

Brandeis
Class of 1954
65th Reunion
Yearbook



Sydney Rose Abend

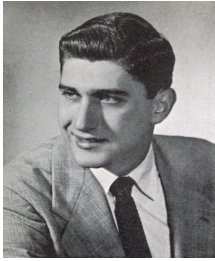
Life after Brandeis...

Norman and I are still living in Wayland in the same home (nearly 60 years now) 15 minutes from Brandeis.

We are lucky to be healthy (as of this writing) and are still traveling, still sailing (limited), still skiing (Norman, not I) and still very much enjoying life!

Looking forward to seeing a good reunion turnout!

Sydney



Elliot Aronson

Life after Brandeis...

It is impossible to overstate the impact that Brandeis had on my life. My father died when I was in high school leaving our family impoverished. Because I hated high school, my grades were mediocre. Miraculously, Brandeis offered me a work/study scholarship for my first year. Without that, I would never have gone to college.

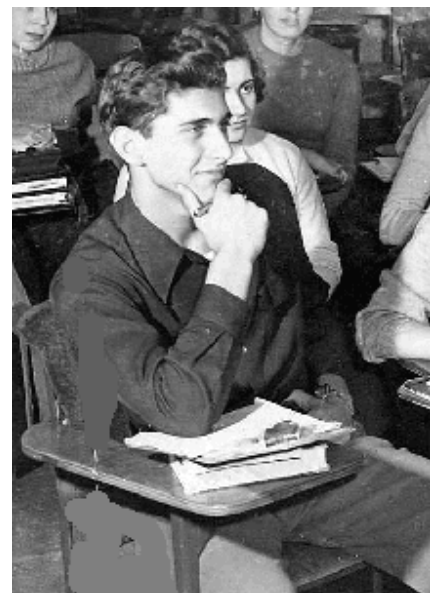
That was all I needed. In my freshman year, I fell under the influence of some great teachers and learned to love to learn. My best friend was Ray Gilbert, who came to Brandeis on a football scholarship. We met while we were working nights at the campus snack bar. Ray and I roomed together in our junior year and, the next year, along with Hal Gelstein and Pelham Douglas, we rented an entire apartment. The four of us bonded beautifully and enjoyed the hell out of that apartment.

In my junior year, I stumbled into a lecture by the great humanistic psychologist, Abraham Maslow, who excited me with psychology's potential for addressing some of the problems plaguing society--like prejudice. I switched my major to psychology. The psychology department had several excellent professors but it was Maslow who inspired me and became my mentor. Eventually, Maslow came to believe I might have some talent and encouraged me to think about going to graduate school.

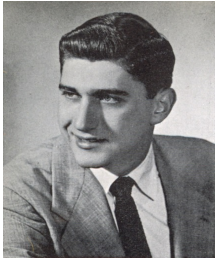
The Psychology Department was housed in a cozy cottage on Ridgewood Terrace. In my senior year, Maslow hired me along with a wonderful fellow student, Vera Rabinek as his research assistants. I barely knew Vera but had admired her from afar for about three years. While working with Maslow, and just hanging out with the faculty and graduate students in the Ridgewood cottage, Vera and I became increasingly close friends. By graduation, we had fallen deeply in love. We were married a few months after graduation--just a few days before I started graduate school. We have been on our honeymoon ever since--about to enter our 65th year together.

In the first six years of our marriage, we had four children. We are incredibly excited by who they have become; each in his or her own way has found a profession that has enabled them to give something important to the community and the nation while bringing themselves great satisfaction.

In 1959, I received a PhD in social psychology from Stanford where I learned to do research and the art of teaching. Over the years, I wrote or edited more than 20 books and am the only person in the 125 year history of the American Psychological Association to have won all three of its highest awards: For Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Research, and Distinguished Writing. I have been named one of the most influential psychologists of the 20th century. I guess the thing I am most proud of is the invention of the jigsaw classroom -- a cooperative teaching technique that requires students to cooperate with one another and not only improves learning but also reduces prejudice and bullying (www.jigsaw.org).



In Prof. Bodky's music class, freshman year. (By Ralph Norman)



Elliot Aronson



Vera & Elliot chatting with Abraham Maslow, June, 1954



Vera & Elliot at graduation party 1954, falling in love.



Vera & Elliot on their ranch just outside Santa Cruz



Vera Aronson

Life after Brandeis...

Emerging from the Holocaust I immigrated to the US. I was full of hope for a life where all people can live in freedom and dignity. I was shocked by the racism in my new country. My advisors urged me to apply to several fine women's colleges. I did and was accepted but it didn't feel like a good fit. Too snobbish.

And then, to my great good luck, I saw an article about a new college, Brandeis, in Life Magazine. I got very excited, I knew immediately that this was the place I wanted to be. A college created by Jews that not only provided a place of learning for Jews, but was open and inclusive for all who wanted an education. I was ecstatic when I was accepted and given a full scholarship!

When I first experienced Brandeis, it was like entering the Land of Oz.

Brandeis gave me the liberal environment that I thirsted for, where I felt accepted in spite of my differences, most obviously my accent. I had made many friends, and loved college life - staying up late into the night discussing new ideas. Ita Keller became my closest friend.

I had some wonderful teachers -- Mitchel Siporin, Peter Griffin, Irving Fine, who opened my eyes and heart to art and literature and music. I can still see Milton Hindus, sitting on the edge of his table, reading Socrates's "Apology" while we listened with tears in our eyes.

Loved being in the chorus. I loved the library. I spent many hours there reading and listening to music.

I began as a chemistry major, and finally in my junior year I realized that I was not born to be a chemist. In my first class with Abraham Maslow, I knew for certain that psychology was the field that really interested me. His positive approach to psychological health was fascinating. Best, and most life changing of all, not only did I gain an area of learning for the rest of my life, but in Maslow's orbit, I met Elliot Aronson, who also switched to psychology, was equally excited by his new field. We hung out together in Ridgewood Terrace, home to the Psychology Department - 65 years later, we still like to hang out together.

We fell in love and married in the fall after we graduated.

Elliot went on to graduate school and a brilliant career in Social Psychology. Soon after, I started my career as family builder, and at this point we have four children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. I am proud that all our children are good people committed to do well in the world. And I have been proud of Elliot, all along, for what he chose to work on and how he worked as he developed into a great researcher, amazing teacher, t-group leader and writer.



As we are now



Jan Bolaffi

Life after Brandeis...

We're still at it – almost 65 years as an alumna and married to André ('53) – part-time in San Francisco, then in Palm Beach, FL, then wherever we want to go. Next year we plan to take our kids (David, Mimi, and Rudi) to Egypt to visit André's old stomping grounds.

While in Palm Beach, we have met several Brandeisians (Hermine and Mike Leiderman, Terry Kemper (from the 60's)) – life has been very good to both of us.



Bernard Bossom

Life after Brandeis...

Years pass too quickly, don't they?

Decades in real estate is now followed by volunteer work - SCORE (look it up,) food banks and, most significantly, I am the Executive Director of a 501(c)(3) engaged in the development of Affordable Housing.

As with you all, my family - two kids (with their own kids) and my wife of 51 years - is my legacy.

I regret not joining you all on our 65th. The 60th still remains a warm memory.

Bernard





Paula Goldfader

Life after Brandeis...

The most important thing about Brandeis for me was that I met my handsome husband Edward and we had a wonderful life together. We had three great children, two girls and one son. And we have three great grandchildren, two boys and a girl.

Ed passed away around nine years ago and I miss him. We did a great deal of traveling and Ed played golf everywhere. Ed's work life was finding missing people and his specialty was missing stockholders. He wrote a book called "Tracers."

After retiring from twenty years on the administrative staff of a hospital I picked up a camera. I started having photography shows. My last one was in honor of my 80th birthday. I still play with my camera and Photoshop. You can see some of my creations at: paulagphotos.wixsite.com/colortropolis



Jeanette and Ike Goodman



Life after Brandeis...

Brandeis opened the door to opportunities never before contemplated by me. Meeting Jeanette was the signature event in my life. She is the most ardent fan of the University, and I hope that I come next.

Brandeis was the portal to Stanford Law School upon leaving which launched a career that continues to this day, featured by the 11th commandment, "Thou shall continue working."

It all started for me when I met Benny Friedman, who gave me the opportunity to attend. That started the dynasty which followed me in the name of my brother, his son, and most recently a niece.

We have lived in our present home for over 40 years, long after the departure of our two children. We are not into change, but there is some evidence in the physical department that there are exceptions. Somehow, Jeanette seems to avoid it. She continues to be as busy as ever with many organizations including teaching school children about the San Francisco Symphony and taking over 60 kids to a concert each year. We continue to have an active social and family life and are grateful for the many opportunities we received from our foundation at Brandeis.



Ike, daughter Andrea and grandson Zach at Lake Tahoe



Jeanette and Ike



Ike and Jeanette at Half Moon Bay



Dona Seeman Kahn

Life after Brandeis...

I am working as a mediator and attorney and enjoying my life in NYC. My life has had its highs and lows but I am blessed with a loving family including grandchildren who bring me much joy. I remember my years at Brandeis as a happy time and one in which I was greatly enriched. Looking forward to catching up at the reunion.





Elaine Heyman Kamowitz

Life after Brandeis...

The question I keep asking: How did the numbers get so large - my age, the number of years since I was a student at Brandeis, the number of family generations I've been blessed to see.

It's hard to believe that it's been 65 years since I was a student at Brandeis. Yet here I am - a great-grandmother of 4 adorable little girls. Of course when I was a student I never thought about growing old. Now it's time to look back and acknowledge all that's been good in my life.

I had a very satisfying career working in computer analysis for over 50 years. My major in math at Brandeis helped me get a part-time job in my junior year working for a company which was building a computer. That job introduced me to some people who formed a company, Comp Inc., which hired women with children who wanted to work only part-time while their children were young. I became a partner in the company, working in it until I retired 12 years ago.

Another blessing I had was my marriage of over 62 years to a wonderful man, Herb Kamowitz. It's almost a year since Herb's death and it's been a very sad year for me. Fortunately I'm left with lots of beautiful memories of our life together. We raised three amazing children who raised 9 amazing grandchildren. Five of those grandchildren are married and two have given me my 4 adorable great-granddaughters. All of these descendants are a source of much comfort.

Through the years Brandeis has had special significance to me and my family. Not only did I spend 4 pivotal years of my life studying there, but my daughter Anne Diamond, son-in-law Tzvi Diamond, and grandson Rafi Diamond, all received Bachelor's degrees from Brandeis. My grandson did us one better - last summer he received his Master's degree in education from our alma mater. Then in January Rafi married a lovely young woman, Miriam Renz. There was a large number of Brandeis students and alumni at the wedding. Here is a picture of that Brandeis contingent.

I'm so proud to have begun a family tradition of studying at Brandeis, and hope that succeeding generations to come will follow in our footsteps.



**Brandeis Guests @ Wedding of 3rd
Generation of Brandeis Alumni**



Marilyn Berman Kaplan

Life after Brandeis...

I transferred to Brandeis in 1952-My junior year. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Early Brandeis was a very exciting place. We had celebrity Professors such as Leonard Bernstein, Max Lerner, Leo Szilard and many more.

The campus was beautiful with many trees. Very pastoral. There were many great people on the campus. I roomed with one of them my senior year- Marilyn Baker (Appel). My husband's cousin Dick Rosenberg married another one my classmates Barbara Cohen. I met my husband Edward Kaplan my junior year. One of the luckiest things I ever did. He graduated Boston University and became a naval officer. We married right after graduation. My husband Edward was a builder in Florida with my brother George as his partner for many years. We moved to Florida in 1959. We love the mild climate. We have watched Florida really grow.

We have three wonderful children. We also have been blessed with 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Philip is a dentist and lives in Israel with his lovely wife and family. Evan is an attorney, a Brandeis graduate, and lives in Boston with his wonderful wife and children. Suzy is a teacher and businesswoman. She lives in Florida with her great family. The three children all attend University of Florida.

I am on the National and Regional Board of AMIT. (formerly known as Mizrahi) It is a wonderful charity that helps 34,000 children in Israel providing high level education and vocational training. We are very blessed life has been good. We are very grateful. We hope our classmates have achieved much happiness in their lives.



**The Kaplan Family
Evan, Susan, Marilyn, Ed, and Philip**



Marilyn and Ed Kaplan



Rhoda Hadassah Kotzin

Life after Brandeis...

For the past few years we have enjoyed the best of both worlds. From May to October, we are in our home in East Lansing, Michigan. From October to May, we are in our other home in the Seacrest Village Retirement Community (independent living) in Encinitas, California.

Looking forward to reconnecting with my Class of 1954 classmates.



Dottie Saval Levy

Life after Brandeis...

I am more and more thankful for my education at Brandeis as the years pass by. That's pretty nice!

Our son Steve passed away on January 21, 2019 at home in L.A. He leaves his wife, Caroline Carrigan and son, Jacob Randall Levy who is studying in France this semester. An outstanding person and student and grandson.

Our daughter, Lauren, Class of '80, Mother of Michael and Allison Meller, is a judge in Naples, Florida and wife of Mr. Todd Brodie.

Our youngest daughter, Jill Levy Sorota lives in Mamaroneck, NY and is the mother of 2 outstanding children. Lindsay who works in Manhattan and Andrew who is studying at Yale.

Irwin and I will be celebrating our 64th Anniversary in August. We sold our home 2 years ago and live in Providence, RI. It's a very nice and comfortable building and Brandeis visitors are welcome!



Irma Miller Napoleon

Life after Brandeis...

After graduation I moved from Boston to Framingham. Married and had 3 children in 3 years - very busy.

From 1960-2000 I worked in several positions in the education field and loved every minute of it.

My husband and I wanted to travel and went away as often as work would allow. China to the French Polynesian Islands. For the past 20 years I lived 3 months a year in the Cote D'Azur. From there I travelled throughout Europe until 2016. Now my trips are closer to home as I need a cane for walking.

We are foodies in our family and enjoy seeking out restaurants here & abroad. Life is good and we enjoy every minute of our days. I see as many of my old & new friends as possible when home although many are now gone.

I am looking forward to our time back at Brandeis.



Asnah Perlman

Life after Brandeis...

Married in September 1953, Divorced in 1968.

2 daughters – born 1957 and 1961

4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren

B.A – Brandeis 1954; M. Ed – Harvard (HGSE) 1958

Teacher – Boston – September 1954 – June 1956

After divorce moved back to Baltimore, MD.

Social Admitting Officer – Sinai Hospital, Baltimore
1965-1967

Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences,
Baltimore City Community College, 1967 – 1995

Private practice in Psychotherapy and Counseling –
1988-2016

Lecturer and Guest Speaker – Various venues in
Baltimore, 1987-2016

Returned to Boston full-time in 2016.



**February 2001 – 67 years, 9 months
old.**



Diane Needle Plotnick

Life after Brandeis...

I had the pleasure of being a teacher for 30 years.

I have wonderful children and grandchildren, and my husband Charlie, who I met at Brandeis, will celebrate our 65th Anniversary in June.

Brandeis will always have a special place in my heart.



Bernice Rose

Life after Brandeis...

Overall life is good. Charlie and I have celebrated 66 years and still going strong. I am back on the Brandeis campus as I take lifelong learning courses (Bolli). For those who have not been on campus for years, you in for quite a surprise.

We are fortunate our children are still close by, but one granddaughter is in Australia and her brother is in Seattle where his wife is a rabbi. The other three are still in this area. I doubt we'll get to Australia, but Seattle doesn't seem too far. Here's hoping.



Just us



All of us



Sidney M. Shaer

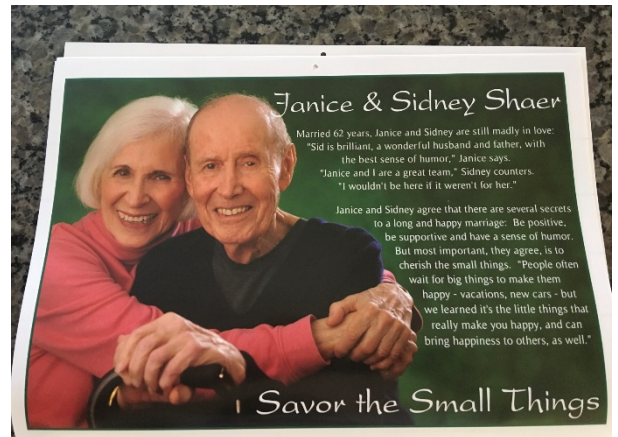
Life after Brandeis...

Brandeis was very special for the class of 1954 for many reasons. For me, Brandeis was the first place that truly expanded my horizons in so many ways: the small intimate classes, the close relationships between staff and students, the close friendships with students that grew and lasted amazingly through the years. I still talk about the many positive influences that made my life wonderful today. For example, when I saw a Leonard Bernstein show recently on television, it brought me back to my years at Brandeis. Leonard Bernstein inspired us at Special Education classes and Special Concerts. It is ironic that when I was in high school in Boston, I was advised "not to go to Brandeis because it was not yet accredited." Luckily when I visited Brandeis, I fell in love with the school and never regretted it.

After a graduate degree in Microbiology, I served two years in the military in the First US Army as a research specialist. I had the opportunity to use the skills I started to develop at Brandeis to work in marketing, market research, and new product development. My horizons were unlimited, and in working for several corporations over many years, and later as an independent consultant, I expanded my efforts to cover worldwide marketing. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the 65th Brandeis reunion. Although this is a challenging time for me, I have absolutely no complaints of my current life with a wonderful wife of 62 remarkable years, three fantastic daughters and sons in law and seven incredible grandchildren. As I always said "life can be and is beautiful." We have been truly blessed.



My wonderful extended family



**My beautiful wife Janice
(in our calendar debut)**



Sidney M. Shaer



Celebrating with my two oldest daughters



Enjoying a day with my youngest and middle daughter



Barbara Cantor Sherman

Life after Brandeis...

"To a school of higher learning, in the town of Waltham Mass, came a group of Brandeis students to begin their freshman class." I think that is the way the song began. That was 69 years ago and now we are here celebrating our 65th reunion.

In the form sent from the alumni office they suggested that we tell what was memorable and important to us at Brandeis and since graduation. If I did that I would spend hours and take up much too much space. At Brandeis: Ludwig Lewisohn and his cat Cupcake and the number of times we helped to find her, writing our intellectual autobiography for Max Lerner (I took it so seriously, as if he would really care), Marie Syrkin having Barbara Levinson and me to dinner at her apartment in Cambridge, General Education S, and those speakers whose names were the most important in the 1950's. Each of us must have our own list and we could go on forever.

Since Brandeis: Mal Sherman, my husband of 60 years did not go to Brandeis, but he has been as involved and active as any graduate. He met Dr. Sachar when we were invited to a dinner at his home and from then on he was both a believer and worker. His Brandeis involvement culminated with appointment to the Board of Trustees and ultimately as Chair of the Board. We recently moved from our home in Wellesley to NewBridge on the Charles in Dedham. If you are in the neighborhood, please look us up. Our daughter, Robin, Class of 1983, has also always been active and involved in Brandeis, is teaching full time and raising our grandchildren. Our grandchildren, Jessica and Lila are not at Brandeis, but have always loved the University and consider it a part of their lives. We have all always lived within ten miles of the University and have never really left it. We serve on Boards and committees, we are advocates for the University, and we enjoy the theater, the Rose, and the musical performances at Slosberg.

As you may have surmised, I loved being a student at Brandeis and I love being an alum. Unfortunately, two of my roommates, Barbara Levinson Morgenstern and Jane Greenbaum Eskind, with whom I have been lifelong best friends, have recently passed away. I miss them a lot. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Brandeis and remembering our days here.



Mal & Me



Barbara Cantor Sherman



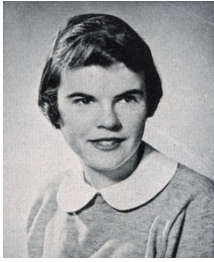
Mal, Jessica, Lila, Me, & Robin



Jessica & Lila



My Granddogs, Rosie & Cookie



Debby Berman Siller

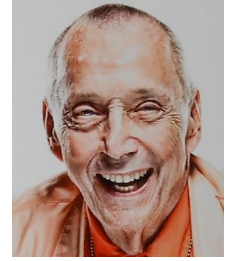
Life after Brandeis...

My four closest friends at Brandeis are now all gone: Dorothy Danzig Masch, Judy Gamoran Chernin, Joan Rubenstein Freeman and Joan Sharaf Felleman. We shared so many good times together in the Castle and then Smith Hall. I served as editor of The Justice my junior and senior years and that experience led me to a production assistant's job at Research & Engineering magazine shortly after graduation. When my children were born -- Linda 1959-Brandeis 1981 and Michael 1973-Duke 1985, I was a stay-at-home Mom until they reached high school. I had an interesting job at the Comics Code Authority, a group of comics publishers whose art boards we reviewed to insure adherence to high standards - no sex or violence permitted.

As part of my job I met every week with Stan Lee who signed our paychecks. Upon publication, the art boards were destroyed along with my Mickey Mouse watch. Unfortunately, I then worked as a paralegal at a local law firm and was recruited by one of their clients, a community bank, to work as their asset recovery manager. I remained there for 23 years and retired as a vice-president. I now enjoy spending time with my three grandchildren when they're not too busy to visit. Unfortunately for the last eight months I have been "out of commission" due to a fall I suffered, landing hard on my back and breaking bones in my spine. It's been a long and painful recovery with a lot of physical therapy. I can't believe that 65 years have passed since graduation. I look back at my college days with great fondness.



Richie Silverman



Life after Brandeis...

Nothing has changed since our 60th. I'm in my 17th year at the WEHO Sheriff's Station from 10-2am every Saturday I am free (most these days). Have now managed 34 out of 38 years in my old haunts of Bangkok and Tokyo in October-November. Health is great, but I am stuck with my walker 24/7 after 3 back operations that didn't do the trick.

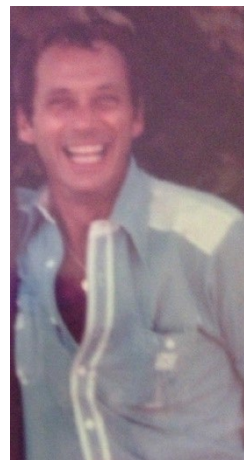
The really great news is that my being a Fellow of Brandeis for 30 years will expire when I do BUT the Toledo Museum of Art is honoring me with the "Richard Silverman Curator of Asian Art" which will last indefinitely.

The Museum, in its 120 year history, has never named a curator-ship for anyone who had not been a Museum employee, i.e., a long time curator. There has never been a named one in Asian Art.

About 5 years ago the Museum honored me with a small dedicated gallery for netsuke of which 90% are from my collection. Toledo is only the 2nd major U.S. museum to have a permanent dedicated Japanese netsuke gallery. That's it. Happy 65th. I'll try to make it... Just for Sydney and Normie's hospitality.



**July 4th party.
Pacific Palisades 2013.**



**Taken for the
Toledo Museum
of Art
instillation to
celebrate 1000
museum
visitors.**



**80 birthday
luncheon.
Polo Lounge of
Beverly Hills
Hotel. 2012.**



In Memoriam

Let us remember those classmates,
who are no longer with us,
but will always be a part of us.

Greta Rosenzweig Abelow
Marilyn J. Adler
Ora Gorovitz Band
Jean Mecham Barker
Joyce Rosenberg Barnett
Carole Joyce Barry
Millard Bass
Peter Akulin Bokat
Phyllis Hirsch Boyson
Edward Brooks
Judith Gamoran Chernin
Judith Cohen
Richard L. Collins
John Crowley
Miriam Feingold d'Amato
John A. Danis
Raymond P. Doherty
Robert A. Domozych, Sr
Annette Kaplan Dorf
Rima Drell Reck
Muriel Gash Duffy
Sanford Engelberg
Phyllis Coan Farmelant
David B. Feldman
Joan Sharaf Felleman
Harvey Fields
Joan Rubinstein Freeman
Herbert J. Ginsberg
Hannah Friedman Goldberg
Rosamond Brown Goldberg
Edward Goldfader
Morton L. Goldfader
Sidney Goldfader
Ernest Goldstein
Philip T. Goldstein
Marie Gordean
Robert T. Griffin
Carl Gurgold
Mitchell Guttenplan
Carol Sabin Heller
Cecile Shlifer Heller
Irma Weinberg Hoffman
Robert N. Hurwitz
Judith Bleich Kahn
Miriam Lee Kaprow
Esther Rachel Kelly

Jolie Brockman Kinsolving
Frank Marvin Lander
Sidney Mael
Edward E. Manganiello
William W. Marsh
Dorothy Danzig Masch
Robert J. Mayer
Donald Menchel
Martin M. Mintz
John D. Morelli
Phyllis B. Morelli
Barbara Levinson Morgenstern
Peter Nadash
George R. Nemetz
Ruth Fleg Pearlmutter
Raoul Nahum Peizer
Judith Ritter Petzold
Minnie Freedman Piha
Michael Rapport
Miriam Sherman Rapport
Arnold Razin
Sidney J. Rosenthal
Nadav Safran
Adrian W. Salinger
Robert L. Samuels
Irma Stolin Sandler
Clark Timothy Sawin
Pamela Lerner Schofield
Frank R. Sherman
Franklin Siegel
Anne Hessler Smith
Richard S. Smith
Arnold Spicehandler
Bernard Spielman
Donald E. Stapleton
Ira Sherman Steinberg
Lila Liebman Stern
Sylvia Herman Svonkin
Lawrence Tattenbaum
Jules Teitelbaum
B. Terri Trieger
Reid Watson
Joan Schlosberg Weinstein
David Weisgal
Leonard Winograd
Chester Herbert Wolk

