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The President's Message

Greetings to everyone from the Baltimore branch of the Family Society. We have begun the process of discussing plans for our 105th Anniversary celebration to be held in 2006. Although it may not be as "grand" as our 100th celebration, please be assured that it will be as wonderful an experience as we had in 2001. The importance of gathering as a Family, celebrating our roots, remembering and honoring our ancestors, inspiring the next generations and keeping our connections is the motivation for our efforts.

Please, if you have any ideas or suggestions, send them to me via email (tuckerin@earthlink.net) or snail mail (2 Candlemaker Court #102, Baltimore, MD 21208) and we will try to incorporate them into our planning.

To all I wish a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year; and, one filled with peace.

Rebecca Flaxman Tucker
Family Chatter

Mazel tv to Mrs. Sonia Matz on the marriage of her daughter, Susan Dubick to Lawrence Katz on March 24, 2002. Susan is the daughter of the late Sidney Dubick.

Jacob Barr, son of Steven and Elizabeth Barr of Fredericksburg, VA, and grandson of Narky Barr, became a member of the Air Force in August, 2002. He finished Basic Training and started Tech School in September. He is an Airman now, and will be an Airman 1st Class after he completes his training. Jacob is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio TX.

Ron Berzofsky and Lynn Billingsley are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Yair David Berzofsky on July 31, 2002. Yair is the son of Eric and Adina Berzofsky and the 1st great-grandchild of Jeanette Rubin Berzofsky.

Mazel tv to Lisa Billig, wife of Andrew Billig, and daughter-in-law of Janet and Jack Billig, who became a Bat Mitzvah at Beth Israel Congregation in Owings Mills, MD on September 22, 2002.

Myrna and Richard Rubin announce the marriage of their son, Bruce Rubin, to Lynne Workinger. The wedding took place on October 20, 2002.

Harriette Solomon, wife of Marvin Solomon, became a Bat Mitzvah at Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Baltimore MD on August 10, 2002.

Also in August, Harriette’s son, Dr. Jeffrey Rosensweig married Cheryl Spector. The beautiful ceremony, at which Jeffrey’s step-brother, Cantor Robbie Solomon officiated, was held at a botanical garden in Denver Colorado.

Terry Berzofsky spent two weeks at Camp Greentop in the Catoctin Mountains this summer. President Bush visited the camp, which is located very near Camp David.

Sandi Popowitz, of North Potomac MD, reports that her family had a busy summer. Son, Brian worked as a counselor at Camp Tall Timbers in Highview, West Virginia. Stacey went there as a camper for a month. Sandi, Rick and Stacey visited brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Laura Solomon and niece Katelyn in Florida in July. They were joined on the visit by Sandi’s dad, Jack Solomon. Sandi and Rick spent a week visiting the Sonoma Valley and San Francisco, California while the kids were at camp and the whole family toured colleges in New York and Boston in late August as Brian will be applying this fall.

Phyllis Solomon, of Baltimore MD reports that husband, Garry was ill this past summer, but after a 5 week hospital stay he is now recuperating at home and improving.

Rita and Sol Barr, of North Bethesda MD, report that he is now working part-time after 42 years of practice. He is an allergist with offices in Rockville MD. They enjoyed a visit to Anchorage, Alaska to see their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Mazel Tov to Betty Feldman, on the birth of her twin great-grandchildren, Jack and Natalie Keane. The parents are Cheryl and Tom Keane. The twins were born on March 2, 2002. Grandparents are Sheila and Howard Maleson.

News from Irwin and Miriam Golob in Owings Mills MD: Son, Seth is now in 6th grade at Pikesville Middle School. He spent a month at Camp Ramah in New England, had a great time and also went to tennis camp at McDonogh School. Daughter, Adina is a 3rd grader at Fort Garrison Elementary. She spent a fun summer at the JCC Loft.

Mazel Tov to Derek and Wendi Kaplan, of Baltimore, on the birth, on September 14, 2002, of their daughter, Mallorie Jo, sister of Brett. Mallorie is the granddaughter of Barbara Leibowitz and the late Barry Leibowitz and the great-granddaughter of the late Edith and Albert Moss.

Mazel Tov to Jerome and Sharon Smith on the birth of their granddaughter, Jamie Rachel in September, 2002. Proud parents are Judy and Adam Kauffman of Boston, MA. Jamie is the great-granddaughter of Israel and Eve Smith.

Marc and Diana Grosman (nee Ludman) traveled to San Diego CA where Diana competed in the National Scrabble Championship in August. Over 700 people participated in the tournament. Their daughters, Lisa and Erin, attend the University of Delaware and the University of Maryland, respectively.
Clare Boranow, granddaughter of Irene Kols, graduated from Dulaney Senior High School, in Towson, MD. She is now a freshman at Cornell University. Clare is the daughter of Adrienne Kols and Dr. John Boranow.

Stacey and Eliyahu Baron of Baltimore welcomed a new son on November 17, 2002. His name is Yehuda and he is the brother of Yaakov Dovid. The very proud and happy grandmother is Harriet Schwartz Schlein.

Harriet also reports that after spending the past three years in yeshiva in Jerusalem, Michael Schlein (Eliezer Mordecai), is now learning at Yeshiva Chaim Berlin in Brooklyn.

Kalman Labovitz, son of Ranessa and Schmuel Labovitz of Baltimore MD became engaged to Chava Einhorn, of Israel. The wedding will take place in Israel.

Fran Ludman of Baltimore reports on her family: During the summer we attended a lovely Bat Mitzvah in Maine, followed by sightseeing in Bar Harbor, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Erica (age 8) attended a Chinese culture camp at the Park School and still enjoys her piano lessons, especially since she has an actual piano to play. She is a member of an Israeli dance troupe that performs at senior centers and nursing homes.

Sheldon teaches in the Graduate Tax Program of the University of Baltimore Law School, and travels a lot for his job in Washington, D.C.

Fran teaches in a literacy program for adults and edits educational publications for the Calvert School.

Paula Silverman Sicker enjoyed a recent Elderhostel trip to the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon. The trip included a cruise on Lake Powell.

Miriam and Michael Barr, of Dover Heights, Australia reported of their travels this past year. Their trips included a visit to Israel to see their son, Daniel and his family, including 2 small children. They also met and visited cousin Harriet Scher while there. They spent a week in Rome and Florence but their plans to visit the US at that time were postponed by the events of September 11. They visited London and the US over the New Year holiday period instead. In London they visited their son, Joshua and his wife, Vanessa (They married on September 7, 2000.) Josh is a web designer for an international firm. After the trip to London, Miriam and Michael visited Silver Spring MD to see Uncle Narky Barr. They enjoyed seeing Narky's daughter, Pam and her husband and daughter, Sandy and Rebecca, who were visiting at the same time. Miami Florida was the next stop, as they visited Michael's parents and sister, Vickie and her family. They traveled west to visit Los Angeles and see Michael's brother, Jay and his wife and family. They also stopped in San Francisco to visit with Michael's aunt, Toby Jacknowitz, her husband and daughter.

Julie Elizabeth Dopkin, daughter of Richard and Lynn Dopkin (nee Silverman,) became engaged to Brett Aaron Rosen, son of Rochelle and Larry Rosen of Cranbury, New Jersey. Julie is the granddaughter of the late Sylvia and Raymond Silverman and Hilda and the late Harvey Dopkin. Brett is the grandson of Mikki Schulman of Brooklyn NY and Ben and Martha Rosen of Monroe Township, NJ. A fall wedding is being planned.

Wendy Dopkin, daughter of Richard and Lynn Dopkin, of Baltimore, is in Sydney, Australia studying at Macquarie University for the spring semester. Until her departure, she enjoyed spending time in New York City with her sisters, Lauren and Julie.

In June, at a conference of the Maryland Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and the American Jewish Press Association, Neil Rubin was re-elected to the association's board. Neil is a senior editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times.

Three of our BAYL cousins participated in the Maccabiah Games, held in Baltimore in August 2002. They are Seth Golob, who served as a flag bearer during the opening ceremonies; Heather Naviasky, who was a pitcher in the girls softball competition, and Sandra Stutman who took part in the Dance competition. Seth, Heather and Sandra hosted visiting athletes during the festivities. Proud parents are Miriam (Leibowitz) and Irwin Golob, Roz (Flaxman) and Henry Naviasky, and Michael Stutman.

Mazel Tov to David Pelovitz and Sharon Stoneback, on the birth of their daughter, Cassidy Stoneback. The happy family resides in Nashotah WI. Cassidy is the first grandchild of Milton and Ruth Pelovitz of Lawrenceville, NJ.

Bruce and Marlene Solomon write from Owings Mills, MD: Our daughter, Allison graduated from Franklin Senior High School in Reisterstown, MD and is now attending Frostburg State University. Our son, Barry, a licensed plumber, joined our Plumbing, Heating and Air
Conditioning business last fall. He enjoys working for us and we are grateful to have him on our “team.” Marlene, Bruce, Allison and Marlene’s Mom spent a week in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in August. The week before the vacation, we had 25-30 people visiting our shop, from other plumbing, heating and air conditioning shops all over the country. This was a learning process with seminars, discussion groups and social events for 3 days. Marlene’s Mom helped out in the shop while we were busy with the presentations. Allison has worked in the office 4 days a week for the entire summer. We will miss her from a family and a business perspective when she is away at college. Barry is living at home (which is nice) so we are not “empty nesters” yet!

Dorothy Rubin of Plantation, FL participated in a project for Habitat for Humanity, helping to build six new homes. Sounds like fun. Next step: her contractor’s license.

Regina and Marty Cohen, of Baltimore MD, had a wonderful trip this summer to the Far East. They visited Thailand, seeing the sights of Bangkok and the old capital, Ayuthaya and trekked in the forests in the north near Chang Mai. From Thailand they went to Penang in Malaysia and then on to Singapore.

Marty Cohen spent two weeks in Israel in May and June, volunteering on an army base. He was among 50 volunteers from around the world, from all walks of life, helping to sort and re-package medical supplies.

Mazel tov to Stuart and Leslye Solomon of Baltimore on their 25th wedding anniversary. Stuart is the son of Sylvia and Leonard Solomon.

Phil Shapiro reports on his family: Becky (22) has completed her undergraduate work at Beloit College and is now living in Olympia, Washington. Emily (20) is a junior at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Abby (18) graduated from high school in Albany NY and is now a freshman at American University in Washington, D.C. Phil is still with AT&T and has been transferred to the D.C. area. We wish him well in his new home in Centreville, Virginia.

Bertha Schvid, of Boca Raton, Florida visited Madison, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois recently, and also traveled to a Bat Mitzvah in Denver.

News from David and Fran Stern, of Owings Mills MD: We moved to our new house in the fall. The girls (Shannon and Taylor) have been good about the move, but they miss the freedom and space of their old house. Shannon is 10 and in the 6th grade at Glyndon Elementary. She is a safety there and enjoys the responsibility of the job. She does well in the GT program and loves the Hebrew she learns from her private tutor. Taylor is 6 and in 1st grade at Chatsworth School. She plays soccer with the Sacred Heart team. Both girls enjoyed performing in a show at the JCC Loft camp this summer.

Mazel tov to Dorothy Franks, daughter of Milton and Ruth Pelovitz, on her marriage to Andrew Hollander on March 23, 2002. Dorothy and Andrew make their home in New York City.

Ranessa Labovitz reports on her family: Yehuda and Mira Labovitz have moved to a new home on Gage Court in Baltimore. Yehuda is attending Towson University Nursing School while Mira is working as an Occupational Therapist for the school system. Shifra and Zev Silver, with their children, Miriam Leah and Fruma Sarah, visited Baltimore this summer from their home in Dallas, Texas. Miriam Leah attended day camp here for a month and we all enjoyed the extended visit. Marsha was home for a week between semesters at NKU although she lives in Cincinnati. She will graduate soon with a degree in English writing.

Mazel Tov to Joyce Rubin Hyman on the birth of her grandson, Cooper Elliot Schnitzer on January 21, 2003 in Columbus, Ohio. Parents are Cindy and David Schnitzer. Recently, Joyce also celebrated the simcha of the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Rebecca Erin Peterson. Rebecca is the daughter of Pamela and Richard Peterson of Owings Mills, MD.

Congratulations to Karen Hurwitz and Richard Gonsman on their wedding on November 27, 2002. They reside in Westminster, MD. Karen is the daughter of Suzanne and Mervyn Hurwitz.

Joel Yoffee son of Leon and Selma Yoffee of Baltimore recently graduated from the University of Baltimore with a degree in Business. He is currently working in Delaware.

Shmuel Siegel, son of Herbert and Renee Siegel graduated "summa cum laude" recently from University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a degree in psychology. He is now employed with the US Department of the Treasury.
Ann Douglas, of Harrisburg PA, reports that she is now living in an assisted living facility and her children are all doing well.

Sheila and Ken Pfeferman, who live in Accokeek, MD (near Washington D.C.), have three sons. Max is a student at George Mason University, Robert will be spending his junior year in Amsterdam, Holland and David is in high school.

Alan and Orly Douglas are the parents of David, who will become a Bar Mitzvah early this year, and Ruth. They reside in Cheshire, Connecticut.


Nephew, Bruce Levin, son of the late Helen and Maury, lives in San Francisco, California.

On February 22, 2003, Carly Erin Billig, daughter of Lisa and Andrew Billig, granddaughter of Janet and Jack Billig and great granddaughter of Ruth Abell and the late Nathan Abell was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Beth Israel Congregation in Owings Mills, MD. Mazel Tov to the family!

Mazel tov to Chana Esther and Jonathan Stern on the birth of their son, Benyamin on December 27, 2002, in St. Louis. Benyamin is the grandson of Ranessa and Shmuel Labovitz of Baltimore.

Mazel tov to Adam and Marcy Cohen of Englewood NJ on the birth of their daughter, Sarit Amalie on February 23, 2003. Proud grandparents are Martin and Regina Cohen of Baltimore.

Racking Up Fun

- Diana Ludman Grosman, Baltimore

All right, I admit it. I am addicted. Scrabble® Brand Crossword Game is my passion and I play it every chance that I can. It all started in elementary school when I played with my neighborhood friend, Linda. Then throughout high school and college, Joanne was my opponent as we tried to rack up the highest combined score that we could.

Today I play in a Scrabble® club that meets in the members’ homes on a rotating basis, Joanne still included. Every Thursday night for the last 21 years or so, I have been matching wits with these other addicted friends. What do we have in common? We all love words, language, and winning in competition.

Most of us also play in occasional tournaments as well. In any given weekend in North America, there is at least one tournament somewhere. Most of the ones I attend are in the East and are weekend affairs consisting of anywhere from 12-20 games. One-day tournaments of about 7 games are often held, too. Every two years, a National Scrabble® Championship is held in a different part of the country. In 2000, it was in Providence, Rhode Island, the home of the corporate headquarters of Scrabble® (Hasbro).

In August 2002, over 700 people, ranging in age from 11 to 92, from over 40 states and 8 foreign countries, competed in the National Scrabble® Championship in San Diego, California for thousands of dollars in prize money. Competitors played over 10,000 games in the course of the 6-day tournament. The average game score per player was 367; there were also 401 game scores in the 500’s and 7 game scores in the 600’s.

The players were divided into six divisions, determined by the strength of players’ ratings, much as in chess. Most of the world’s best players attended the tournament and were in Division 1. I did not do terribly well in Division 2 (won 14, lost 17) but had such a wonderful time meeting people from across the country and the world. Imagine playing skilled players from Israel, Thailand or Mexico whose native language isn’t even English! I played two games with Stefan Fatis, author of Word Freak: Heartbreak, Triumph, Genius, and Obsession in the World of Competitive Scrabble® Players. Stefan is a reporter on the “business of sports” for The Wall Street Journal and is also frequently heard on National Public Radio. Word is that the book will be made into a movie—possible working title: Your Word Against Mine.

Marc and I had decided to spend some extra time in San Diego — our first trip to California — so we headed out a week before the start of the tournament. Thanks to Marc’s thorough research, we really “did” the town. We visited the San Diego Zoo, the Wild Animal Park, Old Town, the Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, the beaches and Coronado. We took walking tours, went to an aquarium, crossed the border into Mexico, biked, shopped and ate. And then, when that “relaxing” week was over,
the tournament began. Marc enjoyed following my progress in the competition as well as doing the San Diego activities that we hadn’t been able to fit into the previous week.

I ended up 75th in my division of 103 but had a blast and cannot wait until the 2003 Nationals. Cities being considered are Orlando, New Orleans, and Nashville. Wherever it is, I’ll be there, with my tiles, racks, dictionaries, board, word lists, chess clock, score sheets, etc., etc., etc…

Support Israel’s Economy

We continue to share ideas for shoring up Israel’s economy during this time of national peril. If you have other suggestions, please submit them to Lynn Dopkin by email (lynnsdop@aol.com)

- *Roses from Israel* – Grace your table with beautiful roses from Moshav Sde Nitzan, delivered to your door by FedEx. Log on to www.mmnrose.com for order information. (Note: Cousins Maxene (nee Silverman) and Frank Perlmutter live on this moshav and are friends and neighbors of Miriam and Myron, who market the roses.)

- *Additional good sites* –
  - www.shopinisrael.com
  - www.thesourceisrael.com
  - www.israelexport.org
  - www.all4israel.org

Surprise Birthday Trip

– Maxene Silverman Perlmutter, Sde Nitzan, Israel

This is just a short report on our recent trip to Tuscany, for which I did all the planning as a surprise for Frank for our 35th wedding anniversary and his 60th birthday. I told Frank only the week before about the trip, giving him three gifts: 1. a book called Italy’s best bed and breakfasts, 2. another book: Italy on $70 a day (quite different from our first trip on $5 a day) and 3. the tickets. His response was: “There are two tickets here. Are you coming, too?”

The next surprise was that Frank’s brother Buddy and his wife met us in Rome, at the airport holding up a sign “Happy Birthday, Frank!” Frank’s first thought when he saw them (he told me afterwards) was: “What a coincidence, of all places to bump into Buddy and Marcia but the Rome airport” Then the penny dropped and he realized that this arrangement had also been planned. (A clever assumption for such a smart guy, heh?)

The trip itself was wonderful. We rented a car for 8 days and drove to Tuscany, where we stayed for five days, driving the Chianti Road and visiting Florence, Pisa, Siena, numerous “hill towns” and all the churches, vineyards and olive groves you can imagine. We then moved to Perugia for two days and visited Assisi, Deruta, Orvieto and back to Rome to see the Sistine Chapel, now that it’s been cleaned! Frank took 400 pictures with his digital camera (he already deleted 80 of them as experiments turned bad) and is working on organizing the rest. Every meal was great and we all gained weight on the gelato as well. The weather was pretty good, with a bit of rain, and noticeably cooler than the Negev. What a pleasure. We were gone nine days in all and really had a good rest and wonderful memories. The best of course is our B&B where we spent the first five nights, situated 900 meters on top of a mountain between Florence and Siena in the town of Greve in Chianti. The
map showed that Greve in 26 km south of Florence, neglecting to mention that the road is not straight. It took us 35 min. to
drive this distance. Also the book did not see fit to mention that in order to reach the converted convent dating from the 10th
century (yes, it has been refurbished and has indoor toilets and hot, running water) which was on top of a mountain, we had to
drive on a path that was unpaved for the last 8 km and took another 20 minutes to drive UP. All I can say is that we were very
glad it was still daylight during this drive. Our cell phone also came in very handy in locating some hotels.

So... if anyone has suggestions for Frank’s 70th birthday, don’t tell me, tell him!

Email Reports of Rally for Israel in Washington DC held on April 14, 2002; from Wendy Dopkin, a junior at
the University of Wisconsin in Madison and Rebecca Tucker, from Baltimore.

I wanted to write and tell you all about what I have done over the last 39+ hours. I might as well start from the
beginning.

Last Tuesday (April 9th, 2002) my friends, Lauren and Dina, were teaching their weekly class at Hillel about Jewish
 genetic diseases. While there, Lauren talked with the head of Hillel, Greg. He mentioned that he thought Hillel and any
interested students should take a trip to DC for the pro-Israel rally that was to take place the following Monday. Greg and my
friends spoke for a few minutes about whether people would actually want to go. Because Lauren and Dina sounded so
interested, Greg decided to look more into it.

When Lauren told me that day, my initial reaction was that I had 3 classes on Monday and a paper due in one of them.
I didn’t think I would go. As the days went on, I thought about it more and more. We got emails from members of Hillel and
one from a freshman in my sorority. Surprising to me, each day more of my friends became interested in going. So, Thursday
afternoon, I went to Hillel, paid my $10.00, and signed up. I figured I would try and finish my paper by Saturday and have
someone else hand it in for me on Monday.

Fast forward a few days (I wrote the paper) and at 4:45 Sunday afternoon, 9 of my friends met at Hillel to find about
70 other students from around campus. This was the 1st moment when it really hit me what we were doing. It was a beautiful
Sunday afternoon and there were about 75 people sitting on the grass outside of the Hillel in Madison. Hillel had also made
shirts for us: Bright red t-shirts with “Madison” in Hebrew across the front and “Wisconsin stands with Israel” written on
the back. We sat around in front of Hillel with bags packed, food and sodas galore, just waiting to get on the bus for a 16 hour
drive half way across the country... We had 2 busses, 4 drivers, and 4 “guides” who were in charge of us. We ended up
leaving at 6 pm Sunday and drove all night.

The 2nd time it really hit me was very early Monday morning. We were in Breezewood, PA at a random rest stop
with a cafeteria-style area. When we got out for breakfast, the 1st thing I saw were 7 or 8 people surrounding a table in the
parking lot -- with a Torah; they were saying their morning prayers. Inside the cafeteria, there were students from all over
the United States: University of Michigan, Indiana University, and, of course, University of Wisconsin! As we were standing
in line for food and the bathrooms, we had conversations with plenty of people- people who had traveled all night as well,
people just impressed with how many people there were from Wisconsin, and people asking us if we knew someone who was
from our school (you can never waste a great opportunity to play “Jewish Geography!”) It was amazing, probably because
everyone was Jewish. We ate for a little while and then it was back to the bus for the rest of the trip.

When we arrived in D.C., we parked the bus at RFK Stadium. There were approximately 300 busses from ALL over
the country — Hillels, Hasdassahs, JCCs, Solomon Scheacters, and more. There were college students from everywhere, but
also a surprising number of both young children and older people. We got out of the bus and after several instructions by our
“guides,” my 9 friends and I were off. It was already pretty hot in D.C., sunny and blue skies - “a great day for a rally” as one
of my friends said. We took the Metro to the Capitol, and I was already surprised by the many who were around us. Everyone
was heading in one direction, the trains were packed, but no one minded. We knew what we were doing and no one complained.

It was only about 11:30 am and there were already so many people- I can’t even give you an estimate. We were
stopped by probably 50 different people, asking us if we REALLY came from Wisconsin: how long did it take us, how many
people came with us, who organized the trip, etc. The best parts were the smiles that came after we answered. People were
impressed with us, as well as proud, and I can tell you firsthand — we were proud of us too. Although for most of the rally we
were also proud because we thought we had driven the farthest to get to D.C., about 2:30, we met students from the University of Texas. They had traveled about 28 hours, so, as it turned out, we were only in 2nd place!

While we were waiting for the rally to begin and looking for different friends and family members that we knew were going to be at the rally, Noah, a friend of mine from Minnesota, who I had only met some hours ago on the Hillel lawn in Madison, was standing up on the ledge in his WI t-shirt and holding an Israeli flag above his head. The picture of him was great - the wind was blowing the flag and the Capitol was directly behind him—apparently my friends and I weren’t the only ones who thought it was picture perfect - 30+ different newspaper and magazine journalists, as well as just people walking by, stopped to talk to him and take his picture. (His picture actually made it into a number of different newspapers on the East Coast.) When the rally finally started at about 1 pm, we were still walking around to find “the perfect spot.” It was crowded and hot, but no one complained and things went smoothly. We ended up walking back to where we had started and sat down. Looking in front of me, I saw people and signs all the way up to the steps of the capitol. In every direction, even on the paths next to the streets around the Mall, people, young and old, filled the lawns and walkways.

I was also amazed at the amount of people who were not Jewish. One man spoke; I don’t remember his name, but the 1st words he said were “I’m not a Jew. I am a Christian - a Catholic…” As we walked around, there were signs that read, “__ stands with Israel.” Illinois, Wisconsin, Canada, even ones that said, “Christian….” That meant a lot to me. It showed that this rally wasn’t just for the Jews and Israel, it was for everyone!

As the afternoon went on, we saw and heard a variety of speakers: Barbara Mikulski (I was especially proud of her!), Netanyahu, Bill Bennett, Rudy Giuliani, Natan Sharansky, Elie Wiesel and numerous others whose names I can’t remember. The most impressive part was the thousands of people standing in front of them, listening, cheering, and just showing their support.

As we were leaving the rally at about 3:15, I was still overwhelmed by what I had experienced. I am not sure I can put into words exactly what I felt. I called my mom probably 10 times during the day, so she could hear various people speaking and talking, as well as tell her the different experiences I had just lived through.

I had been planning on writing this letter for the past 24 hours. I spent some of the bus ride home thinking of things that I wanted to share with you as well as remember myself, but now, it is hard for me to put it all into words.

I also wanted to tell you what happened after my D.C. trip. I was not only fortunate enough to hear Elie Wiesel speak at the rally, but I also met him the following evening at a special reception at Hillel in Madison. This letter had to end quickly, so that I could go with a friend to hear him speak again in a few minutes!

I hope that everyone is safe where they are and that even if you weren’t there in D.C., I hope this letter gives you just a glimpse of the feelings and experiences that I had the opportunity to live!

I love you all and wish you the best!

Love, Wendy

Dear BAYL Cousins in Israel:

I thought I would drop you a brief note to tell you about the Rally for Israel held in Washington DC today. The estimate of attendance was in excess of 100,000 people from all over the US. I personally saw busses from or spoke to folks from Ontario, Florida, NJ, NY, Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin and of course, Maryland. My understanding is that almost every state was represented. There were a number of Christian groups present, one of which got a very loud response as they marched onto the Capital area carrying US and Israeli flags and many signs of support.

The speakers included a number of US Senators (Senator Mikulski of MD was particularly dynamic) and Congressman as well Paul Wolfowitz (I think I have his name right) representing President Bush. Also speaking were presidents/representatives of major Jewish organizations, labor unions, etc. However, the most impressive speakers were Benjamin Netanyahu, Natan Sharansky, Rudolph Giuliani and Gov Patackie of New York.

Mr. Netanyahu really “told it like it is”—terrorism must be defeated and be eliminated—no excuses, no differentiating between Palestinians and others. The terrorists and those who support them must all be defeated. He spoke of the failure over many, many years of the Palestinian “leadership” to build an infrastructure (schools, economy, etc), opting instead to simply try to destroy Israel instead of building their own state.

Mr. Sharansky spoke of the operation in Jenin and the fact that Israel in effect sacrificed the lives of its soldiers in order to keep down the number of civilian casualties. He talked of the campaign to allow Jews to emigrate from Russia and
drew comparisons between the rally for that cause and today’s event.

Rudy Giuliani and Gov Patacki both talked about the different reactions of the Israeli’s and the Palestinians to the horrors of September 11, speaking of the need for the US to support Israel as strongly as Israel support the US at that time. One of them (I think Mr. Giuliani, but I’m not certain) also said that Israel should not have to trade land for peace.

There were many other speakers, but it was the crowd—the sheer numbers who show their support by their attendance. It was truly overwhelming.

A number of your American cousins attended—the ones I know of or saw there were Robyn Hurwitz, Mervyn Hurwitz, Wendy Dopkin (who traveled from Wisconsin to attend), Eliyahu Baron and Harriet Schlein. I would guess that there were others as well.

Know that we support you, we support Israel and we pray for a speedy, just and peaceful end to this war.

--- Rebecca Tucker

Answering a Call for Help

- Martin Cohen, Baltimore

Recently I returned from Israel after having volunteered for a program called SarEl, an acronym for Sherut L’Yisrael (service for Israel.) SarEl is a program for volunteers from around the world to work on army bases within the green line. This, without a doubt, was one of my most meaningful trips to Israel. This is a very difficult time for Israel, and I, like my fellow volunteers, felt very frustrated with the sense of not doing enough for Israel and sensing the feeling of isolation that Israelis feel, made me want to do more. The country had no tourists. Working on SarEl allowed me the opportunity to do more for Israel.

The jobs and locations vary by the needs of the army at the time. During our visit, the army was operating at near full capacity. Active soldiers were training, guarding, or on high alert, and thousands of reservists had been called to active duty. The day-to-day operations at the bases, however, needed to continue. Volunteers were assigned to clean tanks, package uniforms, or to do whatever the military deemed necessary.

The base to which I was posted, Tel HaShomer, serves as the main medical supply base for all units in the Israeli army. Much of our work consisted of emptying, sorting, checking, and repackaging medical supplies used in the field and in triage. Other volunteers either re-packed the kits with fresh supplies, or checked the calibration on blood pressure cuffs, or sterilized and hermetically sealed medical equipment. Some days we simply replaced the batteries in infant gas masks. Tidious, but obviously necessary work. It really did not matter. We were there to work at whatever task needed to be done.

Volunteers are under the supervision of madrichim, who arrange the daily needs of the volunteers, from work assignments, mail and phone cards, group trips, lectures, security passes, uniforms, etc.

Living on an army base is by no means as comfortable as the homes and hotels we are used to. We had no expectation of what was to come our way. Fortunately, our accommodations were good, although crowded. After all, they’re army barracks! The food was typically Israeli, always plentiful, and I found it quite good.

One of the best aspects was the new group of people I met and had the chance to get to really know. We were all obviously different, but established an immediate bond, based solely on the reason we were there. Don’t think that the conversation was exclusively or even mostly about Israel, politics or the situation. That was already a given. We just talked about what we did in our other lives.

It was quite surprising to see how grateful everyone was that we were there. Whoever we met, wherever we went, both on and off the base, made it a point to thank us for being there. And when they heard we were volunteering with SarEl, their gratitude
was overwhelming. I know most of us did not want to hear it and were even embarrassed by it, but I think that is when I felt the greatest sense of finally having done something worthwhile.

During the course of our work week, SarEl provided lectures or a short trip to a nearby city. Once a week, usually on Thursday or Friday, they provided a longer trip to see a site. Accompanying us were our armed Madrichim. When we went off the base we made sure to look like tourists. We wanted everyone who saw us to know we were visiting.

My work group included a 62 year old ear, nose and throat surgeon from Florida, a 67 year old retired attorney from New York, a 52 year old men’s shoe designer and importer from Florida, a 28 year old Hollywood film producer, a 40 year old health care benefits administrator from Northern California and a 22 year old Duke University graduate. There was even an 84 year old retiree, working elsewhere on our base, who worked as hard as the next guy, albeit sitting down. The volunteers are professionals; they are retirees; they are students; both self-employed and employees. They ranged from twenty-somethings to eighty-somethings. They came from all along the religious spectrum, from orthodox to unaffiliated. A number of non-Jews participated as well. They were from all four corners of the globe, from the USA, Great Britain, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, and South America. They are husbands and wives, single and widowed. They had grown children, little children and no children. They finished their career, were at the height of their career or just starting their career. They were taking time off after finishing college and they were just taking time from their jobs and businesses to help and support Israel.

They were just like you and me. After all, we have written the checks, attended the rallies, sent the emails, written to our congressmen, participated in this benefit and that demonstration. We are active in organizations dedicated to the well-being and existence of the State of Israel and we were regular people who love Israel and what it stands for. My point is, this is an opportunity for everyone, whether you have done all of the above or none of the above. We were willing to pay for a flight, use our vacation time, miss work and lose revenue due to our absence. In short, drop everything for a nation in need. In fact, when I told my son, who had volunteered for a year in the Israeli army, what I wanted to do, he said, “Dad, why don’t you just go on a mission?” My reply was, “this is my mission.”

For more information about volunteer opportunities in Israel, go on the internet to www.vfi-usa.org

Mazel tov to the following members who have moved to new homes:

Jeanette Berzofsky in March, 2002
Miriam and Irwin Golob and family in March, 2002
Phyllis Flaxman in April, 2002
Anna Rubin in June, 2002
Stephanie and Keith Weinstein in June, 2002
Jonah Labowitz
Iris Stutman
Karl Yatovitz
Zelda and David Shleifer in Elizabeth, New Jersey
Fran and David Stern and family
Yehuda and Mira Labovitz,
Philip Shapiro in January, 2003 in Centreville, Virginia
Ann Douglas in Harrisburg, PA.

Their new addresses will be in the upcoming edition of the Roster.
Videotapes

A limited number of videos of the 100th Anniversary Celebration are still available for purchase at $20.00. Please contact Lynn Dopkin (410-484-4469 or lynnsdop@aol.com) if you are interested in obtaining a copy of this wonderful souvenir of a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Israel Trip

-- By Harriet Schlein

Although I've been to Israel several times in the past few years, it was always to visit my children (my daughter's wedding, the birth of my first grandson) combined with some traveling around the country (thanks to Judy Auerbach).

When the opportunity presented itself to travel on a mission sponsored by The ASSOCIATED, I signed up right away. The group of 32 was comprised of an interesting match of participants. A few had never visited Israel, while for some this was like going home. (One woman ranked this trip as her 18th). The participants also included a local rabbi who earned his ordination in Israel and members of the Board of Jewish Family Services.

Often one thinks of traveling to explore ancient ruins, visit museums, or watch the natives doing their everyday activities. However this trip had a unique mission to go behind the scenes, if you will, to delve into the political process of how the country was faring for the past two years since the Intifada began. The mission planned an itinerary to meet with various bureaucratic representatives and lay people to learn how they cope with the present and plan for the future.

We met with Mayor Olmert to hear his commitment to Jerusalem remaining the capital of Israel. We heard world-renowned speakers advise us about the best way to handle bias in the media. We glimpsed the lives of families who were victimized by terror and heard how they are trying to rebuild their lives. We also visited Hadassah Hospital to learn how the staff members are the leaders in treating victims of terror (both Israeli and Arab) and the modern technology available to them to meet the challenge. (We learned the trauma center was modeled after the University of Maryland Trauma Center and now exceeds its standards.) One woman we met has a daughter who was severely injured in the Hebrew University bombing. She wasn’t certain if her daughter would recover. Another visit was to a family in the Karmiel region the week after they sat shiva for their fallen son, a victim of a terrorist attack.

Another aspect of the trip dealt with seeing where American contributions help: programs to meet needs of families, including immigrants, children at risk, summer camps and Ethiopian ulpans.

We often hear how the economy of Israel is suffering and how much tourism is lacking. And it's all true. However, the streets are still filled with Israelis going about their business; going to work, going out to lunch, going to school. People still live normal lives, as normal as can be expected.
Welcome New Members

1. JULIE SAMET is a graduate of the University of North Carolina/Greensboro where she studied Textile Manufacturing and Design. She is the daughter of Leonard and Ellen Samet of Greensboro.
2. MINDY SAMET is a graduate of UNC and lives in Atlanta, Georgia where she works as a probation officer.
3. TRACEY (SAMET) AND SAMUEL GRANT also live in Atlanta where she is a speech pathologist and he is a financial planner, CPA and attorney. Tracey is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Samuel from the University of Tennessee.

Note: Julie, Mindy and Tracey are the daughters of Leonard and Ellen Samet of Greensboro, North Carolina and granddaughters of the late Jacke and Lottie Samet. They are descended through the Laihe and Rachel Krok branch of the family.

4. DAVID HARRIS KIEL AND AMEY MILLER live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with their daughter Rachel. David was born in New York; the son of Morris and Rivi Kiel, grandson of Dora Barr and Harry Kaplan, great grandson of Toba Samet and Sholom Barr, great, great grandson of Ella Krok and Yankel Samet. Ella was the daughter of Laihe and Rachel Krok. David received degrees from Yale University and the University of North Carolina. He is a management consultant in Chapel Hill, specializing in strategic planning for non-profits. His self-help book If Your Life Were A Business, Would You Invest In It will be published in February, 2003. He was the first Jew to be named a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina. Amey was born in Virginia City, Nevada and graduated from the University of Chicago (masters in Slavic Languages and Creative Writing). She is completing her first novel Chicago. She is the daughter of a former Congressman from California (Clem Miller) and Katherine Southerland of Delaware. Her grandfather, Clarence Southerland Miller, is Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court.

PLEASE submit your family’s news and do your part to make the Bulletin interesting and fun to read.

Send material, including pictures (which will be returned to you) to Lynn Silverman Dopkin, 2518 Willow Glen Drive, Baltimore MD 21209, or via email at lynnsdop@aol.com. Thank you. Your cousins will appreciate your participation and enjoy reading about you!
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All proceeds go to the Anna and Myer Smith Memorial Fund, which supports such programs as:

- The Associated – Jewish Community Federation
- Kosher Food Pantry
- Terrorist victims' families in Israel
- American Red Magen David (Israeli Red Cross)
- Ahavas Yisroel Charity Fund

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Bar Mitzvah of Shlomo Daniel Auerbach

On Wednesday evening, September 16, 2002, a beautiful Seuda Mitzvah was held at the King Solomon Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel in honor of the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of Shlomo Auerbach, son of Judy (Shapiro) and Avi Auerbach, grandson of Mildred and Bill Bashevkin and the late Sol Shapiro. It was a very lively, festive affair, with a delicious dinner, music, and brief speeches from various members of the immediate family. There were a number of former Baltimoreans in attendance, who are now residing in Israel, including cousins Maxene (Silverman) and Frank Perlmutter, Nosan and Nechie Labovitz, Israel Meir and Yael Labovitz, and Kalman Labovitz, children of Ranessa and Stanley Labovitz.

The next day, being Thursday, Shlomo was called up as a Bar Mitzvah at the Kotel, and many family members were in attendance. He did beautifully. The weather was perfect and everyone was in a very jovial mood.

The next evening was Shabbat Succos and the celebration continued in Efrat. Judy and Avi hosted 27 people for dinner in their sukkah Friday evening. Shabbat morning, Shlomo became a Bar Mitzvah in their local synagogue. Approximately 200 people stopped by their house to partake in a delicious Kiddush, including the renown Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of Efrat. The sukkah was beautifully decorated and added to the ambience of the day. Afterwards, there was a luncheon for the immediate family (about 30 people) in the sukkah. It was a very joyous time for all.

Shlomo’s siblings are Ezra, Dahlia, Elie and Ayelet Auerbach, and he is the grandson of Bernie and Vivien Auerbach of Jerusalem.

The Mail Bag

Dear Family,

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so much for the contribution to the Memorial Fund in memory of my beloved sister, Mary J. Hoffenberg.

Enclosed is a small donation in her memory.

Fondly, Mildred Shapiro

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for your kind donation.

The Rubin Family
Family of the late Libby Tenner

The families of Gordin and Kamerow acknowledge with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. I would like to thank the BAYL Family for the donation in memory of my sister, Bette Gordin.

Sincerely, Helen Kamerow

Dear Family,

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for your contribution to BAYL in memory of David’s Mom. Your support at this most difficult time is much appreciated.

Love, Fran, David and the entire Silver/Stern family
Dear Family,

The 100th Anniversary Edition of the Bulletin was a fabulous piece of work. It has “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Family Society.” I’m still slowly reading each and every word and I thank everyone who worked so diligently to produce this masterpiece.

Bessie Ludman Meleneck

Dear Family,

Thanks to the Family Bulletin, two new cousins, Helena and Gilbert Pelovitz, called us to introduce themselves. They had recently moved to Lake Worth. We were delighted to hear from them and have already spent two delightful evenings together, visiting each other’s homes and then going out to dinner. We look forward to being with them on many more occasions in the future. If any other Family members are in the vicinity, please let us know so we can all get together.

Helene and Jack Solomon

Dearest BAYL Family:

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. We thank you so much for your kind remembrances and contributions in Shari’s honor. We are most grateful.

Much Love,
Tanya and Elmer Lear

Dear Family Society,

Thank you for honoring the memory of Harold Yatt by planting a tree in Israel. The family society was extremely important to him and he thoroughly enjoyed the 100th reunion.

The support of all the cousins has been a great comfort to our family.

The Yatt Family

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you to the members of the B’nai Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society for the tree planted in Israel in memory of Hilda. Your kindness is appreciated at this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Annette Silverman

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** Contributions to the Anna and Myer Smith Memorial Fund **

Contributions were made:
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In Memory of Mary Joel Hoffenberg by
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*Doris Levine and Kathy Russell
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*Annette Silverman
*Bernard Silverman
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*Phyllis and Garry Solomon
*Sylvia and Leonard Solomon
*Rebecca Tucker
*Saul and Lena Weiss
*Gail and David Whitman
*Catholic University of America

In Memory of Shari Lear by
Lynn and Richard Dopkin
Bonnie Yatt
Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin

* Denotes “Special” contribution

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Memorials

BAYL is saddened by the loss of the following members, for whom trees have been planted in Israel:

Harold Yatt
of Baltimore MD
on November 4, 2002

beloved husband of Bonnie and father of Jerry, Barry, Mark and Minda

Harold Yatt passed away, quickly but not entirely unexpectedly, from a heart attack on November 4, 2002. He had been robust to the end, despite having had two heart bypass operations, the first 17 years ago. He had been out to dinner that evening with his wife of fifty years, Bonnie, and his daughter Minda and granddaughter Jenna (who just happened to be visiting from Florida). Soon after coming home, he suddenly felt weak, and the paramedics arrived too late to help. He had, by most measures, a good death, and it followed what most would describe as a good life.

He was known to family as Henny (more specifically “black Henny”, to distinguish himself from Henry “red Henny” Kols). He grew up in East Baltimore with his sister Ruth (“Tootsie”) and parents Sol Yatovitz (later Yatt) and Edith Shapiro Yatt. Both of his parents, being cousins, were deeply involved in the B’nai Abraham and Yehuda Laib Family Society, and they passed their love of family on to their two children.

He entered military service in 1942, and served until being honorably discharged with two
Air Medals in 1945. In between, he flew 35 missions as radio operator and waist gunner on a B-17 stationed in England, dropping bombs during daylight raids on Germany, and on at least one occasion, parachuting humanitarian supplies to resistance fighters. His squadron, the 100th bomb group, suffered huge losses, and a few months after he left service, his old plane, "The Reluctant Dragon" was so torn up by flak on one bombing run that it was sent away for scrap. Miraculously, he survived to begin the next chapter in his life, talking about his days in service rarely, and only then when pressured repeatedly to do so. A few years ago his leather bomb jacket was donated to a museum in the Midwest.

Harold was a devoted son and family society member. A case in point: after returning from the service, he attended the University of Maryland in College Park, made possible financially by the GI bill. Although the bill would have paid for a dorm room, he hitchhiked back and forth every day from Baltimore, so that he could help out his parents in their grocery store. After his mother died in 1948, he and his father shared an apartment, and he was always available to help his aunts or uncles with the smallest task. When he met his future wife, his devotion to family was one of the things that most impressed her.

In a letter he wrote to Bonnie, on March 17, 1952, soon after they met, he told her all about the family. It's as relevant and touching now as it must have been then:

I'd like to tell you a little about our Family Society, Bonnie. Maybe you will be able to see why I am the kind of guy that I am & why it means so much to me. My regard for the Family is not so much what I can put into words but the way I feel about it. So if you are a little puzzled why I feel as strongly as I do I can easily understand.

Our Family Society had its inception 51 yrs ago. It was started by two great uncles who came to this country to look for the proverbial pot of gold. That they found it in part at least, is evidenced in the fact that they were able to send to the old country, in a comparatively short time, for their immediate family. As time went on they brought a few more relatives over & these in turn brought others. Eventually everyone was here who could come or wanted to come.

Jews being naturally clamorous & also being newcomers to a strong country it was only natural that they would stick together. In time their informal though regular gatherings evolved into the B'nai Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society. We are the oldest & second largest organization of its type in the country.

We meet every two months, we have a Family Bulletin which goes out on alternate months, we have a charitable foundation & enjoy ourselves while helping others.

The three winter meetings are held in Baltimore, in a hall which we rent for the occasion; in the summer we meet in the country at our own summer home.

Our Society has the regular slate of officers, six standing committees plus a Board of Governors. Our actions & behaviour are controlled by a constitution (which incidentally was just completely revised & approved) & its bylaws.

The above is but a mere outline & can in no way indicate what a bond the Society has on its members.

To me, Bonnie, the Family means, unity, oneness, wholesomeness & the epitome of what every Jewish boy & girl is ultimately looking for in life—a well rounded & complete family of his own. The Society is made up of a lot of little families; like them it also achieves whatever goal it strives for although in so doing there may be heated discussions, differences of opinions, flaring of tempers & sometimes ill feelings. In the end though the majority rules & everyone is satisfied.

Newcomers to the family are amazed at our solidarity & in a short time feel as strongly & as much a part of it as those of us who were born into it.

As in any organization there are those who feel more strongly to it than others; there are those who work for it more than others; & there are those who realize what an organization such as ours stands for more than others; but unlike other organizations ours has lasted as long as it has because it stands for & is based on what man was created for—family life & family love.
As many of his generation could confirm, he was a popular date for a Saturday night. He was tall, handsome, well-spoken, suave. But he was waiting for the one woman of his destiny. After most of his relatives had probably given up on him, at age 32 he went skiing with cousins (what else?) Mel Hurwitz (the brother of his brother-in-law Len) and Helen Barron (later Levin) at the Concord resort in the Catskills. There, in February 1952, his future wife was working as a cashier, and it was love at first sight. They married in July, and Bonnie, a talented commercial artist and graduate of the prestigious Cooper Union, moved from New York City to Baltimore.

The two soon started a family. After a brief stint in Columbus, Ohio, where Jerry and Barry were born, the family returned to Baltimore, with Mark and Minda coming soon after. Harold worked for several companies, starting in the shoe department at the old Hutzler’s department store, eventually moving into sales at the suggestion of his brother-in-law Lenny. He spent many years in the life insurance business, most with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. He took classes and studied at night for several years to earn the designation “Certified Life Underwriter”, or CLU.

Harold served the BAYL as president for two terms, always brought his kids to the bi-monthly family society meetings, and served on committees for many years, including those charged with organizing the banquets (for several of which he served as Emcee). He counted his cousins among his closest friends.

He was a pretty fair carpenter (like his father), and always spent time puttering in the garden until he and Bonnie moved into an apartment on Park Heights Avenue in the 1990’s. It turned out that he was also quite a talented sculptor, something that none of us would have predicted before he started working marble and soapstone at the JCC. But his sculptures were quite excellent, and making them brought him a special satisfaction. And in the last few years, he finally managed to spend some time with his golf clubs, spending many a happy hour with his buddies at the Forest Park golf course. He was a gentle, ethical man who took great interest in the lives of everyone he met. Whether the mailman, the teller at the bank, a neighbor, or a cousin, he always asked how they were, and more unusually, he always remembered what they told him. Not a few people commented to us on how special he made them feel.

Harold and Bonnie took great pleasure in their children’s families, and especially their seven grandchildren. The whole family got together every year at Thanksgiving, and on other special occasions, including at Harold and Bonnie’s 50th anniversary in July 2002.

So what kind of a man was Harold Yatt? He was an intelligent, relaxed, modest and humble yet somehow self-assured gentle giant with dashing good looks and perennially perfect posture; a wartime hero graced by unbelievable luck; a true yiddishe mensch; a man who would serve, and could lead when called to do so, in a manner both personable and charming; and a man who wasn’t afraid to change diapers or do laundry. He was an ethical man who would turn down a business deal if closing it meant forcing the issue; a man who liked to eat (especially if the menu included schmaltz herring and boiled potatoes); a man who was interested in everyone and cared enough to remember what mattered to them; and a heck of a graceful dancer. He was a devoted son and nephew, cousin, and in-law; a good, loving, and demonstrably affectionate father; a proud grandpa seven times over; and above all, a man who was crazy in love with his wife.

Harold will be sorely missed by his family and by the many lives he touched over the course of his 82 years.

-Submitted by Barry Yatt
The BAYL Family Society extends deepest sympathy to Annette Silverman and her family on the loss of her beloved sister,

HILDA SILVERMAN MEYERS

Hilda was the daughter of the late Louis and Jennie Silverman who with their descendants were the only non-blood relatives to hold membership in the BAYL. She was the wife of the late Matthew Meyers and sister of the late Rubin and Nathan Silverman.

The BAYL Family Society extends deepest sympathy to Margie and David Rochlin and to Arthur and Lollie Smith and their families on the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother

SADIE SMITH
on February 20, 2003.

Sadie was the wife of the late Dr. Sol Smith, who was the second president of our Family Society, and daughter-in-law of the late Myer Smith (who served as our first president) and Anna Smith for whom our Memorial charitable fund is named. In addition to her children, she is survived by grandchildren Julie and Dave Marshall, Gary Smith, Susie and Andrew Lazarow, Martin and Pam Rochlin and Karen Rochlin, and her sister-in-law Bertha Smith.

BAYL extends condolences to our members:

Keith and Stephanie Weinstein, on the death of his grandmother, Eve Jacobson on March 19, 2002.
Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevin, on the death of her sister, Mary Joel Hoffenberg on April 30, 2002.
Helen Kamerow, on the death of her sister, Betty Gordon in early 2002.
Fran and David Stern, on the death of his mother, Harriet Stern on June 27, 2002.
Myrna and Richard Rubin on the death of her sister, Libby Reba Tenner, on November 20, 2002.
Tanya and Elmer Lear and family on the death of their daughter and sister, Shari Rachel Lear, on January 10, 2003.

News has come from Pamela Barr Goldberg Danzig of Farmington Hills, Michigan, of the serious illness of her husband, Sanford Danzig. Family members are asked to say a mishabayrach for Sandy, whose Hebrew name is Shmuel Laib Ben Chana Gittel.
Submitted by Jonah Labovitz, Treasurer

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New Year's Greetings to all the Family

Happy New Year
Bert & Frances Abramson
Bethesda MD

New Year's Greetings from Lottie and George Barr

Happy New Year and Good Health to All!
David & Maggie Barr
Frederick MD

The best of everything to all
Nathan (Narky) Barr
Silver Spring MD

Happy New Year from Rita and Sol Barr and Family
Bethesda MD

My best wishes to all the members of BAYL Family
Society for good health in the New Year
Jeanette Berzofsky
Baltimore MD

The Ron Berzofsky family extends its best wishes of
health, happiness and peace to all our B'nai Abraham &
Yehuda Laib family.

A happy and healthy New Year to all the Family
Janet & Jack Billig
Baltimore MD

Health & Peace in the coming year.
Dan & Sherry Billig
Owings Mills MD

L'Shana Tova to family near and far. May you find
peace & happiness wherever you are!
Love,
The Charanis Family
Duluth GA

Wishing everyone a year of peace and health.
Toby & Howard Cohen
Livingston NJ

All the best for a very happy, healthy New Year for all
the family.
Jeanne Dobres
Chevy Chase MD

Pray for peace
Lynn & Richard Dopkin and Family
Baltimore MD

May the coming year bring good health and happiness to
all.
Ann Douglas
Harrisburg PA

Happy Healthy New Year to everyone in the Family
Mel & Libby Ellin
Randolph MA

I would like to wish all members and their families a
safe, healthy and happy New Year.
Betty Feldman
Baltimore MD

Happy New Year
Max, Linda, Alexander & Sally Flaxman
Cranford NJ

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year
Phyllis Flaxman
Owings Mills MD

Wishing the Family a happy & healthy New Year
Vicki Flaxman,
Gregory, Sydney & Jeremy
El Sobrante CA

A happy and healthy New Year to the entire B'nai
Abraham & Yehuda Laib Family Society
Diane H. Forman
Baltimore MD

Best Wishes to all the Family for a happy, healthy &
prosperous New Year
Mollie Gans
Sacramento CA

Wishing everyone a peaceful, healthy, happy year
Sylvia Ginsburg
Adams MA

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year
Harriet Glass
Ojai CA
Wishing all of our family a healthy, happy & peaceful New Year
   Irwin, Miriam, Seth & Adina Golob
   Owings Mills MD

Best wishes to all for a year of good health, peace and joy
   Shirley & Dick Griffin
   Silver Spring MD

Our wishes for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year to everyone. L'Shana Tova
   Marc, Diana, Lisa & Erin Grosman
   Reisterstown MD

Best Wishes for a healthy & happy Year.
   Leonard Hurwitz
   Williamsport PA

Warmest wishes from Williamsport PA
   Marvin, Debbie, Jason & Jeremy Hurwitz

Wishing all a happy, healthy, peaceful New Year
   Joyce Hyman
   Baltimore MD

A Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year
   Toby & Dave Jacknowitz & Family
   Petaluma CA

From our family to yours; best wishes for the New Year
   Helen & Norman Kamerow
   Bethesda MD

My best wishes to all in the Family Society for a healthy, happy & peaceful New Year
   Irene Kols & Family
   Baltimore MD

Best Wishes for a Healthy, Happy New Year.
   Mollie & Dave Lafferman
   Sarasota FL

Wishing the members of BAYL a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year - 5763!
   Jonah Labovitz
   Baltimore MD

Wishing all a healthy, prosperous & happy New Year
   Stanley & Renessa Labovitz
   Baltimore MD

A happy & healthy New Year to all the family
   Fran Ludman
   Sheldon and Erica Laskin
   Baltimore MD

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year for you, all your loved ones and our entire family
   Doris Levine
   El Dorado Hills CA

L'Shana Tova. Here's wishing all my dear cousins health, happiness and most importantly, peace in the New Year.
   Sondra Levy
   Baltimore MD

A Happy Healthy New Year
   Sonia Matz
   Randallstown MD

Warmest wishes for a joyous, sweet and peaceful New Year.
   Bessie Meleneck
   Baltimore MD

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, peaceful New Year
   Fay and Charles Messner
   Cedarhurst NY

A healthy and happy New Year to all!
   Stephen & Robin Miller
   Livingston NJ

Have a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year
   Roslyn, Henry, Michael & Heather Naviasky
   Owings Mills MD

Wishing all the Family a happy, healthy & prosperous New Year
   Sharon & Pat Pattison
   Anaheim Hills CA

To all of our family we wish a year filled with good health and happiness
   Sandi, Rick, Brian & Stacey Popowitz
   N. Potomac MD

A happy New Year from the Raneri Family
   Jacksonville FL
Best Wishes for a joyous holiday season
Arthur & Leslye Romm & Family
Owings Mills MD

We wish all our relatives and friends a joyous and blessed New Year, and that you be inscribed for a year of peace, good health and prosperity
Evelyn & Mervin Rosen
Baltimore MD

A very happy, healthy New Year to all my family and friends
Sylvia Rosenbaum
Baltimore MD

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year
Esther & Joe Ross & Family
Nashua NH

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year
Ted & Shirley Ross
Los Angeles CA

A happy and healthy New Year to all of you
Anna Rubin
Baltimore MD

From Plantation FL to Baltimore MD and all other cousin locales; L’shana Tova
Dorothy Rubin
Plantation FL

Happy New Year to the Family!
Phyllis and Melvin Rubin

L'Shana Tova
Myrna & Richard Rubin
Forest Hills NY

A healthy, happy and peaceful New Year to all
Thelma A. Salus
Silver Spring MD

Best wishes to all for a healthy, happy New Year
Bertha Schvid
Boca Raton FL

L'Shana Tova Tikaseyvu!
Phil, Becky, Emily & Abby Shapiro
Centreville VA

Wishing all my cousins a happy and healthy New Year
Paula Sicker
Brooklandville MD

May we all have a healthy and happy New Year.
Shmuel, Eliezer, Shana and
Renee & Herb Siegel
Baltimore MD

Happy & Healthy New Year to all the Family
Annette Silverman
Towson MD

To all our cousins a happy and healthy New Year
Eve and Israel Smith
Tyler TX

Best Wishes for a healthy & happy New Year
Sharon & Jerome Smith
Judy & Adam Kaufman
Lexington MA

We wish all our cousins and friends a healthy & prosperous New Year
Manya & Sol Smith
Baltimore MD

May the New Year bring happiness and good health to all in the Family Society
Sol Smith & Sons
Austin TX

Best Wishes for the New Year from the Smiths
Arthur, Lollie, Julie, Gary, Susie
Baltimore MD

A healthy & happy New Year to our entire Family!
Marlene, Bruce, Barry & Allison Solomon
Owings Mills MD

To all of our Family – May this New Year fulfill all your hopes and dreams
Helene & Jack Solomon
Lake Worth FL

We wish all our family a year of health, happiness and peace
Phyllis & Garry Solomon
Randallstown MD
Our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year
Sylvia & Leonard Solomon
Baltimore MD

Wishing you all a Happy New Year
Florence Weinberg
Adams MA

A HEALTHY and Happy New Year for Everyone
Harriette & Marvin Solomon
Baltimore MD

We wish all a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year
Barry & Lisa Yatovitz
Owings Mills MD 21117

Wishing the Family a Peaceful, Healthy and Happy New Year
Janet & Arnold Sperling
Rockville MD

A happy and peaceful year to all
Rhona Yatovitz
Baltimore MD

A safe, happy & healthy New Year!
Katie & Zvi Spivack
Baltimore MD

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!
Annette & Beryl Yatovitz & Family
Palo Alto CA

Wishing each of you a year filled with good health, peace and happiness
Fran, David, Shannon & Taylor Stern
Reisterstown MD

Shanah tovah to everyone. May the 101st year be a good & healthy one for all of us.
Barry, Sandy & Ben Yatt
Arlington VA

A happy & healthy New Year to Everyone!
Iris Stutman
Acton MA

May you be inscribed for a year of health, happiness and peace
Bonnie Yatt
Baltimore MD

Best Wishes for a Healthy & Prosperous Year!
Rebecca Tucker
Baltimore MD

A happy and healthy New Year to all
David & Gail Whitman & Family
Laurel MD

Wishing all our family a happy, and healthy New Year.
L'shana Tova!
Stephanie & Keith Weinstein
Reisterstown MD

A happy and healthy New Year to all
Marsha & Sherwin Yoffe
Baltimore MD