

WHS NOTE

Class of 1963 Association

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Hi Makers of Weequahic District History:

Linda Barsher Salis (6/59) is the newest Cyber Indian at ldbarsal@verizon.net.

Steven Epstein (6/63) shares news of the passing of his sister:

It is with great sadness that I would like, to notify the friends and classmates of the passing of my sister, Harriet Epstein (I believe the Class of 1954). She died in her sleep peacefully in Riverdale N.Y. May she Rest In Peace. Harriet was a wonderful sister to her little brother. Steven

Alumindians in the Archives:

11/29/08

Arlene Glickenhau Rubenstein (6/60)

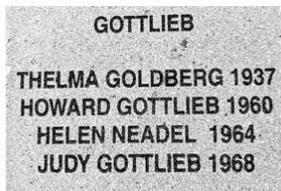
Where to begin; I lived on Goldsmith Avenue and certainly remember the wonderful block on Maple Avenue with Belfer's, Horowitz Kosher Butcher, Eddies' Vegetable Store (where I purchased 5 cents worth of dill and parsley for my grandmother), the Maple Dairy with Irv and Clem, Texanna's

Hairdressers and Thromm's Drug Store. Thromm's had a beautiful marble ice cream counter. Arlene

Jac Toporek (6/63) highlights two Special Events:

Thelma Goldberg Gottlieb (6/37) was honored by her children, extended family and friends as we all celebrated her 100th Birthday. Thelma was a member of the first 4-year graduation class of WHS. Her children followed as Weequahic grads, as well; Howard (60), Helen (64) and Judy (68). I consider myself a lucky individual to have known the Gottlieb family for about 40 years. They are wonderfully caring and loving of those with whom they have touched over the years. And, led by Thelma whose good-spirited, active-at-any-age, sense of humor and compassion continues to inspire all of us. Happy 100th.

**Congratulations to
THELMA GOTTLIEB
Class of 1937**



The Gottlieb Family
Legacy Brick at the entrance
to Weequahic High School

First 4-year graduation class at WHS



The Gottlieb Family

Howard and Judy
Helen and Thelma

on her 100th birthday



And, second, my appreciation to the WHSAA for honoring me with induction to its “*Hall of Distinction.*” I am honored to be included among so many WHS alumni who have accomplished so much and in their own way made a difference to community, maintaining the Weequahic connection, and ensuring that the legacy of the Orange and Brown has a positive impact on Weequahic students of today. My gratitude to my classmates and friends who attended. And “thank you” to the Board of the WHSAA, Phil Yourish and Myra Lawson for ensuring that the event was a success. Jac

Arty Drucks extends an invite:

So, every Tuesday night in Boca Raton area of Florida, Weequahic alumni have dinner. Now we have about 16, 2 each from Irvington and Hillside, 1 from Central. Included in the group are me, Larry Dinetz, Don Dvorin, Shushy Freidberg, Jerry Fields, Ron Fieger, Barry Gold, Sandy Quersky, Rich Halperin, Ted Sobo, Myron Kesselhaut, Errol Meisner, Michael Oxenhorn, Gordy Rubin, Bobby Weirnick, Stan Lewis and Ivan Scher. Every couple of weeks a new person shows up. Every week we are at a different place. If you would like to join us, contact me at artdrucks@aol.com. I will let you know time and place. Arty

In response to editorial of Helen Lippman (65):

Steven Epstein (6/63)

In response to Helen recalling living on Weequahic Avenue, I lived at 229 Weequahic Avenue until leaving for college in 1963. Our house looked just like the one pictured in her article. On my visits to the neighborhood, it looked like the residents kept the area in good repair. It was not like the stores on Chancellor Avenue; they made it heartbreaking to see what the area had become. What a great area to grow up in playing at the Maple and Chancellor Avenue Schools’ yards and stick ball in the AY &T parking lot on Lyons Avenue, as well as the lot at the Bernheim Funeral Home parking lot on Hobson and Chancellor. Glad to hear Newark is on the rebound. Perception of it for many years was not good. Steven

Beverly Kagan Nadler (Union 54)

The Newark Museum has many Jewish board members and volunteers. I am a volunteer docent and Jewish. Beverly

Dennis Estis (65)

Please be so kind as to extend my heartfelt thanks to Helen for her article. It is great to know that one of my classmates still looks upon Newark in the same way that we do. Dennis

It is all elementary; school, that is:

Jan Krusch (6/58)

To Don Kauffman (1/57), I moved to 304 Goldsmith Avenue in 1953 and was permitted to finish 8th grade and graduate from Maple Avenue, which, sadly, is no more. Mr. Townsend was the principal; a very nice man. What great times there! In all the years I had to walk to school (no busing, no lunch program and good exercise), I was never late to school. My first week attending Weequahic, and living two minutes away, I was late twice in the same week. I don't remember the punishment for being tardy; however, I was never late again! Jan

Barry Gruber, 01/54

I also went to Avon Avenue for grade school till I was 12. We lived on Shanley Avenue at Madison Avenue. I was always being punished because I talked all the time. I was very small at that age and one time I was hung on a hook in the cloak room. Don't hear that phrase anymore! Or I was sent out of the classroom to stand in the hall. One time, I was "skating" up and down the hall in my new leather sole shoes when I was caught and rapped across my knuckles with a ruler. My father was personal friends with the then Mayor of Newark, Ralph Villani, and I was transferred to Madison Jr. High. Also, a great school.

Of course, the Weequahic Diner was the place to go. A good friend of mine from WHS worked there part-time, Alba Cordasco. We had some good times at WHS. Across the street from the Diner was a White Castle and my mother would sometimes tell me to bring home a "sack" of hamburgers. Still can't beat the smell or taste of those little buggers; oops...burgers. Barry

Peggy Zager Eisen (6/57)

My vivid memory of Kindergarten at Hawthorne Avenue School was being expelled from it. One day, I was playing with something and it was apparently time to do something else. I didn't want to do the other thing and the teacher picked me up to take me away from what I was enjoying. I put my hand on her shoulder and ripped her blouse (light blue, as I recall) right off of her. That day, I was told that I belonged at Bragaw. I guess I entered Bragaw without an evil reputation because I never had another incident like that. Peggy

Myron Borden (1/52)

I, too, was a member of the *Safety Patrol* boys at Hawthorne Avenue School. I worked at the corner of Tillingcast Street and Clinton Place. It was 1944 and 1945 and Robert Murphy was the Chief of the Safety Patrol. He later became active in New Jersey politics and worked for the Governor in Trenton. Alan Ginsberg, who was the tallest in our squad, became Chief when Bob graduated. We were treated to be very special. I guess we were, since we really had an important job for 10-year olds. Hawthorne Avenue School only went up through the 5th grade, since the Weequahic Annex 9th grade shared the building. Myron

More personal remembrances of the way we were:

Bob Kleinberg (6/52)

To Elaine Stone (WHS 54-56), I too attended Bergen Street School, Class of 48 and then the Annex and Weequahic. The movie theater you are thinking of was the Avon and together with my two cousins, Sam and Ed Galkin, we were there every Saturday afternoon. Of course, we got on line about 10 or 11 with our brown bags of lunch. When the "war tax" or 10% came in and the price went up from 10 to 11 cents we were devastated, although we still went. It really was a bargain; two pictures, a serial, a comic book, etc. Long gone but well remembered days. Bob

Ed Brody (51)

To answer Ellen Miller Greenberg's (49) request about Donny Marshall's work as a soda jerk, I believe it was Thromm's Drug Store on the corner of

Maple and Chancellor Avenues. I lived across the street from Thromm's, 1 house down from Maple. I remember Mr. and Mrs. Thromm to be lovely people. Ed

Carol Miller (6/56)

To Ellie Miller Greenberg., the drug store where Donny Marshall worked was Throm's. Believe it was on corner of Maple and Chancellor Avenues. Carol

Harlene Gelman Horowitz (6/58)

I am now a resident of Brentwood, California. I followed the kids who are in the Entertainment business. But had I missed going to Weequahic, I would have missed some of the best times of my life. Cheerleading for a basketball team that was State Champs and a football team that never won a game, but did tie the last game I cheered for, were "Moments to Remember."

I was a Member of *The Athenians* and we "Rocked Around the Clock" at the Y on Weequahic Avenue, then ended up at the Dairy Queen. Lunch at Harjays, maybe Syd's? Pizza at Joe Ray on Friday night after the movies, Ming's on Sunday; did we ever stop eating? Did we ever stop laughing? Those were "The Real Golden Yeats." Never to be forgotten! Harlene

Lenore Kugel Velkoff (1/54)

My three friends Estelle Cohen Fried (deceased), Lois Acker Urban (deceased), Myrna Penschansky Alperin and I ate at Mings on Lyons Avenue every Sunday morning when they opened at 11:00 AM. Back in the day we thought we were so sophisticated eating our chicken chow mein and spareribs.

The four of us were together all through Bragaw Avenue School (6-8th grades), the Weequahic Annex and then Weequahic High. We remained friends all these many years until we lost Lois and then Estelle. Myrna and I still meet for lunch every other Thursday. In fact, Myrna was at my 4th birthday party. Her father owned Marc's Dry Goods on Hawthorne Avenue near Clinton Place. My father owned Kugel's Tavern on Clinton Place next

door to Charlie Bernhardt's (1/54) uncle's pharmacy. Those were the days.
Lenore

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