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Special Announcement

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN PATIENT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DUE TO RECENTLY IMPOSED BULK MAILING LIMITATIONS BY AOL.

AS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND YOUR MEMORIES, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS DIRECTLY TO JAC AT WHSALUM63@AOL.COM.

SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE LAST NEWSLETTER, BUT MANY SUBSCRIBERS DID NOT. THE NEXT *WHS NOTE* AND THE ONES FOLLOWING WILL CONTAIN NEW CONTENT.

MUCH APPRECIATION TO THE WHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR PARTNERING TO ENSURE THAT THE WHS NOTE, EDITED BY JACOB TOPOREK AND THE CLASS OF 1963 ASSOCIATION, WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAILED TO YOU THROUGH ITS MAILING SERVICE.

Jacob Toporek, Class of 1963 Association

Hi Gals and Guys with Orange and Brown on Their Minds,

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Obit-quahics (sad):

Michael Gross (6/63) and Fred Goldman (6/62) reported that Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz, one of 11 tragically killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue, grew up in the Weequahic area.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2018/10/28/pittsburgh-shooting-victims-mostly-were-elderly-worshippers/1791727002/>).

Fred Goldman notes another sad day with the passing of Barry Gimelstob (6/61). Obituary can be read at

<http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=barry-gimelstob&pid=190593649>.

Burton Sebold (52/53) passed this week. News of his passing can be read at <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=burton-sebold&pid=190655287>.

Calvin Schwartz (6/63) receives recognition from Rutgers U:

I reckon I should be sharing this with you all. From one-half million Rutgers living alumni, I was selected along with seven other alumni by the Rutgers University Alumni Association and Rutgers Career Services for a two-minute video story of our lives called *Great Second Acts* - The ability to change careers. It was, to say the least, a huge honor for me as a very supportive and active Rutgers alumnus. The video can be viewed at <https://lifelonglearning.rutgers.edu/calvin-barry-schwartz>. Cal

Linda Forgosh share a new community history resource:

The Jewish Historical Society of NJ announced that they launched a digitization project that would provide online access to over 200,000 pages of the Greater MetroWest community weekly newspaper. It is available on the JHS website at www.jhs-nj.org. Readers can search obituaries, birth and death announcements, business advertisements, etc. starting in 1947 and ending in 2016 with a simple keyword search. Linda

Alan Ginter (64/65) corrects an oversight:

Due to my advancing age, I forgot to mention the *among others* that should have been *included* as Weequahic *mishpucha* (family) members attending the wedding of the daughter of Hal Teitelbaum (65); cousins Billy (68) and Dahlia Jacobowitz (69). Sorry guys. Alan

A probe of a different Russia question:

Here are some of the Alumindians who responded correctly to the question put by Carol Miller (56) as to the game with the pink ball. *Russia* the name of the game; Carole Ades Kaye (64); Wilma Bernhaut Pitman (57); Karen Epstein Sapherstein (59); Joanne Fried Scher (Irvington 55); Arleen Hollander Verbel (6/61); Sandra Kowaloff Zuckerman (55); Marilyn Rothstein Weigel (6/54); Elaine Sheitelman Furman (6/56); Myrna Steinberg Jacobs (1/57); Bobbi Wigler Dinnerman 6/49; Judi Wodnick Chait (6/62); Peggy Zager Eisen (57); Sandra Zeitlin Taetzsch (6/50);

Marvin Simon (57) shared the attached rules for Russia and the following comments were also received.

Dawn Knight Gaskin (6/63)

The game was called Russia, and each of the 1-10 variations got progressively more difficult. Dawn

Janeen Lazarus McGrath (63)

The name of the game we use to play with a ball against the house was called Russia. G-d only knows how they got that name. But I remember it well.
Janeen

Sheila Feldblum Kaufman (1/53)

I know that game as Russia. There were 10 ways to win the game. Throwing the ball and catching once was one then you went on to twosie and etc. until you reached 10 sites. Then you went backwards to one. On each count you did the action the number of times for each step you completed. Sheila

Dale Freling Weinbach (6/63)

We played a myriad of games with that pink ball, and we called the one to which she is referring Russia; no idea why. We tossed the ball against a wall, into the stoop, up in the air, or under our leg. Whichever format we used, we started with onesies and each number had a different motion while the ball was in the air. If you missed the ball, you had to start back to one. I think the ball was about 25 cents and I remember being so excited when I saved enough to buy one. Dale

Paul Levitt (Maple 48)

That the pink ball was a Spaldeen. The name of the game evades me. Paul

Diane Copen Fuchs (62)

We called the game Russia. I have no idea why! We played the game with a Spalding high bounce ball. Sometimes, we played it against a wall, sometimes up in the air. The rule for throwing the ball in the air was that it had to go over your head. Each number had a different move and, as I remember, we played up to ten.

One: One throw - no bounce - and catch the ball, just one time.

Two: A throw and bounce and catch the ball. Do this move two times.

Three: A throw, clap your hand once and catch the ball; throw again and clap twice and catch the ball; and throw again and clap three times and catch the ball. No bounce on this move!

Four: A throw and roll your arms (punching ball style) and catch the ball. Do this move four times. No bounce on this move!

Five: In a fluid movement, raise your knee to waist height, throw the ball from under your leg, and catch it. Do this move five times. No bounce on this move!

Six: Throw the ball, when it comes back to you, bounce it six times, throw it again and catch it.

Seven: In a fluid movement, throw the ball, clap once in front of your body, once in back, and catch it. Do this seven times. No bounce on this move!

Eight: Throw the ball, cross your arms in front of you like each hand is touching the opposite shoulder, and catch the ball. Do this eight times. No bounce on this move!

Nine: In a fluid movement, throw the ball, clap, touch your ankle, clap again, and catch the ball. Do this nine times. No bounce on this move!

Ten: In a fluid movement, throw the ball, clap, raise your leg and clap under it, clap again and catch the ball. Do this ten times. No bounce on this move!

If you drop the ball or let it bounce when you are not supposed to, you lose your turn. As I remember it, if you lose your turn before you get to the fourth move, you have to start over. Otherwise, when it is your turn again, you can start on the number you messed up.

I taught this game to my grandchildren. You can still find Spalding high bounce balls! Diane

Mel Rubin (56)

I think you were talking about stoop ball. If you hit the edge and caught it, it scored 100 points. A catch with one bounce was 5 points and with no bounces 10. We also played hand ball against the side of the buildings. Mel

Sarah Stein Doppelt (43)

Your game was called Stoop Ball. I played it often. Sarah

Beverley Snyder Bettmann (1/47)

We called the game Russia and the best place to play was against our chimney at 73 Willoughby Street at the corner of Shaw Avenue. I went on Google Earth years ago and checked my house which still was there. It had new windows and a better front porch. The empty lot had a house on it. Bev

Anita Forgash (6/62)

The name of the ball game was Russia. On S19th Street, we played on the brick apartment house wall which had a large section of wall with no windows. It was the only apartment house on our long block from Avon Avenue to Hopkins Place. Anita

Alan Ginter (64/65)

I think the game to which you refer, played against the wall with the always present pink Spaulding rubber ball, was called Russia. I have not a clue as to why it was so named. I used to play it with my cousin, Frances Feldman (61)

and Sandra Margolis (61; I think) in our alley at 272 Schley Street, 7 houses up from Margies. Alan

Jean Feldman Janowsky (1/45)

Was it Russia? I clearly remember playing the game she described in our ally at 127 Lehigh Avenue. I would love to know if I am right. When your 91+ and your recall is correct, it is as good as receiving a dozen red roses. Jean

Janet Litwak Goren (6/60)

It was called Russia. I have no idea why, nor did I ever think to question the name those many years ago. Janet

Bonnie Gray Kaye (6/60) We called it. Russia. You had 10 different actions you performed onesy, twosy, etc. My favorite was to put the ball under your leg and throw it. Then there was reviewse. where you counted backwards and did it. Bonnie

Phyllis Dubrow Klein (6/57)

The name of the game that we played with the pink Spaulding ball was Russia. As I recall, the movements became more difficult as the game progressed. Phyllis

Arlene Chausmer Swirsky (64)

I think the name of the game with the pink rubber balls against the wall, or a staircase, was called Russia. Every time you threw a ball and caught it, you earned a letter, starting with R, then progressing to the end with the A. If you missed a catch, I think you had to go back to the beginning with R again. There were more challenging features, but I cannot remember what they were. Arlene

Ellen Rose Korey (6/58)

The game played with the pink rubber Spalding ball was called Russia and we played it all the time! Can still picture most of the levels. Ellen

Anne Grindlinger Brown, class of January 1960.

The game that you are talking about was called *Elimination*. It was my favorite game, but I called it *Lemonation*. We stood in a line facing the wall. The person all the way to the left would bounce the ball so that it would hit the ground, then the wall, and hopefully to the next person in line. If the next person in line misses the ball he/she is out. We had a great wall to play on. There was a laundry on the corner Edwin Place and Willoughby with a solid brick wall on the Edwin Place side. My brother, Ben, now deceased, taught me to play. My brother, Simon, who is also deceased, played occasionally. Anne

Ruth Fairberg Sperber (58)

The game you were thinking of was called Russia. I have no idea how it got its name. I use to play it with my friends at 280 Goldsmith Avenue. Of course, we

only used a pink Spaulding ball. As a matter of fact, I bought one to show my grandkids. It was considered the best ball to use. We also played A My Name, Stories, Punch Ball and Running Bases.

Russia was a long game and we played it against the wall of the apartment house in the yard where we lived. There were 10 things to do with the ball and then a review of each skill. First you played it with two hands, then the right and then the left. Boy did we have fun! I cannot do all the requirements of the game, but I do remember them. Also, there were rules that went along with the game. You certainly brought back memories. Those were the days. Ruth

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