

WHS NOTE

Class of 1963 Association

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Hi Faithfulest to Orange & Brown,

"Bernice Lewitter Manshel (49) joins the Cyber Indians Network at bernicemanshel@gmail.com."

Sharing of sad news:

Ron Reisman (67)

I'm sad to report that my father-in-law, Seymour Simon (1/43), passed away on March 12 at age 94. He graduated from Chancellor Avenue School and attended WHS for a few years but left early to move to California. After serving in World War II, he returned to New Jersey, living in Springfield and teaching music in the Union Township school system for 30 years. Seymour looked forward to reading the *WHS Note* every week (although he complained there was too much emphasis on food) and proudly wore his WHS sweatshirt and cap. Ron

Seymour Weiss (1/48), lifelong educator, passed away on March 23rd. The Star Ledger carries his obituary at <https://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=seymour-weiss&pid=195828344>.

Leo Zuckerman (6/49), businessman and oft quoted WHS alumni in the weekly "WHS Note," died in early March. To read his obituary, go to <https://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=leo-zuckerman&pid=195828346>.

Claire Mayers Nierenberg (58) advises of screening opportunity:

My daughter, Rachel Pasternak, who co-produced the film “I Shall Not Be Silent, sent this message which might be of interest to admirers of Rabbi Prinz. The film will be streamed for free only from March 29th to April 5th. Rachel writes, “Perhaps in these uncertain times, Rabbi Prinz's example can provide some inspiration and we are happy to be able to share our film. Here is the link to stream the film for free on the dates mentioned, <https://vimeo.com/78217773>. Please feel free to share this with others who you think might be interested in watching. Claire

Harold Klein (60) advises that “Class Reunion” postponed:

Due to the corona virus pandemic, the WHS Class of June 1960 class reunion, previously scheduled for June 7th, has been re-scheduled for October 18, 2020. We will email new reservation forms in mid-July. If you sent in a reservation form before the pandemic, you do not need to submit another one. Stay healthy and be well. If there are any questions, please contact me at HMKlein42@gmail.com. Harold

Fred Goldman (6/62) adds a bit of a Weequahic area nostalgic punch via a close relative:

His name was Sam Hymowitz Arts HS 37) but he changed it to Sam Hydler. He is my mother’s brother who had to change his name, so my grandfather didn’t find out he was a boxer. He was one tough Jew, who gave up boxing and went off to war. After he came home from the war, he became an electrician. When he finally retired, my uncle became a mentor to those who led troubled lives. This is how he became “Good Friends” with Muhammad Ali. The photo, below, shows the two of them sparring.



So, now the bad part, one night after giving lessons he was on his way back to his car and got mugged by five young offenders. He just about made it but recovered. My uncle passed away soon after. He is in the Boxing Hall of Fame as referencing this internet site will show (<http://www.njboxinghof.org/sam-hydler/>). Fred

The South Ward Boys Club photos recently published in the “WHS Note” drew responses:

Jerry Wichinsky (64)

Many members of this group have commented via this newsletter and to me privately remembering my brother, Alan Paul Wichinsky and the award he won in 1960 when he was 10 years old. It was the *Governor Meyner Talent Excellence Award*, given to Alan when he represented the South Ward Boys Club. Kids from all over the state of NJ competed in Asbury Park.

Alan was an amazingly talented child. At the age of 8 he was already singing for free sodas at Red’s Candy Store and other places. My mother, Margie (who is in every one of those Boys Club photos), was a singer on Yiddish radio as a teen. She recognized early on that Alan could sing and she taught him well how to perform.

But the *Award* was what launched Alan’s very successful show business career, which has now reached 60 years! After he won, he was in the original cast of “Oliver” on Broadway, and he has not stopped working since. Below is a photo taken on the day he won the award. In the photo is Alan, South Ward Boys Club President Dave Warner, and Ken Frieder, who had also won an award that day. Great times! Great memories. Jerry



Bobby Clark (64)

I lived on Tillinghast Street around the corner from the Boys Club. I was an early member prior to the Boys Club building being erected on Hawthorne Avenue. I remember the store front just down the street as well.

I, too, was in Asbury Park when Alan won the talent show. It was very memorable for sure, especially as he experienced such great success with *Manhattan Transfer* later. His brother Jerry and I were good friends and played on the basketball team together and remain in contact to this day. His dad was such a terrific guy and I remember him so well from the Boys Club. Bobby

Dawn Knight Gaskin (6/63)

Great pic that Fred Goldman (6/62) posted of the Boys Club trip to Washington. Funny that, as many of the people in this photo that I knew, it was Lenny Levine (classmate from Peshine and WHS and cross street neighbor on Custer Place) that I immediately focused on. I had to read the comments below the photo to see who others were. I can't believe that I couldn't pull out other classmates, Clark Lissner and Richard Blecker. Thanks to Fred Goldman for posting this. Dawn

Alan Ginter (64/65).

In the Boy's Club photo, I believe the last kid on the left leaning insouciantly on the table with the fashionable pocket handkerchief is my closest friend and confident, Jeff Davis (64/65). Alan

Saul Kelton (64)

Re the Fred Goldman's photo of the Newark South Ward Boys Club trip to Washington, DC., I can identify a few of the people in the photo. Johnny Teeple, is seated 3rd on left side of table. Jeff Davis (64), 6th on left side of table; standing, Mike Kaplan, 2nd after Jeff Davis. Alan Dunst is the boy after Mike Kaplan. Alan's mom is to Alan's right. Jerry Wichinsky's mother appears to the right of Mrs. Dunst. Ira Libman was seated 3rd on the right side of table. Standing behind Lenny Levine (5th seat on the right) is Claude Scott. Saul

Rita Kirsch Morris (64)

Clark Lissner (6/63) cracked me up on his description of the picture of him sitting on top left and that the girl on the other side of him stepped on his foot and he said "it still hurts." Then when he said a meatball from the lunch cafeteria fell on the

floor and bounced back up and could not possibly be kosher meat, even cracked me up more. What a funny guy. Clark, if you have more funny stories, please send more in; and thanks for making my day. Rita

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