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THE BULLETIN

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THE EDITORS' PAGE

The following pages require no introduction or editorializing. To most of you they will be priceless and cherished for many years to come. To the rest we hope they will help develop a better understanding of our unique organization and an appreciation of what it has accomplished and is capable of doing in the future.

We feel only that due credit should be given here to some of those who have devoted so much time and effort to compiling the monumental wealth of material we have been able to put down in permanent form for the first time in fifty years.

For the "History", we are indebted to Ruth Shapiro. Were it not for her deep interest and devotion to the Family such a project would have been completely unattainable.

When we discussed preparing a "Family Tree", many said that completing one within such a short time would be impossible. Yet, Ruth Hermanson did just that — the impossible.

"Memory Lane", of course, required a large group working together, but thanks to the generalship of Sylvia Siegel we were able to get features from a great many people. However, time being limited, unfortunately, we could not wait for any more. So, if we didn't get a page from your Memory Book, send it in now for the next issue. We think "Memory Lane" would make an interesting permanent department for THE BULLETIN.

For the Coat-of-Arms and the new cover, we owe a vote of thanks to Milton M. Hermanson (Josh's brother) of New York, through whose efforts they were designed.

So many people participated in this BULLETIN that it is almost impossible to list them completely. But it was not done only for credits of this kind. We all did it because we wanted to, and because we have a good feeling of accomplishment.
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As president of this Society, it is my privilege and very great pleasure to use the medium of our own Bulletin to extend official greetings to my relatives everywhere on this happy and rare occasion of the FIFTIETH anniversary of our beloved Farein.

"We are our Brothers' Keeper" is the concept upon which our Society was founded. It seems to me that any failure on our part to recognize our duty to our brothers will not only lead to their suffering but to ours as well and in this Jubilee year of our history, it is well for us to rededicate ourselves to the nobleness of its meaning.

I pay tribute to our FOUNDERS and walk humbly in their footsteps, for it was their vision and their enterprise that not only united our clan, but preserved for us its very identity.

For me the Farein has always symbolized the finest in family culture and I know that no matter what the unknown future may have in store for me, my life will always be inexorably bound up with it.

It is my earnest hope that our Farein will continue to grow and enjoy the active participation of all its members; and, that the highly developed sense of fraternalism which so characterized our FOUNDERS, not diminish with the passing years.

For ours is a proud heritage. May we prove worthy of its name, and may the Divine Providence continue to look kindly upon our endeavors and give wisdom to our decisions that its richness be preserved for generations to come.

Ruth Shapiro
President
FROM THE SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The B'nai Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society met for its regular bi-monthly meeting on November 12, 1950, at the Trenton Democratic Club, with Rabbi Shapiro presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Committee, by Rebecca Romm - Dorothy Abramson & Bertha Raffel, daughters of the late Mr. & Mrs. Naier Abramson of Washington & Audrey & Leonard Raffel, son and daughter-in-law of Bertha Raffel, were welcomed as new members.

Charity Committee - A motion was made by Meyer Bebchick & seconded by Tillie Solomon that a donation of $25.00 each be given to the Lithuanian Jews and to the Histadrut as heretofore. This motion was passed.

Sick Committee, by Memie Sokolsky - Philip Rosen is feeling a little better and is now looking forward to receiving company. Rachel Miller is ill at the Sinai Hospital and a request was made that any of our membership who possibly can should give a pint of blood to replace the blood transfusions Rachel has had. Please call Sinai Hospital for information as to time when this can be done.

Social Committee, by Jack Solomon - Reported on the success of the Hallowe'en Party and thanked Mr. & Mrs. Bert Edelstein for their hospitality on this occasion. He also reported that there would be no bowling until after the banquet.

Constitution Committee - Progress.

House Committee, by Abe Solomon. The committee would check into other places to get a less expensive place, if possible, adequate for our needs.

Bulletin Committee, by Goldie Michelson - The next issue would be the 50th Anniversary Bulletin and urged all those who could to attend the next Bulletin meeting.

Board of Governors - The minutes were read and approved. The next meeting would be held December 19th at the home of Tillie and Abe Solomon.

Banquet Committee, by Jack Solomon - Requested the membership to make reservations by December 15. Price for children $3.50. Also requested that all those members who could wear formal attire.

NEW BUSINESS - A motion was made by Goldie Michelson that the B'nai Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society contribute $50.00 to the Memorial Fund in memory of our dear departed members and a page in the Anniversary Bulletin be dedicated to them. A motion was made by Tillie Solomon, upon recommendation
of the Board, that any member who does not attend two meetings and has no valid reason, be automatically replaced. This motion was not passed and upon the recommendation of Goldie Michelson, it was decided that the chairman of each committee contact those members delinquent in attendance and discuss with them their reason for lack of attendance and act accordingly.

Ruth Shapiro appointed Meyer Bebcnick as Chairman of the Charity Committee until Philip Rosen recovers sufficiently to take over. She also appointed Sol Levine as a member of that committee.

An announcement was made that the unveiling of the stone for Michael Dubick would be held November 26, 1950.

GOOD & WELFARE — Sylvia Silverman thanked the membership for their cards and good wishes on the birth of her son.

George Cooper sent us a Thank-You note for the books we gave him on his recent Bar Mitzvah.

Celia Shapiro and family were the hosts of this meeting. Tillie and Abe Solomon volunteered to be hosts at our next meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertha Smith, Secretary

A FAMILY PRAYER by Robert Louis Stevenson
(reprinted from this week)

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth, and our friendly helpers in this foreign isle...

Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere...Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavours. If it may not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, and down to the gates of death, loyal and loving to one another.
The last ten years of the 19th century saw our FAMILY pull up its roots and begin to migrate from Lithuania in quest of opportunity. A few went to England, one group to Palestine, and others to the Union of South Africa.

In 1891, Morris Nachamson came to Baltimore, thereby earning the distinction of being the first of our clan to establish residence in America. Max Romm and Becky Abramson were married in London, England, May 1892. The following year they took Morris Nachamson's advice and also came to the United States. And that, we are told, began the trek of our mishpocha to the United States. John Romm, however, first came to Baltimore but after a few years went out to Africa where he remained until his death in 1945.

By 1901, the coterie included the Abramsons, Rocha Nessa Rubin's family, Myer Smith, his sister Celia, Albert Schwartzberg, Eli Nachamson, his sister Fanny, Brina Seigel, Eva, Rose and Sadie Harris, Fanny London, and perhaps a few others. George Harris, the Stein family, Sneir Abramson, and Mardecai Laib Shapiro, first went to Africa and then came on to settle in the United States.

In those days, everybody was a "koptson" but each did what he could to help those still in Europe. Soon, Myer Smith's natural leadership began to exert itself. Deeply concerned in the welfare of all his kin, he arranged passage and visas for those who had no means of their own, and met the costs with Bank Loans underwritten by himself and a few other interested persons. He was married to Anna Rubin and their flat at 117 Front Street, became the Sunday evening rendezvous of the FAMILY while he collected five cents a week from as many relatives as could contribute and, in that way, paid off the loans.

His confidante and great friend was Uncle Max Romm whom he consulted on every matter and whose sound opinion and liberal viewpoint he valued very highly.

By 1901, it was decided that these impromptu, weekly meetings ought to have formal status and, in May of that year, our FAMILY held its first called meeting in the home of Yankel & Rocha Nessa Abramson Rubin at 1013½ Low Street, in Baltimore. From that day on, Baltimore has been the focal point of this Society.

There is some variance of opinion as to date, for there are a few who say that the Sunday of Chol-”ha-moed Pesach, April 1905, was when the Farein was formally organized. Be as it may, the minutes of January 11th, 1934, include the following sentence: "Es iz dichtlich bashtmit givoren dos unzer Farein is organizeert givoren in May 1904." We are told that those who gathered together on that memorable evening were Rocha Nessa and Yankel
Rubin, Becky & Max Romm, Celia Smith, Anna & Myer Smith, Albert Schwartzberg, Zachariah Rosen and Rubin Levine. Since no records have been found of those early days, we can only relate what we have learned from those who "remember" and appreciate how satisfying for them was the process of organizing.

From later records and from hearsay, we know that dues remained at five cents a week, with initiation at 25¢ per person. Meetings were held every few months in each other's homes. Membership was limited exclusively to "Blute Freindt", that is, to all descendants of Rella Krok Romm Abramson, or of her first husband Yehuda Laib Romm, or of Abraham Abramson who was her second husband, or of their sisters and brothers. Since the charter members were descendants of Abraham Ambramson and Yehuda Laib Romm, the group chose for its name B'nai Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society, and declared that its purpose was to continue the policy of making loans for any relative who, as a would-be-immigrant, needed that loan, and with the understanding that when he took his place within the FAMILY he would then repay the loan. The privilege of voting or of making loans was limited to the natural member only.

The earliest available records are from the "dues book" of March 7, 1909 through 1911. Its roster reads like a "Who's Who", and some of the names not already mentioned are those of Jake Adler, Sarah Rosen Davidow, Fanny Rosen Hausman, Ida Rosen Stutman, Max Silverman, Hyman Smith, Abram Rubin, Hyman Shapiro, Benjamin Shapiro, Ethel Sokolsky, Etta Devorah Smith, Jennie Seigel and Ida Silver. We learn too, that Tillie Levine, Mamie Yatovitz, Rachel Silver Snovsky, Henna Ginsburg and Max Yatt became members in 1912. In 1914, Rocha Nessa Shapiro's family moved to Baltimore from Harrisburg. Raphael Nussen & Sarah Meyerowitz, whose home was in Harrisburg, became members at the same time. Also in that year, Aaron & Rachel Miller came from Palestine, and in 1915 their brother Sol joined the group. The Barrons and Anna & Louis Hurwitz entered the fold in 1918. In that same year, the Morris Nachamsons returned from one of their long sojourns in Africa and Morris became the Secretary.

Those were happy days. All were young and hopeful, aware of the unlimited opportunities for improved living standards, and all the glory and freedom that is America, theirs for the earning.

They had banquets too, but called them suppers. The reader will find the record of the supper of Sept. 29, 1912, an interesting study of costs as compared to today's economy.
"Expenses: Fish $1.42  Chicken $1.05
Meat 3.75  Bread .88
Eggs .35  Cookies & 2.35
Flour .20  (bolkies)
Corn .37  Market 2.73
Sugar .25  Cook 5.00
Beer & soda 4.70  Dishes 5.25
Whiskey 2.15  Labor 1.30
Potatoes .35

Total Exp. $12.10
Price per couple $1.00, 50 cents for a single person!

Our founders always referred to this Society as the "Farein", never "Verein" or even "Farband". All three terms are synonymous, but evidently "Farein" is native to Lithuanian Jews and still the common usage of our charter members. Hence, we, who follow in their footsteps, have adopted it with love and fidelity.

In 1913 the Articles of Principle were set down. They have been trans-literated and are recorded here verbatim.

"Ungenumen und baschlosen Jan. 1, 1913, airklareungen fuin unzer Con-stitution"

1) Der tseveck foon unzer Farein zol zine arop tsu nemen greeneh und zae tsu helfen de aisteh tsite.
2) Ven es vairt far-laangt heelfeh far a frinad fuin der familiyah, awber air ba-laangt nit tsun Farein, hut de Farein a recht tsu geben a donation nit mair ve $10.00 dollars.
3) Ven a frinad vendet zich noch a loan, arop tsu branget frinad, zol de nemmer zich far-flichten ois tsu-tsolen un a yar de loan, in monatlicheh up-tsolen.
4) De tsolingen nuze zine nor de suma monatlichcha up-choleningen, nemlich, a loan aaf $25.00 - $50 a monet, fuin $50.00 - $75.00 - $100 a monet, fuin $100.00 loan 6.00 a monet; ah-na ergent velcheh in-terest.

From the beginning, the fund-raising methods practiced have not only been unusual, but typical of the self-obligatory nature of our clan. For in addition to the initiation fee, a member is charged $1.00 each time a kindly Providence smiles on him, whether it be with his engagement, his marriage, or the birth of each child.
Unlike most fraternal organizations, however, this Society has never made it a practice to recognize the services of its officers with any token regard. Conversely, it has confined its material expressions to new babies, Bar Mitzvah boys, newlyweds; since 1910 to those observing a 25th wedding anniversary, and more recently to Mr. & Mrs. Max Romm and Mr. & Mrs. Rubin Levine in honor of their 50th wedding anniversaries.

With World War I and the tightening of all immigration laws, entry into the United States all but ceased. In 1920, when communications were once again fully established with those relatives still in Europe, and in Palestine, and it was learned how much in need they were of help, each member of our Farein felt that in helping his cousin’s parent, sister or brother, and perhaps a niece or a nephew, it would be like helping his own. Consequently, the dues were raised to 10¢ a week, initiation to $1.00; and the semi-annual allotments for Passach and the High Holy Days were increased. It is noteworthy that these allotments were made as outright gifts - not loans - and over a period of 35 years, more or less, have amounted to quite a sizeable sum. So genuine was the goodwill of our FOUNDERS, that the need of such aid from the Farein was never strongly questioned.

The next two decades - the 1920’s and 1930’s - saw the general membership increased by some $5 of our third generation. It can be said with pride that they, and those who have followed, joined up spontaneously as soon as each was grown and financially independent.

The following items of interest are from the dues records of 1928:
"Der meeting fuin Jan. 8, 1928, hut diskuteert de fraageh vegen de rechtsh
fuin tsotan tsaad fuin de members. Es iz ba-schlossen und dur-gehfeert gi-
voreen tsu geben dem maan, udder fre. fuin member aleh rechtsh ve de members
mit der oisnaam fuin financial heelf."

"Es iz aech ba-schlossen und dur-gehfeert giforen tsu geben de Tantes
Etta Devorah, Chaia, und Rocha Nessa, honorary membership mit de rechtsh
fuin members." This courtesy was later extended to Dena Raisa Rosen.

During the next ten years, our matriarchs passed on to their reward and the sorrow of their passing was tempered only by the fact that each had "lived out" her years. But the untimely death of more than 40 of our early members has created a void that can never be filled.

So closely knit has been the relationship of our relatives, that when a few became interested in Greenhaven, a rustic settlement on the Magothy River 20 miles south of Baltimore, approximately twenty of our families also became interested and together they formed the Greenhaven Society which is entirely independent of the Farein. So anxious were they in preserving their status as a FAMILY that their membership was limited to those who are eligible to
join the Farein. On June 28, 1931, a regular meeting was held at Green-

hen, and the minutes read: "Tsu leib dem opening fuin unzer hoiz hut men
kansh business mit forgebracht."

In the early days, the duties of the Secretary was to keep the "Dues
books", and we recognize the penmanship of the auditor as that of Benjamin
Shapiro. Apparently no regular minutes were kept.

The fully recorded minutes are those of February 22, 1931, when
Meyer Bebchick became secretary. The meeting was held in the home of Mr. &
Mrs. Max Romm and we are reminded that "the members made up a collection to
which was added $5.00 from the treasury and that this procedure was to be-
come an annual memorial to the memory of Etta Devorah Romm Smith, who had
died the previous May, and that the money be given to affiliated relatives
who are not otherwise entitled to help from the treasury".

The 27th Anniversary was celebrated with a dinner dance on Oct. 18,
1931, at the clubhouse on Hamilton Terrace. The toastmaster was Max Romm,
and speeches were made by Benjamin Shapiro, Aaron Miller, Sol Levine and
Abe Stutman. The committee included Becky Romm, Anna Smith, Celia Shapiro,
Ida Stutman, Rachel Miller and Ethel Sokolsky.

The records of January 3, 1932, disclose the first appointment of a
committee to render any immediate help needed by a member, and consisted of
the two officers and Max Romm, Gershon Sokolsky and Benjamin Shapiro. When
Rachel Miller took exception and suggested that women ought to be included
on such a committee, the president appointed her and Ida Stutman.

These minutes also disclose Meyer Bebchick's report of a relative in
Lithuania who requested $35.00 to join her husband in South Africa. The
request was satisfactorily considered.

Mr. & Mrs. Abe Stutman were the hosts that evening and among those in
attendance was their sister Dora Rosen Winesberg, to whom the Farein gave a
Bar Mitzvah gift for her son. Meyer Bebchick's well known dry humor al-
cludes to the prohibition era as he describes the liquor and whiskey served
by the Stutmans as "extras" and "satisfactory and special extras."

Evidently, Uncle Max & Aunt Becky Romm were hosts to the FAMILY every
year. It was in their home on February 25, 1933, that "der Farein iz criti-
kirt givoren far nit ahnerken members, udder zaer kinder, ven es macht
zich a stamch. Und es iz ba-schlozen givoren doe ir etter (hereafter) ven
a member's a kinne zol veren Bar Mitzvah, udder chasenek, udder afilah
a teviling zol geboren veren, zol dizan member ahnerkent veren fuin der Fare-

Ein mit a rememberance. Ah-zol ve unzer a member Sol Levine farlust Bal-
more iz ba-schlozen givoren tau presenteran im mit a token fuin der Farein.
In numen fuin Farein hut freindt Max Romm in eber-gegeben dem present und
hut im givunshon success in zine nai'er hame. (Refers to Sol Levine's de-
parture for Tampa, Florida).
On May 20, 1935, Meyer Bechick resigned as secretary and was succeeded by A. Jesse Hermanson who served in that capacity for seven years. The minutes of that period disclose these highlights.

1) Feb. 16, 1936 - The 35th Anniversary was celebrated with a Banquet and Dance at the Shaarei Tfiloh Synagogue. A testimonial, signed by the 140 relatives present, was presented to the President, Mr. Myer Smith. The cost of the banquet to the Society was $120.70.

2) Nov. 15, 1936 - A dinner meeting was held in the Nation's capital with the Washington contingent as hosts. A wrist watch, purchased with a purse made up by the membership, was presented to President Myer Smith as a token of appreciation for his many years of tireless effort on behalf of the Farein.

3) Jan. 16, 1938 - A banquet and dance were held at Shaarei Zion Synagogue and was attended by 177 of the members. A wrist watch was presented to Uncle Max Romm, in honor of his 70th birthday, as a collective gesture of the membership. The cost of this banquet to the Society was $106.43.

4) Nov. 20, 1938 - At a regular meeting held at the home of Philip & Hannah Rosen, the new Constitution was adopted.

Josh Hermanson resigned his office on August 30, 1942, and Ruth Shapiro was elected to succeed him.

World War II saw many of our young people in the armed forces and those members so engaged were excused from paying dues for the duration. At regular intervals - according to the holidays listed on the Jewish Calendar - packages were sent to each of our servicemen.

During 1943, a total of $12,000.00 was invested in War Bonds. This capital outlay represents the assets of this Society as of 1942. The bonds are intact and yield dividends semi-annually.

Periodically, the Farein has been approached for contributions to local charities. On April 1, 1943, the president vetoed such a request and then went on record "that the charitable activities of this Society must necessarily be reserved for the individual members and on occasion when called upon to contribute to projects of national scope whose activities are of prime interest and benefit to all the members of our Society".

That summer, Uncle Max Romm departed from our scene, and the minutes of September 5, 1943, take note of that great loss in these words: "Acting upon the request of the President to whom Uncle Max's death is a great per-
personal loss, Sol Levine made a very moving eulogy for our late Uncle Max Romm. Commenting at some length on the long career and full rounded life of this man who was regarded by the members of the Farein as a 'Rock of Gibraltar', the speaker expressed the sorrow and irrevocable loss of our Society to the bereaved family."

But the sudden and unexpected death of Myer Smith on December 1, 1943, rocked this Society to its very foundations. As the only president of our Farein since its inception some forty years previous, his was the figure that formulated its policies and developed its history. His passing, therefore, made for the unaccustomed need for reorganization.

The Board of Governors met in special session and presented a slate of officers to the general membership on January 23, 1944, and resulted in the election of Dr. Sol Smith, President,—as a tribute to the memory of his father; Sol Levine, Vice-President; Ruth Shapiro, Secretary; Bertha Smith, Treasurer.

On March 12, 1944, it was decided "that a tree be planted in Palestine in memory of each departed member of this Society as a fitting and permanent memorial".

Up to that time, there were no fixed meeting dates. Rather, the general meetings were called every two or three months when it was convenient for most. In May 1944, the decision was made to plan six regular meetings a year, but the dates still remained open.

Further, "it was proposed that in order to promote and sustain the interest of all out-of-towners, copies of the minutes be mailed to each". That was the beginning of our BULLETIN, with Leo Folb as its first Editor.

The fact that Myer Smith continued in office for over 40 years is evidence enough that there was little or no pressure ever to oust him. But in June 1945, more than half of our FOUNDERS were gone, and with them much of the warmth and sentimental concern for each other that was the very spirit of our Farein. Our FOUNDERS had a common bond. Not only were they relatives, they were also Lanitsmaan for they had all come as strangers to a new world.

But the younger members who began active participation had a more detached and businesslike attitude, and for the first time in the history of this organization, dissenting opinions were publicly expressed as to the continuance in office of incumbent officers. When the revised constitution was adopted on December 9, 1945, it included the stipulation that no officer was to succeed himself in office more than once.

To our men and women in the Armed Forces, August 14, 1945, meant that the war was over. As a FAMILY we had so much to be grateful for, especially since our loved ones would be coming home,—all save one. Jerome Rottman,
son of Abe & Sadie Harris Rottman, gave his life for his country while on
a mission over Germany. His death is the tragedy of all the FAMILY.

But the joyous homecoming did not go uncelebrated. On January 16,
1947, a gala Victory Banquet was held in the vestry of the Agudas Achim
Anshe Sphard Synagogue and among the 216 who attended, were a goodly number
from far and wide. As compared to the previous banquets, the cost of this
affair was $1147.00, $150.00 paid out by the treasury.

The general meetings were soon very well attended and it became evid-
ent that the homes of most of our members were too small to accommodate
the growing membership. So... it was reluctantly decided that while the
summer meetings would continue to be held in Greenhaven, the winter meet-
ings would be held in a public club room, with the rental paid by the treas-
ury and the refreshments provided by a successive group of hostesses. To
meet this expense and the cost of the Bulletin, dues were raised to fifteen
cents a week.

The first such winter meeting was held on October 7, 1945, at the
Trenton Democratic Club, 3701 Park Heights Avenue. The hostesses were Ruth
Romn Aball, Bessie Silverman Polb, Goldie Stutman Michelson and Florence
Sokolsky Stutman. According to the minutes "the satisfaction of each mem-
ber present in the comfort of a chair and plenty of elbow-room was mani-
fested in the quiet and patience with which the evening's business was
transacted." On November 9, 1946, it was agreed that the second Sunday of
every second month be designated as a regular meeting date, and in order to
make the business of evenings run more smoothly we decided in July, 1947 to
bill our members for their dues on a yearly basis.

The international problem of rehabilitating the war-torn refugees of
Europe found deserving consideration among our members. However, since all
the dues are used for the mutual aid of our members, the Board recommended
the raising of funds independent of the treasury so that the society would
be in a position, financially, to meet the requests for contributions by
either national or international charities.

The recommendation became an actual fact when Rebecca Smith Perlman
established it with the sum of $100.00 and requested that it be known as
the Anna & Myer Smith Memorial Fund as a living memorial to her parents.
Remembering well the lifelong zeal and selfless devotion to the purpose of
this Society by Myer Smith, founder, organizer and president, those present
were so stirred that the initial amount was increased to $305.00 by spon-
taneous contributions.

The Memorial Fund continues to be the source from which we contribute
to outside charities. Its big fund-raising project is the greeting-card
system which was inaugurated on March 10, 1946. But much of its monies
have come from the personal contributions of our members. Since our membership is restricted to our relatives, we confine all solicitations within our own group. There is always something to be thankful for, always a memory to cherish. That is why we have been able to make contributions as high as $1000.00 to the United Jewish Appeal, and to include Hadassah, the Histadrut, the Society of Lithuanian Jews, and the Mo'os Chitim in our considerations.

On January 12, 1947, we conformed with the international trend of adopting war orphans, and took as our ward one Emil Dresser who was born in Paris in 1904. We met the $300.00 annual cost of his maintenance by private collections, and for three years continued these contributions through the Baltimore Chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee.

The value of the BULLETIN as the one great newslink with all our known relatives everywhere, was dramatized by Cousin Leo Yatt in the late summer of 1947, when he journeyed from his home in Johannesburg, South Africa to visit with his sisters and brothers and to acquaint himself with the B'nai Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society. In May, 1948, his brother Maurice made the 8,000 mile trip and we have been told that it was the Bulletin that stirred up their long-slumbering memories and resulted in their much welcomed visit.

For the first time in more than 30 years, we were able - in March 1949 - to effect the immigration of a family closely related to a goodly number of our members. While it is true that their passage was paid by the United States Government and in one necessary instance by private sources, it is good to know that our petition, with the signatures of our servicemen, expedited the entry of these survivors from Nazi terror.

The annihilation of more than six million Jews by Nazi Germany and the disappearance of untold thousands behind the Iron Curtain, makes it quite probable that any of the roots not dug up 60 years ago, are now completely destroyed. How fortunate for all of us that the adventuresome spirit of Morris Nachamanon prepared the soil for the transplanting of our TREE here, in the New World.

On May 28, 1950, a revolutionary change was made in the administration of the Farsein with the election of Ruth Shapiro as its first woman presi- dient. A far cry from those early days when the men sat around the council table while the women sat some distance away and the children - the interested children - stood about and listened to the proceedings.

It is evident that the original purpose of this Society no longer exists, but the abounding pride of the General Membership in its long, honor- able history indicates an innate desire to perpetuate its existence.
This - then - is our history, the saga of our Family, compiled in the city of Baltimore, as of this 17th day of Tsveth, 5711, corresponding to December 26, 1950, in the JUBILEE year of its existence as a Family entity for the mutual aid of all its relatives.

IN TRIBUTE

We, the living, dedicate this portion of the Bulletin in reverent memory of those of our members who are now gone from our midst. As we try to visualize the joy they would have felt to have been able to witness this great milestone, we feel humility and a rededication to the ideals for which they stood. In the process of insuring OUR security, they founded and nurtured the B'Nai Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society. The fruit of their vision and courage is our inheritance. We must not lose sight of the fact that so many of us would not be in this great land today were it not for them.

Anna Abramson
Snaier Abramson
Jacob Adler
Benjamin Barron
Simon Barr
Saul Davidow
Morris Dobres
Michael Dubick
Helen Lipman Ellis
Louis Ellison
Rasha Nachamson Ellisin
Hannah Ginsburg
Harry Ginsburg (Orchic)
Fanny Rosen Hausman
Rabbi Samuel Hurwitz
Louis Hurwitz
Reubin Levine
Nathan Mazor
Rose Ellison Mazor
Rev. Raphael Nussen Meyerovitz
Sarah Rocha Meyerovitz
Aaron Miller
Eli Nachamson
Esther Nachamson

and

Jennie Nachamson
John Romm
Max Romm
Dena Raisa Romm Rosen
Mayer Zachariah Rosen
Abram Rubin
Rocha Nessa Abramson Rubin
Jacob Rubin
Albert Schwartzberg
Beckie Schwartzberg
Chia . Rava Romm Schwartzberg
Yankel Baer Schwartzberg
Gershon Seigel
Benjamin Shapiro
Hyman Shapiro
Mordecai Laib Shapiro
Rocha Nessa Romm Shapiro
Max Silverman
Etta Devorah Romm Smith
Anna Rubin Smith
Myer Smith
Rachel Silver Snovsky
Eli Gershon Sokolsky
Edith Shapiro Yatt

Jerome Rottman, who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II.
ALICE (MRS. MORRIS) ABRAMSON, Washington, D. C.

When I first joined the Family group, it was Albert Schwartzberg who took me under his wing and explained the family relationship to me. To this day, I am still learning about new relatives. But even though I married into the Family, it is I who knows the Family better than my husband and I do the explaining to him as to who's who, rather than he to me.

IDA SILVER BEBCICK

When you ask me what the Farein means to me, I can only tell you it has always been and always will be "Part of My Life."

MEYER BEBCICK

When Morris Nachamson decided to emigrate to South Africa, I was elected Secretary. I enjoyed very much working with the late Myer Smith, who was President, Treasurer, and sometimes Secretary. We didn't always agree with him, but even if you didn't agree with him, you still admired him because the Society was a part of his life. Yes, he was a wonderful man, but he was human and he had some faults. One was that he appointed committees and then ignored them and got some other members to do the work.

It so happens I was one of the members who was hurt in this way. Sometimes we are selfish and don't realize that we hurt others without meaning to. Such was my case. I resigned my job as Secretary. Mr. Smith was very much disappointed and none of his pleas changed my mind.

Happily my friend, Jesse Hermanson, was elected Secretary and was ably assisted by his wife. Later, Ruth Shapiro was elected Secretary and today she is President. Here and now, I want to tell the young members: "The Secretary of today may be the President of tomorrow."

ANN ROMM DOBRES

I was among a selected group invited to Rebecca Perlman's for a social evening about six years ago. The purpose of the gathering was that an attempt was being made to get those who were not active to become interested in the Family Society. Since a Family meeting was scheduled and because I have a large house and large cellar, I offered my home. There was a large attendance, but unfortunately it was an exceptionally hot night which made things most uncomfortable for all present. I can hear Edith Yatt saying that it was too much of a burden to expect individuals to hold meetings in their homes since the Family had grown so large. I do feel that as a result of the evening at my home the idea was born to dispense with having Family meetings at various members' homes, but rather to hold them at a designated place with hosts and hostesses.
LILLIE ROMM FREEMAN

I've been out of Baltimore for over 25 years and I never seem to be there when any meeting or function is taking place. The only thing I recall prior to my leaving Baltimore is that the "elders" dominated the entire activity and the "youngsters" went along for the ride. And since I was in between, I was then, as now, nowhere.

GEORGE HARRIS

A large Family is wonderful, even though sometimes you have that much more sorrow as well as the joys. But how many people can travel across the U. S. A. and be able to stop in city after city - state after state - from one shore to another - and be able to visit some relatives all along the way? I know, because my family and I have done just this.

RUCHA MINNA LEVINE

If only my beloved husband, Reuben, were here to share it with me, I could truthfully say that being able to help celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Family Society is as happy an occasion for me as the celebration of our Golden Wedding Anniversary was for both of us.

FANNIE LONDON

I was a member of the Family Society before I was married. To the best of my knowledge, I joined in 1900. However, after a number of years and a sad misunderstanding, I resigned from the Society. I stayed out for about 10 years. I will always be grateful to my dear cousin, Philip Rosen, for persuading me to rejoin, because some of the happiest days of my life have been spent with the Family, and I hope to spend many, many more.

RUCHEL MILLER

We came to America in October 1912, my husband Aaron and two daughters, Anna and Toba. Since Toba was not well we had trouble and were delayed in New York for several weeks. We arrived in Baltimore in November 1912, and went to stay with Sarah Kalesh. We were fascinated with the pure water and the gas in the walls. My husband drank more water than ate food. We immediately went to work and as you all know, we worked hard.
SOPHIE RUBIN OXENBERG, Washington, D. C.

With my memories of coming to America, I closely associate becoming one of the Family group and the assassination of McKinley. I can well remember the first get-together at the home of my father, Jacob Rubin. Among those present were Myer Smith and Reuben Levine. It was then it was decided to have a Family Farein.

I so well remember while staying at Ethel Sokolsky's home (near Marsh Market) that Gershon turned on the gas, thinking it was a lamp. It wasn't until the fumes became so strong that we realized what happened.

The Family Society is a far cry in the way it is run today as compared with the olden days. I heartily approve of today's method for we should change with the times. It is good to have young blood and young ideas.

I think it is wonderful that our Family has stuck together, especially for so many years.

REBECCA ABRAMSON ROMM

As an Abramson and a Romm and as one of the original members, I am very, very happy to help celebrate this Fiftieth Anniversary. I am sure no one would have prophesied in the early days of the Society that it would grow into the wonderful organization that it is today, nor did any of us dream that it would live for fifty years. As I see it today, I feel that it will go on forever.

PHILIP ROSEN

About 30 years ago our Family Farein had a supper at the home of Sarah Kaleh Rubin on 30th St. As we all sat around the table, each one of us made a few remarks and I remember as if it was today, that in my remarks I wished everyone there to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Therefore, I thank the Lord for sparing me to be able to celebrate this important event.

JENNIE RUBIN, New York City

I am very sorry I can't help make the Bulletin interesting, as I can't recall a thing and surely nothing funny.

What could be funny in borrowing money to bring over your folks from Russia's Hell's Kitchen when there was fifty in the treasury and we weren't sure some would be able to pay the $.25 a week on the loan? As I am writing I can see before me faces (humble) as if we were the bankers, and many sad stories are very vivid in my mind.

No, it wasn't funny. It's just the way it all happened.
I left Lithuania in November 1907 for England where I spent 6 months. My husband had left some time before me and had gone straight to America. I had a bit of difficulty but arrived in fine style. I came on the Lusitania, First Class. We had a wonderful trip. In fact, this was the Lusitania's second trip across the ocean. I arrived in Baltimore erev Passover of 1908 and was met at the station by my husband, Ethel & Gershon Sokolsky, Harry and Abram Sokolsky. I stayed with my sister Ethel, since my husband was already staying there. We slept on the floor for several months until we were able to get our own apartment. We took a 2½ rooms flat and bought our first furniture for $11.00. Wages were at a bare minimum and life was a hard struggle, but we were glad to be here.

It was July, 1906 when I arrived in America with my father, the late Menda Sokolsky. We were detained in Ellis Island for a week because my brother Gershon was not there to meet us. Then Uncle Max Romm loaned Gershon the money to get to New York. When we finally left the Island we could not find our way to the ferry in order to get the train to Baltimore. After wandering about almost a whole day, we asked a Jewish man whom we met on the street, to direct us. We did not get to Baltimore until late that night, and went to Gershon's and Ethel's house and stayed a week until the furniture for our apartment arrived.

As one of the cousins brought to America by funds advanced by our Family Farein, my constant prayers were that our founders be granted many years to continue this wonderful project. Our celebration this year would have meant so much to them all.

I left my home, Kupeshek, at the age of 18 for the good old U.S.A. I arrived in Philadelphia by boat, and then by train to Baltimore on Sept. 6, 1901, at 1:08 A.M. My brother Myer and my sister Celia, my cousins, Albert Schwartzberg and Eli Nachamson, met me at the train and took me over Jacob Rubin's on Lloyd St. It was on Sunday, and it was a very special occasion. My brother Myer and Anna Rubin got married.
Myer took me to Gay St. and bought me a navy blue suit for $6.00 and my sister Celia bought me a pair of black shoes, size 9. I wore size 7 at that time. Celia paid $2.50 for the shoes.

At night they took me to the wedding in Union Hall on East Baltimore St. They put a rose in my lapel and made me for an usher. Everybody looked for the greenhorn and I had a real nice time. After the ceremony, supper was served and my closest relatives took good care of me. They mixed me drinks of whiskey and beer, and what it did to me, I'll let you all guess.

ETHEL SOKOLSKY

Gershon and I were married the first week of July and left Dvinsk on our honeymoon. We arrived in America on July 21, 1904, and I am sure it was the hottest day of the year. However, we had to make an entrance in style. We dressed in our best. I put on a dress made of wool serge, long sleeves, high neck and long shirt, which had several petticoats. My husband, not to be outdone, put on his Prince Albert suit and we came down the gangplank to meet the reception committee, our cousins in America. Can you imagine what the visitors at Locust Point thought when they saw us, the Greenhorns? We did have quite a committee. The men had taken a half day off from work to meet the boat. There was Hyman Smith, Joe Rubin, Max Silverman and Becky Schwartzberg.

MAMIE SOKOLSKY

I came from Palestine where the weather was warm and landed in New York in March 1912. It was quite chilly when I came. I sent my family a telegram to meet me at the station in Baltimore. I arrived at 2:30 A.M. and found no one. Feeling quite lost and put out, I got into a horse-drawn cab with a number of Italian immigrants, but a man walked over and asked where I was going. I showed him Sarah Kaled's address and he definitely was not impressed with it and called a policeman who asked if I had any other addresses. I did. I showed them Benny Shapiro's address which was evidently worse. However, I explained to the officer and the man, who must have been an immigration officer, that the first address was that of my sister who had a grocery store. So, I was allowed to proceed. Naturally, Sarah Kaled was surprised to see me since she had had no word from me. The next day, Ethel arrived. She had just gotten my telegram and was ready to go meet me at the station. Frankly, I was not too impressed because times were not too good and everyone was struggling to make a living.
THE ANNA AND MYER SMITH CHILDREN

We were all together one Sunday afternoon and began to think and talk about our Fiftieth Anniversary. The girls started figuring out what to wear; the men were wondering what we were going to have to eat. The conversation progressed and suddenly each and every one of us began to realize what a heritage we had - belonging to a Family of more than two hundred people, who had lived together for fifty years. We were so proud that our father had helped organize this Family Farein, and knew that he was looking down on us rejoicing that it was just as important to us younger people as to those who had had the foresight to work and strive so that we could all be together in America.

Then Mary said, "I can just remember how the handful of members, when I was a small child, met at each other's homes and how they all brought us children along. Who ever heard of a baby sitter in those days?" And then Beck remembers how she and Mary grew up old enough to "have to wash dishes when the meetings were at our house" and how much more she enjoyed it at other people's homes. Then Bertha remembered how excited she was when she finally got her first week's salary and how she dumped the contents of her pay envelope on the table. Before she could start counting her money, Papa took 10% out and said "Now you are a member of the B'Nai Abraham and Yehuda Laib Family Society." How many of you all remember his contacting you as soon as you started to work? In his mind that was the day you became a man - or woman. No one was overlooked.

Jake remembered the wonderful trips to Green Haven when he was too young to drive and Papa and Mama took him there almost every Sunday. When he learned to drive and Papa and Mama were a little older and maybe a little too tired to go to Green Haven often, Papa said, "Okay, Jake, you can take the car and go yourself." It was his pleasure to know that his Jake wanted to go to Green Haven and be with his family.

Sol remembered how, after Papa passed away, how honored he was to be elected President at our first meeting, and to be given the privilege of following in Papa's footsteps.

All we can say is that it is wonderful to have such memories and we thank our parents from the bottom of our hearts for them.
Greetings on our fiftieth year as a family organization! As a Past President, I have been asked by the Bulletin Committee for a message and am at a loss for words to express my deep and sincere happiness.

Fifty years seems like a very short time in the broader scheme of things, but to a family it is a lifetime. I recall when I was a very small boy in 1906, when I first came to this country with my mother, sister and brother. Almost the very first social event that I was permitted to attend was the meeting at Uncle Myer's place. Of course, I was too young to understand what it was all about, but what intrigued me most was the fact that there were always goodies served and there were always other youngsters with whom we could play.

As I grew up, the Family Society became a very important part of my life, and upon maturity I began to take active interest. I recall the leaders who built the foundation from which grew the beautiful organization that we are now so proud of. I recall Uncle Max Romm, who usually presided at the meetings. His flawless judgment on controversial matters was outstanding, and in my opinion, he was one of the individuals who contributed a lot of brains to the upbuilding of our organization.

I also recall Uncle Myer Smith, whose devotion and interest in all our relatives knew no bounds. As we could refer to Uncle Max Romm as the brains, we must refer to Uncle Myer Smith as both the heart and the brains. Everyone's problem was his, and he carried the weight of the Society on his shoulders during many years. Many other cousins and uncles have made important contributions and were space available I would love to mention all.

After the tragedy of World War II and the known relatives in Europe we had been helping were destroyed, we felt it was necessary to do something for worthy causes which help our people in all parts of the world. Hence, we can proudly look on a record of the past seven years when our Society contributed to the U.J.A., Histadrut, Society of Lithuanian Jews, and other worthwhile causes. For this work I am most proud.

But it seems that the most important benefit we have from this Family Society is that it supplies a medium of keeping us all together. It has built among us a bond of sincere and worthwhile friendship that has enriched our lives many fold. It is up to us, the second and third generations to take over and build upon a solid rock of friendship, mutual assistance, and worthwhile deeds. At this time, we should all join in a pledge to continue our work and devote our efforts and time to make our Society a live, vital force for good in the community and in this troubled world.
Whenever I attend a meeting of our Family Parein today, my thoughts go back to the days when our meetings were held in member's homes. There was plenty of room for everyone. We used to enjoy so much our get-togethers. Everyone went to these meetings and planned and thought of the day when all the family would be in America. These plans were finally completed. The coming banquet will take my thoughts back to the days when a single member made a supper for the entire membership.

Over the 50 years we have grown and grown. Our family has scattered to many parts of our country, but we are held together by the thought that we are part of one family. There is no word so sweet and so meaningful as that word, Family.

As we reach this golden milestone, our thoughts and our gratitude go out to the Men of Vision and foresight who started our organization. Even though so many of these people are no longer with us, our hearts are filled with gratitude for what they have done.

ABE STUTMAN

In every organization there has to be a first of everything, such as the first President, Secretary or Treasurer. But with me was something very unusual. I happen to be the first "Rushisher" to crash in on the blue blood of the "Litvacks".

In December 1909, I married Ida Rosen. To my mother-in-law, I was the "Poiner", because of my thick Ukrainian accent. I feel sure that my mother-in-law wouldn't have finally accepted me had it not been for the campaign Etta Devorah had waged for me. In fact, she knew this so well, that even when I bought my first car in 1917, she demanded free taxi service from me for the rest of her life as her "Shochonis" fee. P.S. She collected.

Many criticized the "Rissiser", but could do nothing about keeping me out, since my wife had already been a member for 5 years, and as you can see, I am still with you, thank God.

IDA STUTMAN

I can never forget my first Family Society meeting. I arrived in America in December 1901, and in the following month January 1905, I became a member.

It was a bitterly cold icy night. My sponsors - my father, Mayer
Zachariah and my sister Fanny — and I had to hold on to one another tightly to keep from falling as we walked to the meeting place. It was on Bond St., Albert Schwartzeberg's, I think.

I had known only Etta Devora's family in Europe, and was completely bewildered by so many "freint" gathered in one place. To make matters worse, all the girls began to giggle and chatter in English. Just as I was about to cry, Jennie Seigel (Harris now) came over and explained they were only admiring my very rosy cheeks.

As I found out later, the routine was as usual. The men gathered in the dining room conducting the meeting and the women were scattered in the parlor and the kitchen. Today, as I attend a meeting, I often picture some of those men who dreamed of so much for the Family, realizing how much pleasure it would give them especially to see the active part being taken by the young people.

DORA WINEBERG, Adams, Mass.

Although I have been away from Baltimore for 33 years, I have always felt close to the Family. My mother and father, Dena Raisa and Mayer Zachariah Rosen, were so deeply involved in the early years of the Family Society, that becoming a member was taken for granted as each of us children became self-supporting. When I moved to Adams, I kept my membership, because if nothing else, I was sure my mother would disown me. With her, Family was practically a religion.

However, although I kept in touch through my immediate family in Baltimore, information about the Society and more distant relatives was limited. Somehow, I always managed to just miss a meeting or some family affair when I came to Baltimore. But since the BULLETIN began, I really feel as if I am truly a member of the Family Society. I look forward to it eagerly, and I can almost "see" every meeting and all the other activities described.

I most certainly hope that all will be well and that I will be able to see you all at the Banquet.

CELEIA SMITH SHAPIRO

Ich gedank az mir haben gehat a meeting ba Zachariah, ba Dena Raisen in hoiz. Zeh haben daan gevaint Low und Exster Streets, afen tsvaten floor. Fre-er is geven der meeting, und dan der supper — gehagteh flaisch — in klups mit potatoes, maren mit arbes, a por bottles schnapps, un mishtomeh ginger ale.
Tsue essen is gev'en longeh tables. Ahzeh ve tsu fil chairs is nit gev'en, hut men gelagt Brettler aff chairs tsu zine room ois tsu-zetsen ahlem'in. Ahzeh ve mir haben aleh zich ois gezetst tsu de tables, dan is gev'en de teije ven Jennie Seigel hut zich gegoozet arume Georgean (George Harris) ahzeh ve ze hut zich gegoozet arume em, hut ze gedaart zitzen leben em. Und ahzeh ve kane ort is tsu fil nit gev'en, der bret is schoen gev'en bazetst, aaber ze hut nit ge-kairt und zich avak gezetst. In Mo-ment hut de bret zich ein-gebagen un zeh haben aleh zich arup geolozen afen flor. Ze hut zich za-er tsilacht un mir aleh haben sich gi-ketselt fune gelechter. Aleh haben zich zaer fil farbracht; gegessen de fлаisch und potatoes mitten gutten, yungen appetete de floimen mit apple far compote — dos hut Dana Raisa gekucht, ainer a lein—gehat toizin't tamen! A wunderful supper an ovendt long tsu gedenken, mit unzera nensta.

Ahzeh ve ir aleh vaist Jennie Harris, heint, iz ze gevezen dan za-er a hame-la-cha, a schoene, a lebidig maidel, full mit gelechter, aleh mol frailech. Un Georgean gedenkt ir aich, aleh, far a shillet, a finer youngen maan, — un air hut zich ga-zessen und unter-geshmacht.

Daan is gev'en aleh de nensta, ich main, de nensta fuin unzera bluit freindt, de greender, aleh ebergegeben faren Farein. Daan iz taakeh gev'en de happy days.

MAX YATOVITZ

I, too, came from Palestine and arrived on the same boat with my sister Rachel and her family. They were held at Ellis Island for several weeks because of Toba, who was not well. I arrived in Baltimore at 2:30 A.M. and was met by Mamie, Abram & Gershon Sokolsky. I came into Camden Station which is miserable in broad daylight, so you can imagine what it looked like in the middle of the night. The weather was cold and I had no coat. I carried my guitar wrapped in a Russian Flag under one arm and a bag of oranges under the other arm. They had been purchased at Ellis Island. The bystanders looked twice at me and I am sure they wondered where I had fallen from. I didn't stay in Baltimore too long, about 2½ years, then to Harrisburg for 1½ years, Detroit for several months and then to Chicago. Since I was young and without attachments, I was not too interested in family affairs. Benny Shapiro and I were more friendly and I often went to Zionist meetings with him. I was in the Army during World War I and spent the after years in Chicago. I did not become too interested in the Family Farein until I returned to Baltimore with my family in 1934.
While my recollection is quite clear regarding my entry into this country, December 27, 1911, I cannot say the same about my first meetings of the Family Society. Maybe that was due to the informal nature of the meetings at that time. They were held mostly in the homes of the elder Shapiro, Mordecai Lajb & Rucha Nessa, whose kitchen, it seems, was large enough to accommodate the gathering of the Clan. The ever present steaming tea kettle and the many children underfoot added to the informality. Also, since the organization was formed primarily to bring over relatives from Europe (I have the distinction of being the last one so fortunate) and since World War I cut off all contact with the old world, the meetings were held to mark time.

At one of those meetings, I recall a heated argument led by the late Hyman Shapiro, demanding a wider field of activities with a constitution and duly elected officers. Nothing came of this. Many years later Josh Hemanon took up the cudgel again, striving for the same thing, but again nothing developed. In time, of course, we did have a written constitution.

But I am getting ahead of my story. When the war ended and contact was re-established, we expanded our activities to include financial aid to relatives abroad. We had by that time, minutes of the proceedings and also a semblance of organized meetings. We were able to rotate our meetings in different homes as many of the members had by then moved to larger quarters. Notwithstanding the bitter discussions which accompanied these meetings, concerning who was and who was not entitled to financial help, they were the highlights of our family and were attended faithfully by everyone.

The advent of Greenhaven played no minor role in bringing about even closer relations between members of the Family. There, young and old alike enjoyed themselves on summer Sundays and looked forward with the same eagerness to seeing other members of the Family.

As time went on our children grew to maturity and started to take an interest and active part in the affairs of the Family Society. We have grown to such an extent that a hall is necessary to accommodate the many who attend the meetings. With this departure the meetings lost some of their flavor of sociability but strengthened the fibre of this organization to which you are all witnesses.

I feel it a great honor to have served as President of such an organization, and am glad for the opportunity to thank you again on the occasion of our Gold Anniversary.
THE B'NAI JUNIORS

The Family Banquet of 1926 was the beginning of The B'Nai Juniors. The younger group at that time (ages about 10 to 20) undertook to provide entertainment for the Banquet & frequent get-togethers were essential. The efforts of the Juniors were well rewarded the night of the Banquet when the audience simply howled at seeing themselves being portrayed on the stage by their children.

Getting together was so enjoyable to the group that they decided to continue as The B'Nai Juniors. Meetings were held regularly in each other's homes. One particular instance is recalled to my memory when everyone met at my mother's home on Chester Street. Then, approximately twelve people piled into Jack Smith's car (his father's, that is) and drove out to the Rubin's home in the 1300 block East Lombard Street for a meeting.

Among the Juniors' activities was a chartered bus trip to Washington, card parties and watermelon parties at Greenhaven.

The B'Nai Juniors lasted for only a few years and was unavoidably terminated in 1940 when conscription in the Army began. But the seed was planted and today, fourteen years later, 95% of this group are now interested and active Parein members.

Miriam Shapiro Cohen

FINIAL PRE-BANQUET NEWS

As you read this it's only a few days before we all get together to celebrate the Family Society's 50th Anniversary Celebration. If you haven't made plans to be with us on January 21, 1951, then you will miss a most wonderful time, if I have to say so myself.

Just to bring you up to date once again this is what is to take place: a dinner dance, starting at 5:30 p.m., will be held at the Community Hall, Liberty Heights and Gwynn Oak Avenues, Baltimore, Md. The affair is being catered by Baltimore's finest, Bluefield. The music will be supplied by Sid Cowen and his orchestra and entertainment will be provided by the B'Nai Abraham and Yehuda Leib Screen Guild Players. Could you ask for more? The tax is only $6.00 per person and $3.50 for children under ten. Guests are welcome also at $6.00 per person.

As of this date, December 20, I have received reservations for about one hundred people; but we expect over two hundred, so please make sure you send in your reservations immediately so that the Committee can finish its plans for the affair and make the necessary seating arrangements.

I don't want to go into too much detail in this report because that might spoil some of your enjoyment (if that is possible). Please note that 5:30 P.M. is the (continued on Page 432)
The summer of 1928 was hot and dry. My Dad and two uncles, the late Hyman and Ben Shapiro, owned lots at a place called Green Haven, about twenty miles from town. Cy Cohen, a neighbor, whose wife Bessie was the niece of Louis and the late Max Silverman, owned a car. The combination of all these things brought about the beginnings of the Green Haven Society.

One Sunday, after my Dad closed the store, the Cohens and Yatts (no Kellys this time) took off for "our resort." We found the trip and the swim so enjoyable that it was decided to make it a weekly affair. After a few Sunday excursions, we persuaded the family to make use of Green Haven instead of following their usual habit of getting into cars and just taking a ride. Needless to say the suggestion was adopted and that summer saw more and more of the family sharing Green Haven with us.

In those days Green Haven was not as we know it today. There was no house, no tables, no dressing rooms - no nothing. A blanket or tablecloth spread on the ground served as our table and the cars provided dressing rooms. In the early days many made the trip on the ferry boat 'Stony Creek' and Green Haven was the last of 16 stops. The 2 hour run was a real excursion for all.

One Sunday, late in the season, while the men were in the midst of their perennial poker game, the late Myer Smith walked over with a proposition to organize and make Green Haven a permanent summer home for us. Without debate, dues were collected and the Green Haven Society was formed.

During the following winter the organization took shape. A charter meeting was held, at which time twenty members were present to affix their signatures. Of course, the primary requirement was that in order to become a member of Green Haven, one had to be a member of the Family Society.

The year 1929 saw a few improvements. The Pollacks rented a room in which we were able to change clothes a little more comfortably and a few picnic tables were built, so that we didn't have to share our food with the ants. The following spring, 1930, the house was completed with the generous help of the late Nathan Mazor, who advanced the necessary capital until the loan with the Exeter Building and Loan Association could be negotiated.

The formal opening of our summer home was indeed a gala occasion. In the dining room were seated at least a hundred and twenty-five persons to partake in the festivities, and the delicious meal was so ably prepared by my tantes and cousins. Note should also be made of the beautiful radio given to the organization by Harry Abramson of Washington, D.C., and the wall clock contributed by my grandmother, the late Rocha Nessa Shapiro.
In thinking of Green Haven I cannot help but do so in a personal vein. In doing this many are the incidents which flood my memory.

For instance, Abe Stutman. In the first few years after the completion of the house it seems to me I never went there that I didn't see him with a hammer or a saw doing something that had to be done. While Bailea Brothers built the house, we must thank Abe Stutman for putting the finishing touches on it.

Or my late uncle, Gershon Sokolsky. To this day I can still remember all the boys, under my uncle's supervision, digging up the dirt road in front of the house, putting in a layer of bricks, and covering the bricks up again. Later, during a heavy rain we were to see the wisdom of this move.

I can see Marvin Solomon, Henny Sokolsky, Jake Smith, Morton Harris and myself washing the dishes, and by the time we finished the whole kitchen would be flooded. I can see seven boys and seven girls all sleeping on cots placed side by side on the porch. I remember the time my cot collapsed and it was hours before we calmed down sufficiently to go to sleep. I can see us in shorts and bare feet washing the porch and the floor of the house by hose so that when we got finished the place fairly sparkled. I can see us staying in the water so long our lips would get blue and still we didn't get enough.

Throughout these years there were many occasions when a herring and potato supper was the order of the day. On other Sundays a more elaborate repast was presented. These occasions were "simchas", times of joy; announcement of an engagement, a Bar Mitzvah, a wedding, the opening or closing of Green Haven for the season, or just a plain get-together.

In a more serious vein I can see many of our elders, whom no longer with us were a vital part of Green Haven as well as of the Family. Uncle Max Romm, Cousin Myer Smith, Uncles Aaron Miller, Gershon Sokolsky and Benny Shapiro, and Cousins Nathan Mazor and Max Silverman. These are but a few of those who are remembered with fondness and pleasant memories and will be a lasting part of the foundation that has done much to make us what we are today.

Since Green Haven is conveniently located in relation to the Washington Boulevard, the summer attendance to Family meetings by the Washington contingent increased greatly. Thus, as in many other ways, Green Haven helped to stimulate interest in the Family Society to a very great extent.

It is only natural that as the years progressed and we grew older that the younger members took a more active interest in the Green Haven Society. Today this is evident in the number of new members and the offi-
cers of the organization. Though the years have taken their toll both personally and materially they have also added much. We see this in the solidity of the organization and such improvements as modern sanitary facilities and the acquisition of much more ground.

Twenty-two years have passed since the Green Haven Society was born. Along with the Golden Anniversary of the Family Society it marks the passing of an era. Since the past has shown the longevity of our organization, we can confidently assume an optimistic close to this narration. We can see only good and lasting life to the Green Haven Society which has done so much to solidify that organization whose Fiftieth Anniversary we are about to celebrate.

Harold Yatt

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Dear Folks,

Mervin and I want to thank you very much for the contribution you gave to the Memorial Fund in honor of our daughter, Susan Diane. It was most generous and thoughtful, and we do appreciate it.

If circumstances would have permitted it, we would have loved to attend the banquet in January. However, since it is impossible, we should like to send our best wishes to everyone and hope that it is a most successful and gala affair.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,


My heartfelt thanks to all my relatives and friends for their contributions to charity in my behalf, for their thoughtfulness and gifts which I received during my recent stay in the hospital.

Sincerely

Rachel Miller

Banquet News

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starting time of the affair; that is, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served until dinner time, at 6:30 p.m. Also, for anyone not able to walk the many steps at Community Hall, arrangements have been made to take these people up to the Hall without any trouble.

For any information be sure to call me, and I'll be glad to oblige.

Jack Solomon, Chairman, Banquet Com.
GIAD TIDINGS AT YEAR-END, 1950

We are very happy to report the following potential members in about 1970:

Marshall Alan Smith, son of Sunya and Jack Smith, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, born November 20.

Barbara Maxine Barron, daughter of Sarah and Irving Barron, Chester, Pennsylvania, born November 21.

Susan Diane Wineberg, daughter of Florence and Marvin Wineberg, Adams, Massachusetts, born December 8.

The Family extends to each and every one heartiest congratulations, and best wishes for growing happiness.

Bessie, Hy, and Diana Rose Ludman are now happily settled in their new home at 5527 Nome Avenue. The Family wishes them much happiness and success.

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ANNA & MYER SMITH MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND

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OUR ANCESTRY

The history of our mishpocha begins more than 200 years ago in the village of Chalkee, Lithuania. Our forbears were a proud people and to this day, whenever one of our relatives displays high spirit and independence, one of those who "remembers" is sure to say: she is from the "Chalkier".

Our story goes back to 1800, to Laihe Krok and his wife Rachel who lived in Kovno, near Rakiskis. They were good citizens, religious in their observance of Mosaic Law, and liberal in their outlook on life. Laihe Krok was a wine merchant and the owner of a distillery. He was a philanthropist of no mean repute. They had six children.

Laihe Krok married Rachel

Devorah - her descendants settled in New York City

Ella, married Yankel Samet

Israel - died in Palestine in 1900. Two sons - Moshe and David Krok, and daughter Devorah Kviene, all settled in Boston

Rella, married Yehuda Laib Romm, 1847

Leah, married Zalmon Vates. Their children, Chai Devorah, issue in Norfolk, Va.: Sara Leba, no trace of family; Hannah Nechama, her two sons, Morris and Emanuel in Norfolk, Va.; Stira Faga, settled in Africa; Erina, Washington, D. C.

Zalmon - No trace
RELLA KROK and YEHUDA LAIB ROMM were married in 1847. After the death of Yehuda Laib, Rella Romm married her cousin, Abraham Abramson whose wife - Chana Brina Abramson - had also died. Fourteen years later Rella died and Abraham came to America.

YEHUDA LAIB (Rella)

*Mari Leah
*Etta Devorah
*Chia Reva ← *Pessa Leba
*Rucha Nessa
*Toba Gittel
*Max
*John

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ABRAHAM ABRAMSON (Channa Brina)

*Rucha Nessa
*Snaier
*Sura Leba
Rebecca Romm
Lena Galblum
Harry
Morris

* deceased
* MARI-LEAH, daughter of Yehuda Laib, married * Israel Nachamson

*Rossa Ellison (*Joseph)
  Ida Hurwitz (*Samuel)
  Joseph Hurwitz
  David Hurwitz
  Abraham Hurwitz
  Jacob Hurwitz (Ruth)
  Phyllis
  Sharon
  Bertha Papier (Herbert)
  Deborah Ruth
  Sylvia Gimbel (Harry)
  Joseph
  Phyllis
  Neil
  Mary Lee Friedman (Samuel)

*Louis Ellison (Ella)
  Joseph
  Irving
  Shirley

*Rose Mazer (*Nathan)
  Miriam Leah Michaelson (Benjamin)
  Edna Mazer
  Goldie Koch (Hy)
  Ella Marine (Herbert)

Max Ellison

Alice Changer

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MORRIS NACHAMSON (*Esther)

FANNIE ADLER

SOLOMON NACHAMSON
  Family in Africa

*ELI NACHAMSON (*Jennie)
  7 daughters
  1 son
  ) N.C.

LILLY GREENBERG
* ETTA DEWORAH, daughter of Yehuda Laib, married * Shlomo Smith

RUCHA MINNA LEVINE (*Rubin)
   Tillie Solomon (Abe)
   Marvin Bernard (Shirley)
   Robert Elliot
   Marcia Ellen
   Jack
   Garrison (Rosalie)
   Leonard (Sylvia)

Sol Levine (Sara)
   Rivke Levin (Harry)
   Robert David
   Robin
   Mollie
   Doris Goldstein (Stanley)
   Charles
   Robert

Sara Levine (Kitty)
   Bernice Goverman (Robert)

Ruth Levine

Edith Moss (Albert)
   Barbara Ellen
   Michael Mark

CELIA SHAPIRO (*Benjamin)
   Ruth Sylvia Shapiro
   Edith Siegel (Samuel J.)
   Deborah
   Miriam Cohen (Ben)
   Ramassa
   Martin Leon
   Sol Shapiro (Mildred)

*MYER SMITH (*Anna)
   Mary Smith (Clifford)
   Rebecca Perlman (Meyer)
   Sol Smith (Sadie)
   Arthur Lee
   Margery Ilene
   Bertha Smith
   Jack J. Smith (Sunya)
   Marshall Alan

HYMAN SMITH (Betty)
   Israel Smith (Eva)
   Emanuel
   Jerome
   Sol Smith (Dorothy)
   Larry
   Darold King

*SIMON SMITH (*Tsivia)
   Tillie Lipman (Harry)
   Sylvia Lichter (Morris)
   Louis Howard
   Melvin Lipman (Thelma)
   Stanley
   Bonnie Rae
   Helen Ellis
   Arnold L.
   Sadie Dubick (*Michael)
   Sidney Dubick (Sonia)
   Sheila Betty
   Michele Rae
   Sylvia Rosenbaum (Morris)
   Linda Ann
   Helen Sue
   Irving Dubick (Bella)
   Michael

Simon Smith family - continued on next page.
* SIMON SMITH (#Tsivia) Continued

Mary Lee Edelstein (Albert)
    Morton
    Sylvia Doris

Michael Smith (Ruchel)
    Sol Smith (Marya)
    Boris

#Leiba Smith
    Sonia Damericka (#Michael)
    Stanley
    Harry

Ben Smith (Rose)
    Sandra
    Herbert

Gilbert Smith (Rebecca)
    Sylvia Williams (Louis)
    Lee
    Anna Lipshultz (Leonard)
    Stanley
    Gary
    Frank
    Doris
    Pearl

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* CHIA REWA, daughter of Yehuda Laib, married * Yankel Baer Schwartzberg

* ALBERT SCHWARTZBERG (*Rebecca)
  Edna Baum (Theodore A.)
  Robert Stanley Baum (Helga)
  Bernice
  Beverley Jean Tannenbaum (Hal)
  Robert Norton Baum

Rosalie Singer (Max)
Elaine Ina Shunick

RUCHEL SILVERMAN (Max)
Bessie Folb (Leo)
  Ina May
  Michael Herbert

Ruth Hermanson (Jesse)
  Suzanne

Benjamin Jack Silverman (Reta)
  Paula Jane

Sylvia Flaxman (Albert)
  Michael Herbert
  Rebecca Ann
  Max Bernard

Raymond Silverman (Sylvia)
  Maxene Betsy
  Bernard Alan
* PESSA LEBA, daughter Yehuda Laib, married * Henich Yatovitz

RUCHEL MILLER, (*Aaron)
  Anna Abrams (*Sam)
  Bernice (Jack Broduo)
  Samuel
  Toba Wilensky (David)
  Pearl Kruger (Raymond)

MAX YATOVITZ (Jeanette)
  Herbert Yatowitz (Rhona)
  Boris
  Carl

MAURICE YATT (Kathie)
  Henry
  Ethel Evelyn

SARAH Kaleh Rubin (*Abram)
  Morris Rubin (Hilda)
  Joyce Ann
  Gerald Allan

ETHEL Sokolsky (Gerson)
  Jack Scokolsky (Ella)
  Morris
  Florence Stutman (Sidney)
  Ellis Gerson
  Donald Robert
  Hilda Cooper (Harry)
  George Ellis
  Stephen Michael

LEO YATT (Bessie)
  Freda Naar

MAMIE Sokolsky (Abraham)
  Henry Kols (Irene)
  Brian Jeffrey
  David Michael

SOL YATT (*Edith)
  Harold
  Ruth Frances Hurwitz (Leonard)
* HUCHA NESSA, daughter of Yehuda Laib, married * Mordecai Laib Shapiro

* HYMAN SHAPIRO, (Esther)
  Lillian Sarfaty (*Sol)
  Sylvia Siegel (Abe)
  Herbert Zaval
  Isidore Shapiro (Doris)
  Lenora
  Harriet
  W. Edward Shapiro (Frances)
  Paul Shapiro
  Harold Charles
  Robert Allen

* BENJAMIN SHAPIRO (Celia)
  Ruth Sylvia Shapiro
  Edith Siegel (Samuel J.)
  Deborah
  Miriam Cohen (Ben)
  Rannessa
  Martin Leon
  Sol Shapiro (Mildred)

* LILLY BARRON (*Benjamin)
  Anne Barron
  Irving Barron (Sara)
  Barbara Maxine
  Helen Barron
  *Ruth Frances Barron

* EDITH YATT (Sol)
  Harold Yatt
  Ruth Frances Hurwitz (Leonard)

MITCHELL SHAPIRO (Ida)
  Tanya Lear (Elmer)
* TOBA GITTEL, daughter of Yehuda Laib, married * Moshe Silver

*RUCHEL SNOVSKY, (Isaac)  *ETTEL

  Ben Shore (Jean)
  Richard David
  Stewart Martin

*YEHUDA LAIB  LILLY (Sam Rosen)

Bertha Schvid (Jack)

IDA BEBCHICK, (Meyer)
  Celia Bebchick

Toba is the only daughter who remained in Lithuania.

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JOHN ROMM, son of Yehuda Laib, married Anna

RUTH SCHLSPRBRERSKY, (Archie)

one son

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* MAX ROMM, son of Yehuda Laib, married REBECCA, daughter of Abraham

ANNA DOBRES (*Morris*)
  Robert (Amalie)
    Sally Elizabeth
    Jeanne
    Barbara

LILLIAN FREEMAN (Maurice)

SOPHIE MACH (Moricon)
  Philip (Lois)

LEON ROMM (Esther)
  Arthur Milton
  Arlene

HELEN ROMM

RUTH ABELL (Nathan)
  Janet Elinor
* RUCHA NESSA, daughter of Abraham, married * Jacob Rubin

*ANNA SMITH (*Meyer)  
Mary Smith (Clifford)  
Rebecca Perlman (Meyer)  
Sol Smith (Sadie)  
    Arthur Lee  
    Margery Ilene  
Bertha Smith  
Jack J. Smith (Sunya)  
    Marshall Alan

SOPHIE OXENBERG (Harry)  
    Harold  
    Elizabeth Rosenberg (David)  
    Jackie  
    Marcia  
    Jerome (Elinor)  
    Jerome  
    Johnnie  
    Irving

JOE RUBIN (Rose)  
Sylvan I. Rubin  
Ziporah A. Plitt

JENNIE RUBIN

HYMAN RUBIN (Ella)  
Howard Isadore Rubin  
    Melvin Norman  
    Richard Lee  
    Sandra Jean  
    Jeanette Berzofsky (Sam)  
    Henry  
    Terry  
    Ronald  
Betty Feldman (Nat)  
    Sheila  
    Mark  
Morton Rubin  
Henry Rubin
*SNAIER, son of Abraham, married Anna

BERTHA RAFFEL
Sidney
Leonard (Audrey)
Donald (Kathleen)

DOROTHY ABRAMSON

NATHAN ABRAMSON (Dorothy)
Eleanor
Laurence

* SURA LEBA, daughter of Abraham, married * Moshe Harris

EVA SEIGEL (Ike)
Martin

GEORGE HARRIS (Jennie)
Morton (Florence)
Shirley Goldblum (Joshua)
Janice Faye

ROSE HARRIS

BERTHA DUBIN (Louis)
Melvin

DAVE HARRIS

DORA FRIEDMAN (Charles)
Shirley (Frank Loftus)
Fay
Sonia

SADIE (Abe Rottman)
Melvin
*Jerome
Leonard
Ellis
LENA, daughter of Abraham, married Abe Galblum

HARRIET CHARLOTTE (George Glass)
Stephen Lloyd
Barry Philip

ELEANOR ELZER
Robert

HARRY, son of Abraham, married Rose

BERTHA (Aaron Rosen)
Arlene
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HERBERT (Ruth)

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Roger
Marjorie

NORMAN (Doris)
Joan
Nancy

MORRIS, son of Abraham, married Alice

IRVING (Dorothea)

SYLVIA (Joe Ginberg)
Janet
Abby

BERTRAM (Frances)
Barbara Jo
Jeffrey

THELMA (Arthur Salus)
Larry
Joel
* FEIVA, brother Yehuda Laib, married * Devorah

DENA RAISA

SURA REVA

FRUMA LEAH

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* DENA RAISA, daughter Feiva, married * Maier Zachariah Rosen

* FANNIE HAUSMAN (Louis)

SARAH DAWIDOW RUBIN (Saul)
*Philip
*Jesse
Freda Ross (Sam)
Lois
Joseph

IDA STUTMAN (Abe)
Sidney Stutman (Florence)
Ellis Gerson
Donald Robert
Goldie Michelson (Louis)
Arnold Mark
Deborah Frances
Helman Stutman (Margaret)
Denise

DORA WINEBERG (Jacob)
Mervin (Florence)
Ellen Carol
Susan Diane
Sylvia Ginsburg (Edwin)
Ruth Ann

PHILIP ROSEN
Bessie Ludman (Hyman)
Diana Rose
Mervin

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* SURA REVA, daughter of Feiva, married * Laib Adler

*RACHEL BECKER

*JACOB ADLER

*CHARLES ADLER

FANNIE (Jacob)
   Abe (Lee)
   Melvin
   Elaine
   Sylvia (Al Holstein)
   Roslyn (Irving Levinson)
   William
   Marlene (Teddy Moss)
   Carolyn
   Dorothy (Max Schwartz)
   Harriet Sandra
   Marilyn
   Nelson (Helen)
   Frona
   Jeffrey

* FRUMA LEAH - daughter of Feiva, married * Helman Laib

*SURA MUCHA (*Raphael Nussen Meyerowitz)
   Samuel

*MISSA (Yechiel Zundel)
   Fred Palovitz (Fay)
   Morton
   Gilbert
   Milton
* LEAH, sister of Rella, married * Zalmon Bates

ERINA SEIGEL (*Gerson)
  Jennie Harris (George)
  Morton Harris (Florence)
  Shirley Goldblum (Joshua)
  Janice Faye

Ike Seigel (Eva)
  Martin

Louis Seigel (Dora)
  Alvin
  Shirley

*Lena Seigel

Sara Rosenthal (Isadore)
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Ida Asher (Sam)
  Mark Gary

Samuel J. Seigel (Edith)
  Deborah

* ELLA, sister of Rella, married * Yankel Samet

TOBA BARR,  ZALMON
  *Simon Barr
  *Dora Kaplan
  Jacob Barr
  Maurice Barr
  Issac Barr
  Barney Barr (Jennie)
  Sol
  Toba
  Arnold

  Max Samet
  Julius Samet (Jennie)
* HIRSHA, brother of Yehuda Laib

* ITSIC REUVEN (Rassa)

  JOSEPH GILLETZ (Yetta)
  Colly (Pearl)
  Victor (Rella)

  MAX GILLETZ (Mollie)

  * Bessie
  Ruth
  Rosalee

CHIA SARA GOLDBERG
LEAH MONES

* MORDECAI, brother of Yehuda Laib

* ABBAS

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  David Joel
  Celia Susan

* CHIA LEAH

  * HANNAH GINSBURG (*Harry)

  Herman Ginsburg (Bobby)
  J. Louis Ginsburg (Dorothy)
  Sidney Ginsburg (Rae)
  Helen Ginsburg
  Sadie Ginsberg Green
  Rae Barshak (Norman)
* CHENNA, sister of Abraham, married * Lazar Sneg

ROSE STEIN, (David)

Sol (Margaret)
Elizabeth
Irving (Edna)
  Neil
  Marty

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LOUIS SILVERMAN, married to JENNIE SOKOLSKY

Nathan (Blanche)
Rubin (Miriam)
  Larry
  Dennis
Hilda
Annette

The only exception to the rule that only descendants are eligible for membership in our family farain, is the Louis and Jennie Silverman group who have been members since March 1931. Louis is a brother-in-law of Ruchel Silverman, and Jennie is a sister-in-law of Mamie and Ethel Sokolsky.

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