

# WHS NOTE

## Class of 1963 Association

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Hi Weequahistorians,

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**Carol Miller (56) shares sad news:**

From the *Denver (Colorado) Post*; George Steinberg, born Joseph Steinberg in Newark NJ, died December 3, 2018 in Denver He was 96 years old. He graduated from Weequahic HS. He moved from NJ in 1989 to Denver where his daughter resides. Carol

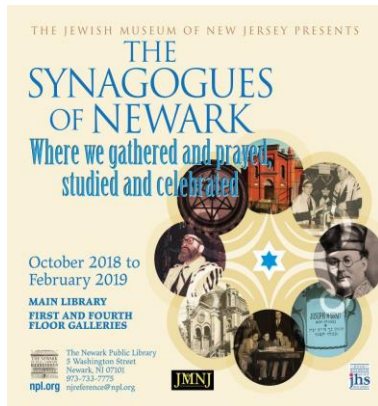
In last week's edition of the *WHS Note*, the Weequahic graduation class was stated incorrectly for Hal Braff. Hal, the founder of the WHS Alumni Association, graduated in June 1952, not 1962.

**Jack Lippman (50) continues the Philip Roth legacy painting an image:**

Howard Silver (6/50) was a close friend of Philip Roth (1/50)) and was present not only at the funeral and the internment, but at the memorial programs at both the Newark and New York City Public Libraries. A retired dentist, Silver now does a lot of painting and has had several exhibitions at galleries here in South Florida. His two paintings of Roth, below, were given to the Newark Public Library where they are now on exhibit. Jack.



### Invitation to see exhibit:



Through February 2019, come and explore Newark's Jewish history over the past 170 years. Take a journey from the middle of the 19th century through the first half of the 20th century when the City of Newark was the 8th largest Jewish community in the country and the largest Jewish population center in the state of New Jersey with more than 40 synagogues, many distinguished spiritual leaders, and prominent Jewish residents. And learn about Newark's only remaining active synagogue with a congregation dating back to 1905.

*The Synagogues of Newark* exhibit, now adorning the walls of The Newark Public Library, is sponsored by The Newark Public Library, The Jewish Museum of New Jersey that created *The Synagogues of Newark* exhibit, and Historic Congregation Ahavas Sholom, the oldest continuously operating synagogue in Newark. Phil Yourish, 1964, is the curator of the exhibit.

### Shirley Beim Dorfman (1/54) is on the look for WHS classmates:

I would love to hear from any of my classmates who see this note. I plan to attend the reunion in March, 2019. I hope to see some of you there. We rent an apartment in Century Village in Boca Raton for four months each winter. I live in Manhattan now and my significant other lives in East Meadow LI. LET'S CATCH UP ([readingladynyc@gmail.com](mailto:readingladynyc@gmail.com)).  
Shirley

### Jayne Solomon Mackta (Hillside 62) gives an inside memories track for Bradley Beach:

Whether you stayed for the summer, took the train down for the weekend or sped along the GSP for a Saturday night date, your memories of Bradley Beach are precious. The Bradley Beach Historical Society is eager to help preserve tall tales and short stories of those good old days down the shore. We've got ambitious plans for this coming year and want you to be part of the fun. Contact me for more information; [jaynemackta@gmail.com](mailto:jaynemackta@gmail.com). Jayne

### Sports at WHS; soccer, more specifically:

Clark Lissner (6/63)

Sometimes, no newsletter personally relates. The 11/21 "WHS Note" contained 2 in items in a row to which I could relate. My lifelong buddy Jac Toporek (6/63) referenced Weequahic/East Side soccer and their star Frank Barroqueiro. After playing against Frankie in high school, I had the pleasure of playing with him representing Montclair State College State College (now *University*). When he left Newark to teach in Edison, I took his place at Wilson and Hawkins Street Schools. I, then, went on to Hawthorne for 11 and Shabazz HS for 27, comprising my 39-year Phys. Ed. career in Newark.

Another comment in that newsletter talked about Ruppert Stadium, where I played against Central HS in 1963, shortly before the minor league stadium's demise. When a Central batter hit a weak ground ball towards my second base position, I raced in, scooped up the ball bare-handed and flipped to first to nail the runner by a second. Upon returning to our dugout, Coach Weil yelled to me, "Real professional play Lissner!". Always wished I could hit as well as I could field. Nowadays, at 73 December 1st, I don't "race" anywhere, but I do hit better with an oversize tennis racquet! Clark

Norbert Nor Toporek (6/63)

Little Bro, Jac Toporek (6/63), thanks for the high school soccer memories and for leaving out that I was the one that missed the penalty kick. Hey, after all these years, you can tell it was me. If we can enjoy all those great years of memories playing with that great group of guys, I can also take that "ahhhh-some" miss as part of those memories. Nor

Jac Toporek (6/63)

Big Bro, Nor Toporek (6/63), BTW, in that game vs. East Side where we lost 2-1, my recollection is that it was Yehuda Reinhartz (1/63) who missed the penalty shot, not you. I blame myself for the first goal. The ES player was near the corner stick and was about to pass into across into the goal area. I jumped to block it, but he only got part of the ball and the pass went under my feet (which were high in the air) and someone from ES was in the goalmouth to put it in. Cannot

recall the second goal, but they got 2 before we got our first and then we fought them better than even the rest of the way.  
Jac

### **Them Teachers Taught Totem Teenage-Indians:**

Harold Klein (6/60)

I remember Lou Stamelman as our football coach during some of the lean years. I also remember his brother Dave who was also an English teacher. Harold

Leonard Moshinsky (1/45)

Morton Seltzer, my choice as best teacher at Weequahic, was my Geometry teacher in 1942. He was drafted in mid-semester into service. It was nice to read that he later taught Trig and was head of the Math department. Second favorite was Miss Rummer, our very strict Latin teacher. Leonard

Sheldon *Shep* Bross (55)

I was recently watching *First Man* and heard David Cronkite in the background reciting a line from *High Flight*. One of the most significant learning experiences at Weequahic was three years of the Memory Selection Sheet with Miss O'Connor. I remember about 75% of the sheet although I cannot find my keys or wallet.

I remember seeing the movie *Invictus* and being able to recite most of it. I took my grandson to Gettysburg recently and was able to recite most of the address. I go to Shakespeare festivals on the Hudson every year and periodically show off with one of the soliloquies. That sheet gave me a superficial intellectual coating that I used time and time again to show off. *Shep*

Hesh Goldstein (1/57)

When Stamelman was the coach of the football team we had a very interesting experience. He was teaching us how to ward off cross body blocks. So, he asked me to throw a block at him and he positioned himself. When he was picking himself off the ground, he looked at me and said, Nice block Goldstein. Hesh

Howard Huff (1/56)

Regarding the comment about Math teachers at Weequahic, I had a few especially good teachers. Mrs. Bingham who taught Advanced Algebra comes to mind. And, of course, Dr. Ernest R. Ranucci, who wrote in my yearbook (The Legend), *To Howard: with respect for his perseverance - Luck: Ernest R. Ranucci*. Underneath this comment, Dr. Rannuci drew three cubes intersecting in three dimensions. Howard

Alberto R. Diaz (67)

Louis Stamelman was one of my English teachers and I will never forget him for he taught me to read. I vividly remember him telling us one day, "*You watch a good TV show and you will forget about it in about a week. But if you read a good book, you will never forget it for the rest of your life.*". Boy, was he right! I just turned 70 and have read thousands of books. Many of those books I have not forgotten. I am so sorry I never had the opportunity to tell him how grateful I am of that lesson.

I was surprised to hear from Mr. Krotenberg. I knew he was here in the Miami area for I ran into him at Dadeland Mall many, many years ago. He was my Shop teacher. I am glad he is well. Alberto

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