRITES FOR *VANITY FAIR* AND HAS TWO CHILDREN, ONE YOUNG MAN ELIAS (NOT A BOY ANYMORE) AND A TEEN-AGE GIRL, DAFNE. MY SON JESSE IS A MOVIE DIRECTOR AND DOES BRAINY COMEDIES THAT ARE SOMETIMES APPRECIATED BY HIS THREE KIDS: ARROW, A GIRL, AND TWO BOYS, DUSTY AND WILDER. BOTH OF MY KIDS ARE MARRIED, YES, HAPPILY. FOR TWO YEARS I WAS WRITING MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND IT IS NOW JUST ABOUT FINISHED. *THE BOOK OF GRUDGES AND OTHER LOVES* IS LOOKING FOR A PUBLISHER. IT IS SHARP BUT LOVING. MY CONTACT WITH CLASS OF '59ERS IS SLIGHT. BUT I DO CARRY ON A BRISK CONVERSATION WITH MONICA STARKMAN ON MEDICAL MATTERS AND ON JEWISH THINGS. I'M ALSO IN TOUCH FROM THE YOUNGER CLASSES WITH ROBERT RENFIELD, IRA ROSENBERG, STEVE REINER AND PHYLLIS COHEN WHOSE HUSBAND DONALD WAS TAKEN FROM US...A GREAT LOSS TO SCIENCE, TO AMERICA AND TO JEWRY. ALSO LOST TO ME ESPECIALLY WAS ESTHER KARTIGANER WITH WHOM I STARTED MY EDUCATION IN THE SECOND GRADE AND WHO TAUGHT ME MUCH OF WHAT I KNOW ABOUT JOURNALISM.

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I am a writer, activist, and national lecturer with a special interest in women's issues, Black-Jewish relations, dialogue between Jews and Palestinians, and American Jews' relationship to Israel. A founding editor of *Ms.* magazine, and a columnist for 30 years for *Moment* magazine, My work has also been published in *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *Time*, *Huffington Post*, *The Forward* and numerous Jewish publications.

I was a co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus, the Ms. Foundation for Women, and the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, and have served on the boards of the Brandeis Women's and Gender Studies Program, the Harvard Divinity School Women in Religion Program, and Ms. Foundation for Education and Communication. I won an Emmy Award for my work as Editorial Consultant on Marlo Thomas' "Free to Be, You and Me,"

My husband of 57 years, Bert Pogrebin, is a labor and employment lawyer, and we have three children --Abigail, a free-lance writer, Robin, a culture reporter for *The New York Times*, and David, General Manager of Tommy Bahama restaurant and retail shop in Jupiter, Florida -- and six grandchildren, ages 18 to 23.

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Following graduation I taught history at the high school level and developed a curriculum for underserved non college bound students, many of whom who would be drafted into the army, following graduation, to fight in the Vietnam war. I felt like it was a last chance to educate and hopefully inspire my students to be curious about the world, and learn more about the country many of them might be asked to die for.

In 1960, following JFK's election, Harvey and I were invited to accompany Larry Fuchs on the adventure of a life time: a stint with the first Peace Corps mission to the Philippines.

After returning from Asia, I changed course by going back to school to obtain a doctorate in Psychology, while also giving birth to and raising a son and daughter. While completing my doctorate, I was fortunate to obtain a job at a newly opened Community Mental Health Center in downtown Boston where I worked for 25 years with an amazing staff and enough funding to actually do some good. I also served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School in the department of Psychiatry where I both taught and supervised medical residents, as well as co-directed the Internship program in Psychology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and maintained a small private practice.

After a long and very fulfilling professional career in Boston, and a divorce, I followed my two children and two grandchildren out to the East Bay of California where I now live. I continue to stay very active in politics and have become involved in helping to develop a nationwide "Village " program (which started on Beacon Hill in Boston.) These villages aim to help keep seniors at home as they age, by providing helpful services and support as well as numerous social activities to keep us elders actively engaged. At my local Village in Berkeley, I developed and oversee the social services programs for the Village and initiated a Healthier Aging Initiative to keep us old folks "On the Move."

While these are hard times for us all, I have managed to keep my spirits up and find engaging and fun activities, while working to get our country out of the multiple tragedies we are currently facing.

Great to hear from you all and to know how well we have all fared.

**Suzanne Chernow Prince** ([suzharvprince@me.com](mailto:suzharvprince@me.com))

I wasn't too involved with Brandeis campus life because I met my future husband freshman year; married him after junior year; took extra courses in order to finish in three years. Married in 1957; first child 1958; second child 1959; third child 1962.

Moved to California 1964. Started working with my husband 1973. Traveled the world over for business and for pleasure; alone and with our 8 grandchildren. Boated in the Northwest, East coast, mid US, Canada and Alaska.

Retired as CFO 2012. Now sheltering at home with my husband; zooming with our children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter.



**Joel Rodney** ([globalpartnerships37@gmail.com](mailto:globalpartnerships37@gmail.com))

My academic career has taken me to 10 universities and four continents either as a faculty member, or for forty years, serving in senior positions as Provost, Academic Vice President, Interim President, Campus CEO, and Campus Chancellor at institutions from Widener, to Salisbury, Rockford, UW-Washington County and Penn State York. I believe I left each place better off than when I came; implementing new programs, and raising over \$20,000,000 for faculty development, scholarships, buildings, creating alliances with local school districts, and with international universities in Central America and India. I also was an active participant in community affairs, serving on and chairing Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Agencies, Land Trusts and Governors' Committees servicing the disabled community. My proudest accomplishment was helping to end the practice of Red Lining" in West Bend Wisconsin, and playing a significant role in establishing the York County Charter Academy, a publically funded entity which serves children from one of the county's wealthiest districts, a solid blue collar district, and the City of York district which is 95% minority with 90% of school children being eligible for free lunch and continues to be a model for the Commonwealth. I retired from Penn State in 2012.

I then became Dean of Academics at Apeejay Stya University in India to work with the faculty in developing a truly Liberal Arts based curriculum. For the past 8 years, I presented papers at Indian symposia and now there are many Universities that have adopted a similar philosophy of education; This year the Central Government of India adopted the New Education Policy which mandates all education, public and private, pre K to University, shall be based on the Liberal Arts and has set a five year deadline for changes to be made. Our role as pioneers has been acknowledged by Government Ministers. This transformation is epic and removes the last vestige of the colonial system of education imposed on India by the British almost two hundred years ago. I am truly honored to have been a part of this.

Personal stuff-2 sons Adam and Ben by first wife who are both part of Silicon Valley IT Community. I have a third son Jon whose Mother died when he was nine years old, and after three years of single parenting was raised by current wife Judy who many of you met at our 50th and 60th reunions. Jon graduated Summa Cum Laude from UC Berkeley with major in Spanish and Minor in Arabic. and is director of public relations at a national non-profit dealing with immigrant rights; recently undertook a "pilgrimage" to the ancestral stetlachs in Poland and the Ukraine, and is studying Yiddish.

One final thing shortly after our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, my beautiful wife Judy suffered a massive stroke from which she is slowly recovering but still in need of attendant care. She has made great progress in speech and comprehension, but still has full use of only one arm. We were fortunate to have been at our place in Philadelphia rather than in Florida when it happened because we live about 10 minutes away from Moss Rehab which is one of the best in the country; Between that and COVID I have been pretty much homebound, still working through ZOOM.

**Barbara (Shapiro) Cohen-Rosen** ([amltlma@comcast.net](mailto:amltlma@comcast.net))

A few months after graduation, I married, had a daughter, and, unfortunately, was widowed after only six years. I then founded a young single parents group at the local JCC in Brighton. After several years, I remarried and became a stepmother to a teen-aged boy and found myself in the retail piano, organ and disc-jockey business. After 25 wonderful years, I was widowed.

For the past 38 years, I have been the administrator of an intensive summer program that trains local and international clinical investigators at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

While working full-time, I was involved in activities with the Brandeis National Committee, the Red Hat Society, Hadassah, and enjoyed local theater, opera, ballet and movies. Now that I am finally retiring at the end of December, my time will be spent on virtual events, and enjoying time with my children and three grandchildren, mostly via Facetime and Zoom.

**Barbara Bolotin Rosen** ([brosenprov@aol.com](mailto:brosenprov@aol.com))

My life has had ups and downs and twists and turns

After graduation, Michael (Rosen) and I married and I had every intention of pursuing an academic career. Neither the marriage nor my professional ambitions worked out and it was a very hard time.

However, we had a daughter who is great; we were able to do divorce much better than marriage and I found my calling as a psychotherapist, work that I still love.

One last important fact is that I have been and continue to be a committed radical (think Bernie) not as physically active as when I was younger but still as passionate as ever!

**Michael Rosen** ([michael.rosen@brown.edu](mailto:michael.rosen@brown.edu))

After graduating from Brandeis, I obtained a PhD in mathematics from Princeton in 1963. In the same year I became an Instructor in mathematics at Brown University. I spent my entire professional career at Brown, rising through the ranks and retiring in 2007.

I have many interests in addition to mathematics. Prominent among them is political activism; civil rights, anti-war, civil liberties, etc. Recently I did my best to "de-throne" Donald Trump. I hope my small part was helpful in making this project successful. As an old "liberal-radical" my recent activism consisted mainly of writing checks, but I did my share of marching in the streets over the years. I also had a Biden-Harris sign in front of my house to complement my neighbor's "Women for Trump" sign.

I have very fond memories of my four years at Brandeis!

**Gabrielle Rossmer** ([gjrossmer@gmail.com](mailto:gjrossmer@gmail.com))

I identify as 1) a sculptor, 2) a mediator, 3) wife of Donald Gropman, Brandeis Graduate, writer. 4) mother of Sonya Gropman, artist and writer and Adam Gropman, comedian, actor and writer and - with his wife, Robyn, the father of 6 year old Levon 5) late entry, I have become co-author with daughter, Sonya, of a cookbook that honors our heritage, "The German-Jewish Cookbook: Recipes and History of a Cuisine," published by Brandeis University Press in 2017.

Current activities include making new work in my studio, getting our downsized new home in Gloucester, MA into shape, writing postcards and making phone calls to Georgia for the Senate run-offs, heaving daily sighs of relief at the result of the Presidential election, and doing my exercises to keep the limbs moving.

**Larry Selinker** ([larry.selinker@nyu.edu](mailto:larry.selinker@nyu.edu))

I know Brandeis gave me skills and set me up for an international academic career of research, training researchers, teaching, and lecturing world-wide. To me, it seems simple: When I entered Brandeis, I just could not write, and when I left I had no trouble and had mastered this skill. As a result, I have published enough for several lifetimes.

Brandeis gave me another leg up when it helped me, with scholarship money, to spend my junior year abroad at Hebrew University, beginning linguistic skills that did me well in grad school at Georgetown, and beyond. On a social level, I lived in the dorm at HU with Israelis I know to this day,

On the other hand, I certainly had another equally formative experience, the USAF. That experience, especially BASIC, did give me more to help face life and learn to interact with all sorts of peoples.

I've had several major jobs: Prof. of Linguistics and Director, English Language Institute, Univ. of Michigan, 1977-1993.; Prof. of Applied Linguistics, Univ. of London, 1993-2002, returning to NYU as Visiting Prof in 2002

Anyone interested can see a couple of wiki pages (which i did not write):

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry\\_Selinker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry_Selinker)
- <https://lsa.umich.edu/linguistics/people/faculty/professors-emeriti/lselinke.html>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interlanguage>

To sum up, One experience I did not expect that has happened in the past ten years, and it is quite the thing: i.e. to see my former graduate students, who became university professors in a number of countries, retiring. Seeing former students retire, wow!

**Jim Shapiro** ([jlsor14@gmail.com](mailto:jlsor14@gmail.com))

Blended family (second marriage for both) with Valeria (Wellesley 1971) with five children.  
Spent 20 years each in corporate world and then owned car rental firm while president of American Car Rental Association for 10 years.

Involved today in building world class Orlando Holocaust Center with Shoah Foundation.  
Reside in Orlando and summer in Berkshires

**Selma Shapiro** ([selshapiro@aol.com](mailto:selshapiro@aol.com))

I met my amazing friend, partner, husband Jim Silberman at Random House in 1964 and we fell madly in love some years later. What a life we shared, publishing, writers, travel, living the best of New York, music, food, art, friends. We were a great team, in our work, our play, our families, our joys and our laughter. We were happier than we ever imagined, growing ever closer, ever stronger during his two strokes. He passed in July. I treasure our last years together when we were caregiver and cared for, finding new depths of love and understanding. Now, at 83, a new chapter for me, building on the foundations we created, surrounded by loving family and friends and saying YES.

**Monica Starkman** ([starkman@med.umich.edu](mailto:starkman@med.umich.edu))

At Brandeis – which I credit with teaching me how to think – I was a premed grind, but made the time to happily sing in the chorus, be a (klutzy) member of the modern dance club, and be an assistant editor of *The Justice*.

I married while in medical school, and had three children as I continued my path through internship, a postdoctoral fellowship in human genetics, a residency in psychiatry, and through the academic ranks as faculty of the University of Michigan Medical School – a dual career as mother and professor that was sometimes hair-raising, sometimes hilarious, and always interesting.

I retired at the age of 70, but I am still officially an "active emerita", so I contribute to departmental activities and our depression center when my participation can be helpful; continue working on several research papers stemming from my NIH-sponsored research about the effects of hormones on the brain; and also have a regular blog-column on the Psychology Today website, writing articles as one of their Experts, which is now my main vehicle for helping people – the site has an unbelievable reach, so that some of the articles have been downloaded by over 50,000 people, a very gratifying way to continue to use my expertise.

I am now in the middle of an additional career: my novel, *The End of Miracles*, was well reviewed, found by a producer, optioned for the screen and is now being developed as a television miniseries – which opened a new world to me including entertainment legal contracts, movie and television production, screenplay design and the like – and I love this chance to learn something entirely new.

I live in Ann Arbor Michigan, and while I daily miss my beloved husband Eduardo who died seven years ago, I enjoy my multiple connections with the Ann Arbor community, my synagogue community, my medical/scientific colleagues, my new virtual author community, and camaraderie with my six grandchildren including mentoring the older ones as they forge their educational and career paths – and, above all, am constantly grateful, grateful, grateful for all I've received in life.

**Jane Jacobson Stein** ([janejstein4100@gmail.com](mailto:janejstein4100@gmail.com))

Although I have not been to any reunions, Brandeis is a part of my daily life that I share with Bob Stein, '60, my husband of 55 years.

After a very fulfilling career as a health and science writer, magazine editor, book and textbook author and publications consultant, I have moved on to a refocused life in DC working with people with disabilities and those facing homelessness, registering new Americans to vote, recording the New York Times for the visually impaired and going far afield to teach conversational English in China and Vietnam.

Bob and I spend a third of the year in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where we ski and snowshoe in the winter, hike and forage for mushrooms in the summer and are involved in the Seminars at Steamboat, a nonpartisan series of public policy lectures we help fund.

Also enriching my life are my children—Stephanie, a forensic psychologist in Connecticut, and Jeremy, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade public school teacher in Maine—who contribute to the social well-being in their communities, and my five grandchildren ages 14-18.

While I am worried about the future of our country, it is good to remember the Brandeis motto and hope for the best: Truth even unto its innermost parts.

**Stephen Weiner** ([attyweiner@yahoo.com](mailto:attyweiner@yahoo.com))

My wife Barbara, class of 62, passed away almost 5 years ago, after 55 years of marriage. I have three children, two of whom live in Framingham and one in New Orleans. Retired real estate attorney.

**Joan Roth Weiss** ([joan.weiss@earthlink.net](mailto:joan.weiss@earthlink.net))

I attended Brandeis for my freshman and senior years. I was a Zoology major and I also had a piano scholarship. For my sophomore and junior years, I transferred to Barnard College to be near my then-boyfriend, who was at Columbia. We married after my junior year and moved to Cambridge where he was starting Law School.

After graduation, I worked in a laboratory at Boston City Hospital and then got a Master's Degree in Zoology at Wellesley College. We then moved to the DC area, and I got a Ph.D. at the University of Maryland in Reproductive Endocrinology.

During that time we had four children, and beside lots of car-pools and the many other things that go with raising kids, I was mainly involved with Community Jewish Education activities and with my Conservative Congregation in Chevy Chase, where we lived. I led many committees and eventually served as President of the Congregation. I was most proud of my leadership in the effort to increase women's participation in services, which we increased from pretty much zero to the point where we hired a woman Cantor.

My husband Mark and I have been happily married for sixty- two years. One of our daughters unfortunately died of an apparent heart attack at age 50. Our other children are all happily married and we are the proud grandparents of six wonderful grandchildren from age eighteen to twenty four.

**Murray Woldman** ([murray.woldman@gmail.com](mailto:murray.woldman@gmail.com))

Life has been full of so many things, good and bad and yet--here I am at 83, looking back at my life: Wonderful adventures, travels, fabulous people, growing and changing interests, since we all left South Street that sunny afternoon in June of 1959. Most of it included my best friend and companion in life, my twin Joel, who very sadly left me in May of 2007 to begin his own new adventure as he dealt with the results of a recurrence of the leukemia I saved him from in 1999 with a bone marrow transplant. I miss him very much and every day. One day I will join him again wherever existence takes us but in the meantime, I live my life here in Alexandria, VA in the beautiful 1854 house we both loved so much, only the second family to have occupied it since it was built.

We went on to PhDs at Michigan in International Relations and South Asian studies, thence to the Foreign Service, Joel to Islamabad, Pakistan and me to New Delhi, India, where we spent 4 (he) and 3 (me) years, returning to DC having decided that we would stay put and spend the rest of our lives enjoying each others' great company.

After a year or so working at the US Information Agency as it was then, I left to begin a new career on Capitol Hill, where I joined the staff of an anti-War caucus of House and Senate Members called Members of Congress for Peace Through Law (MCPL) and Joel joined the Library of Congress. From 1983 to 84 I worked at the Senate Democratic Policy Staff and then our greatest adventure began in 1986 when we decided to work together, for the **first** time, at our then hobby, antiques. We became enthusiasts of the early 19th century and combined our hobby with our lives, working together with some success and restoring our Greek Revival home, when not traveling to New York, Boston and other places where we displayed our collections as Woldman and Woldman. We became known for our specialty and achieved some success in the period 1986-2003.

Yes, the social ideals of Brandeis remained there but our lives moved into a more artistic mode. We had decided to retire in the new millennium and we did. Joel was stricken in 1998 by leukemia, which I helped him to conquer with a bone marrow transplant. By 1999, thinking Joel had conquered leukemia, we faced the future with joy, planning foreign travel, reconnecting with religion as we joined our gay synagogue Bet Mishpachah in DC, cultivated new friends and our gardens on Duke Street in Old Town Alexandria, loving the arts, restoration and architecture, domestic and foreign trips, our beloved England, France, Italy and yes finally, a trip to Germany, whose beauty partly overcame our memories of what had happened there. Russia, palaces, Japan, Taiwan, and other delightful places and good ethnic cuisines made us happy as did our love of art films, Washington's great museums and cultural delights we had first experienced at Brandeis.

All seemed pointed to a wonderful retirement when the leukemia returned in 2005. We had gone to our first reunion at Brandeis in 2003 and so enjoyed seeing so many old faces again. But in 2005, the new iteration of leukemia proved worse than the first and I could not help this time. I cared for him at hospitals, hoping for a recovery again but sadly, the return was incurable and I finally had to bid a heartbreaking goodbye to him at Hopkins in Baltimore in May of 2007 where I had saved him earlier.

Life goes on now, quieter and full of memories whose joy helps me to feel fortunate that we had had what we did. Before COVID appeared, I saw friends, traveled a fair amount, lastly to China in October 2017, kept my house safe and sound, and pondered where and when I would go next. A beautiful grandniece and grandnephew delight me and I cannot wait for the renewed ability to travel again to my sister and her family in Massachusetts. The end of this pandemic and some good years ahead beckon, as I hope they do for you all. I look forward to a return to sanity at the White House in January! I hope for health and happiness for us all in the New Year and beyond.

**Albert P. Zabin** ([ajzabin@gmail.com](mailto:ajzabin@gmail.com))

Just shy of starting my final year at Harvard Law School, I married Judy Liskov '61. Less than a month after my graduation, I reported to Fort Dix where I received some of the most valuable education in my life; I was under the command of the most diverse group of managers (otherwise known as drill sergeants) that I have ever experienced. One was white from rural Georgia, two were black, one from Mississippi, one was a black from somewhere else, and the other was a Puerto Rican. They worked together as a team; they were professional in every respect and did just about everything they demanded of the recruits (except KP). I had never experienced being under the command or supervision of a person of color or someone who was not white middle-class or upper-class. In fact, I cannot ever recall having seen a person of color in a position of real authority. The experience became an important part of me.

The day after I was discharged from active duty, I began the practice of law with one of the great trial lawyers in the country, Joseph Schneider. His mentoring style was having me jump into the pool at the deep end and swim. He gave me an incredible amount of independence and challenging cases, including a case in the United States Supreme Court in 1965.

Two years later our son, Edmond was born, followed about three years later by our daughter, Serena, and four years after her came Brian. They have given us a total of nine grandchildren.

I have been a trial lawyer for 59 years. For 42 years I continued, with three wonderful partners, in the practice I joined fresh out of the Army. With one of my partners, I joined the International firm, Duane Morris, for 12 years. I moved on to working part time pro bono for Greater Boston Legal Services (for which I had handled cases pro bono while in private practice) until May of 2020. Since then I have volunteered with the Biden campaign through Swing Left and the Georgia senatorial run off campaign.

My outside interests have been almost everything. One of my grandchildren has said, "Grandpa knows something about everything." I have been politically active in Lexington MA politics. I have been a member of the representative Town Meeting since 1972 and have served some terms on the School Committee and Planning Board. I also served on advisory committees for the Board of Selectmen (now known as the Select Board).

My greatest outside interest is photography, followed by travel. The two interests support each other. Although musically untalented, I love music. Judy and I have and have had a wonderful life for which we are deeply grateful.

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Married life with Meir Zippor, a Tzabar (one born in Israel) started after graduation degrees B.A. ( Brandeis) and B.J.E (Hebrew College) in 1959. One more degree, M.H.L, (Hebrew College); three children (Ofra, Adi, deceased, and Amihai) and 25 years being a Hebrew Teacher in afternoon religious schools, now seem to have passed so quickly. Watching daughter Ofra and Rob Panzer marry to have my grandchildren Aviva, Sam, Tamar, and Ari; son Amihai and Rachel Stomal marry to have my grandchildren Anava, Shira, and Adiel; and last but not least granddaughter Aviva marry Abe Katz to have my twin great grandchildren Eitan and Lila.

In August 2008 I made 'aliyah' (Immigration) to Israel to live in Jerusalem. Here I have been sightseeing and studying Yiddish, Hebrew short stories, 'Gemara' ( Talmud ) and lately Jewish history after the first Temple was destroyed.

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