

WHS NOTE

Class of 1963 Association

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Hi Amigos of the Weequahic Hacienda,

Best wishes to all Weequahic Alum and friends for a healthy, wonderful and peaceful 2019.

Fresh off the trail and new to the Cyber Indians Network:

Braverman, Joel(6/58)-- bravojfb@verizon.net (new)
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Noah Chivian (6/52) and Paula Katz Clupper (1/52) go clubbing:

I grew up in the Clinton Hill section on Shanley Avenue "two doors" from B'nai Abraham. Al Manhoff (49) was absolutely right about B'nai Abraham being a teen age gathering place. It was our "hang out" growing up and home of the *Atoms AC*. Carl Radler and Bernie Kuttner came to B'nai Abraham from Irvington wearing new red and blue *Atoms AC Club* jackets. A number of us from Madison Jr High and the Annex joined Carl and Bernie and founded the *Atoms AC* in the late 40's. The group existed through high school and beyond. Friendships have continued for more than 70 years. In fact, the three of us, Eddie Hyans (6/51), Saul Wolfe (6/51) and I, attended the dedication of the Chivian Dental Center at the Beth recently. Noah



On the 20th of October of this year, the Cameos were to celebrate at the Hilton in Short Hills, the 70th anniversary of the formation of the girl's club when they were in the Annex. Due to various circumstances and conflicts, the get together was cancelled. Once upon a time in the 1940s, several young ladies of the Chancellor Avenue School Class of 1948 were victims of a phenomenon known as "spontaneous compatibility." These young ladies became friends and did a lot of activities together including informally having a club named the *Rosettes*.

The initial group was Natalie Confield, Leatrice Friedman, Joanne Rosen, Paula Claire Katz, Phyllis Gelfond, Paula Tischler, Janice Weber, Carolyn Feinseth and Marcia Kahan. The group expanded in the 7th grade when Avis Dresdner became a member. After they graduated and entered the Annex on Hawthorne Avenue, Barbara Smith and Lois Levine became members.

In their freshman year, they voted to change the name to the *Cameos* and purchased jackets from Banner Sporting Goods on Clinton Avenue. The jacket had a big emblem of a cameo on the back. Names were printed on the front side. They would wear these jackets to club meetings and to school functions and socially. Each Cameo celebrated their Sweet Sixteen Birthday with a party. Avis's party was at the Frank Dailey Meadowbrook and Marcia's party was at the Waldorf Astoria in NYC (Vic Dimone performed that night).

Even after graduation from Weequahic, the bond of friendship continued for 70 years. They communicated with each other and they attended reunions of the class and had club reunions and birthday parties of club members. The members now live in NJ (Bound Brook, Bound Brook, West Windsor, Monroe Township) and Florida (Boynton Beach, Coral Springs). Others live in Santa Monica, CA., Stockbridge, MA., and Stratford, CT. Three of the members are deceased, Carolyn Feinseth, Janice Weber and Paula Tischler. Paula

Sharing tales of the Weequa-Hood:

Charlie Bernhaut (1/54)

The Harold Kravis (Chancellor/W. Essex 74) comment about Moishe's Kosher Restaurant on Clinton Place brought back wonderful memories. The restaurant was located "at the bend" of Clinton Place. Goldman's Pharmacy had constructed a new building at the bend. Then there was Harry's candy store owned by Harry Boodish. Harry's was the "hang-out" for many of us who lived on Wolcott Terrace. We always joked that it was the money that Harry made from the pinball machine that paid for the medical education of Wes Boodish, Harry's son. By the way, the black-and-white ice cream soda and the egg creams were the best and it is so hard to find a place that knows how to make them.

And then, next to Harry's was Moishe's Kosher Restaurant in a small store-front. It could accommodate maybe 15-20 diners. It was run by Moishe, his wife and their two sons occasionally helped out. I can just picture Moishe's wife in the kitchen cooking the most delicious kosher foods and Moishe waiting on tables. Sometime in the late 50's, Moishe, his wife, and two sons opened a large restaurant on Springfield Avenue in Maplewood. Sadly, the restaurant did not last long. It isn't clear whether it was because of lack of patronage by the kosher community or mismanagement.

The Teaneck/Bergen County Jewish community supports some outstanding kosher restaurants. After all these years, Livingston/Essex County has not followed the lead. The restaurant business is tough; kosher restaurants are particularly difficult to run. Moishe's, perhaps, was many years "before its time." Charlie

Harriet Brooks Flamm (1/61)

I do remember passing Moishes Kosher Restaurant during my many walks in Newark. I'm also certain it was on Clinton Place and Aldine Street. Bragman's and Hobby's are still in business and I believe in the same location. Eppes-Essen has moved to Mt. Pleasant Avenue in Livingston. I do not remember Stoffer's. Harriet

Hal Lipton (1/55)

It is interesting to read about various eating places where WHS students ate and enjoyed over the years. I had a rather unusual experience at Ellner's Luncheonette (not sure of the spelling) on the south side of Lyons Avenue, between Clinton Place and Aldine Street. I used to enjoy having ice cream sodas there. They cost 25 cents back in the 1940s, I think.

One day, when I was about 10 years old, I tried something. I asked how much a scoop of ice cream cost. I then asked how much the chocolate syrup cost, and, how much the seltzer cost. Altogether, the amount added up to about 23 cents. So, I asked if I could pay 23 cents for the mixture instead of the usual 25 cents. I remember getting dirty looks from the

owners, but they gave me the ice cream soda for 23 cents. I never tried that gimmick again because I did not think the silent hostility that I received was worth it. Hal

Mike Mintz (6/59)

There was a luncheonette on Clinton Place across from the Annex asphalt ball field.

I do recall the name. This would have been around 1954 or so. Do any of the readers of the weekly newsletter have any idea and are able to share some memories of the luncheonette? Mike

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