

WHS NOTE

Class of 1963 Association

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Hi Bonds to Weequahic History,

New to the Cyber Indians Network:

Eule Addalia, Janet (64) - janeteaddalia@gmail.com

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Two WHS athletes of note passed away this past week:

Gerry Greenspan (59), a Weequahic grad who played in the NBA, died on September 11th. His obituary can be read at

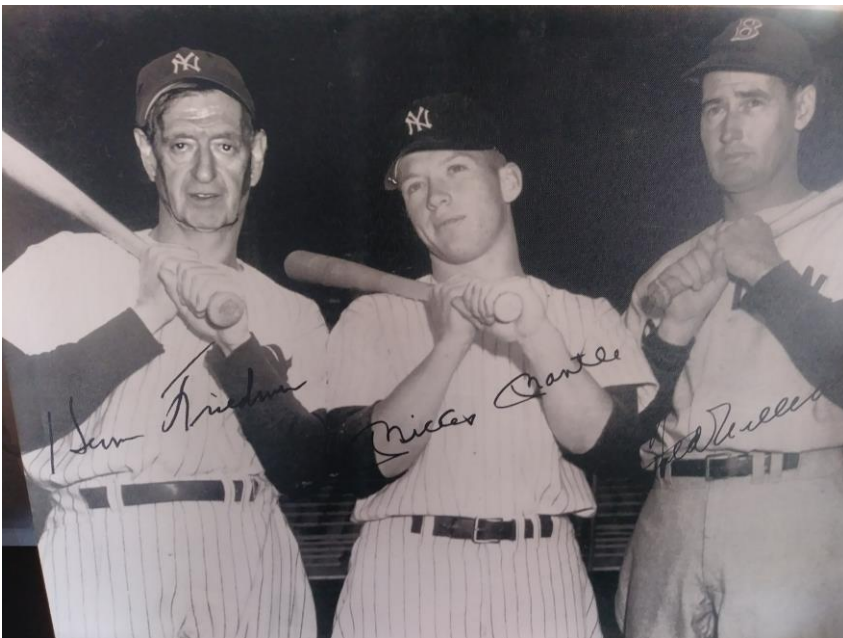
<https://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=gerry-greenspan&pid=193893070&fhid=12152>.

Phil Yourish (64)

Herman Friedman (51), a 3-sport athlete for the Indians, passed on September 10th. The Star Ledger notice is accessible at

<https://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=herman-friedman&pid=193893068&fhid=14868>.

Herman would visit us at the Alumni Association office on an occasional basis and would regale us with stories for the next few hours. He was quite an interesting character, usually wearing a t-shirt, shorts and knee socks when he came to see us. I also would sit next to him in the Ahavas Sholom Synagogue in Newark on the Jewish Holy Days talking more baseball than *davening* (praying). He was a lifelong NY Yankees fan. In the following picture, his head is superimposed on the body of another Yankee player as he stands next to Mickey Mantle and Ted Williams. Pretty amazing for a guy who refused to learn how to use the computer. Phil



Alumindians in the Archives:

12/11/10

David Mantell (6/59, formerly 2/60)

It is fascinating to read these short biographical notes and reminiscences of our childhoods. One striking feature is the importance of neighborhood and family and of childhood connections to people and places. Before moving on to the bigger world of high school and beyond. I remain rooted on Girard Place. I came there at age two from Lake Street on Branch Brook Park and left at 17 only to return for short visits until that world collapsed. I have lived in other places long enough for them to have left their marks on my psyche (Cleveland, New York, Munich), but the foundation is Girard Place, a longer

than average red cobblestone street between Clinton and Hawthorne Avenues. David

Paul Goff (68) shares link to family memories:

My wife Ellen Brodsky Goff (WHS Class of 1958) died twenty-three years ago on August 29, 1995. In the year afterwards, I put together a booklet of some of her thoughts during her last months for our children and grandchildren which included comments about our marriage and her life in Newark and afterwards, which all welcome to read by accessing the link, below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3sGUoURIX5nNDA1Njc5YjAtMmFjNy00NDUwLTliM2ltMjY5MzFmNTJkYTJm/view?usp=drivesdk>. Paul

Arthur Schechter (1/49) puts out feelers for interest in a WHS class reunion:

I was President of the Class of January 1949. We would like to try for one more reunion, along with the Class of June 1949, sometime in the late spring of 2020. Don't know how many of us are still around. If we get enough responders, we may proceed. Is there any interest and would you help? Any response can be sent to me at arthurs612@aol.com. Arthur

Memorializing the memories:

Gil Lustig (1/60)

I'm in the process of digitizing all my old photos. This will be a gigantic task, as I started taking pictures with my first camera when I was 10 years old. Below are photos of Chancellor Avenue in 1952. Two photos were taken from the roof of 300 Wainwright Street looking down at the stores. You can see Rubin Bros. Drug Store, Jacks 5 & 10, etc. The other photo is looking down at Wainwright Street and Chancellor Avenue. You can see the Shell Station that I would be working at 7 years in the future. In the background you can see Engelhard Industries, Cambridge Apartments, etc.

The person in the third photo is Jack Wolf. More important are the stores behind him. The Chancellor Sweet Shop was the forerunner to Har-Jays.

Hard to see is the Hot Dog Haven several stores down. Those of you from Newark and the Weequahic section, will enjoy looking at what is only in our memories. Gil



Lew Kampel (6/60)

I grew up on S.13th Street near 16th Avenue. It was not a bad neighborhood, but it was not as nice as Weequahic, certainly not as Jewish. While generally safe, it was just a bit on the tough side. I used to ride my bike through West Side Park, then past the factories on 18th and 19th Avenues, crossing Springfield, Avon and Madison Avenues before reaching Clinton. There I would turn left and start wending my way towards the leafy streets south of Lyons ultimately landing on Weequahic's grand boulevard--Chancellor Avenue.

But it wasn't just the nicer houses or the beautiful streets, or the visibly Jewish flavor of the neighborhood that drew me to Weequahic. It was more the life on the street I saw on my bike trips. Groups of clean-cut kids socializing, looking carefree, and, to me as an outsider from a family of refugees, very American just like the kids I was seeing on TV every night.

So, around the time I was in 7th or 8th grade, the hunt for a place in the Weequahic section began. Ultimately, we moved to Wainwright Street near Chancellor Avenue, but not before I spent my first two years at Weequahic High School as an illegal. More about that to follow. Lew

Lenny Wolkstein (6/59)

Eddie Hyans (6/ 51) and I recently had lunch at the original Bragman's Deli, 393 Hawthorne Avenue. There are, of course, new owners. But the food is authentic and excellent. The corned beef and pastrami etc. are juicy, tasty. Sandwiches are plentiful and cost half of what you would pay in any suburban deli. The service was fine, too. All in all, it was a great experience including our reminiscences of the time when we each had lived in the neighborhood. Lenny

Steve Epstein (6/63)

In reply to Joe Diamant (67), Barringer, the best high school in Newark? In the 50's and 60's, maybe in football, but nothing else. Steve

Arnie Kohn (56)

The name of the candy store on West Runyon and Peshine Avenue was Shipp's, run by Mr. & Mrs. Ship. They had daughter who also helped. An Ice cream double dip cone was 10 cents. Arnie

Jerry Krotenberg (1/60; Faculty 1964-1969)

For Joni Davis Law (South Side 63), the candy store on Peshine Avenue near West Runyon Street was Ship's. I lives next door at 307 Peshine which is now a freight warehouse. Jerry

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