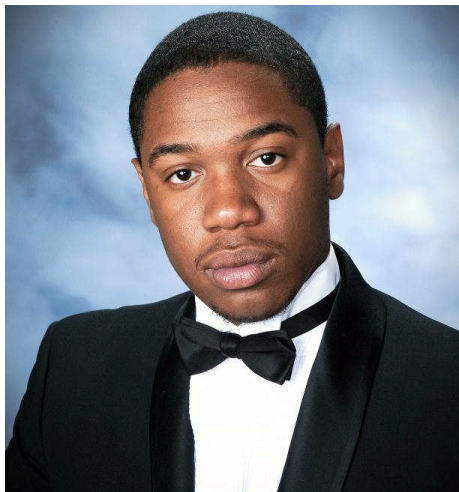


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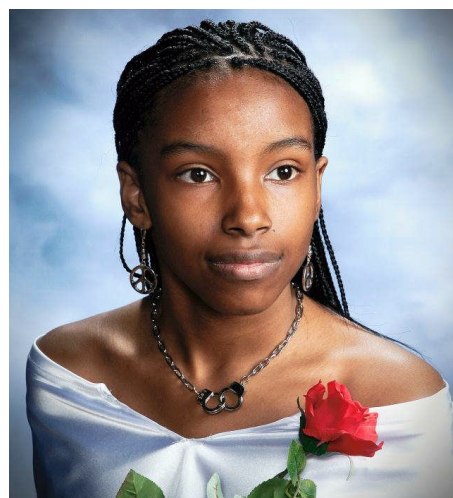
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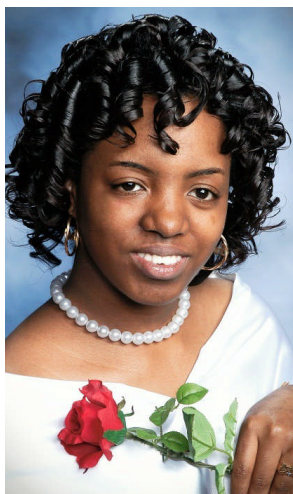
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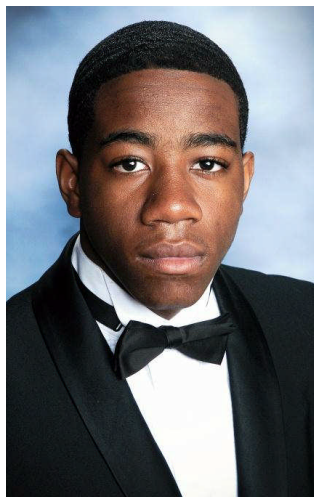
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HOMEcoming 2010

Now on Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25th

Weequahic vs. Shabazz Football Game at Untermann Field

Join us for breakfast between 8 & 10 a.m. See the neighborhood parade. Tour the high school. Buy alumni merchandise. At 11 a.m., watch the greatest rivalry in the South Ward as Weequahic defends its Thanksgiving Day championship trophy.

Why Give To Weequahic

By Phil Yourish, Executive Director



Look at the faces of our Weequahic alumni scholarship students, read their words, hear their voices. This why we, as an alumni association, exists. In a world where so many

of us have been blessed with so much, this is what makes our Weequahic alumni experience so meaningful and gratifying.

For so many of us, we have fond memories of a very special place in the City of Newark where you and I grew up known as Weequahic. Today that name is magic. When uttered, it immediately launches a flow of wonderful memories from the past. It connects us with our roots, to the days of our youth, and to the moments when everything just felt right and good.

When people speak of Weequahic, they usually describe it as follows: *the best years of my life; an outstanding high school; a great place to grow up; I wish it had never ended; I wish my children could have grown up there.* And from this special place, so many successful people have sprouted

Our alumni association is a wonderful example of passing on one's legacy as previous generations of Weequahic "give back" to support the students currently at the high school. The alumni association has had a tremendous impact on the Weequahic of today. It has become an important resource to the high school as it

provides students with opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them.

So many see the value in giving to Weequahic. *Others say why give to Weequahic. It's not the same place that I remember. So much has changed.* That's just the point. Let's help create a Weequahic where students 50 years from now can have the same wonderful memories of their high school and neighborhood that we have.

Yes, their circumstances are different. Their needs are diverse. Their challenges are vast. But their dreams and aspirations are the same as ours. They deserve nothing less than the outstanding education that we received in our growing up years. Given the chance, their potential will blossom.

Good ideas and visions take money – lots of money over time. We are privileged to have such generous alumni and friends who want to invest in the current and future generations of Weequahic. By doing so, we all win as our young people grow and develop into productive men and women who will have a significant impact on the world to come.

Can there be a better legacy for us leave than to return to the "old neighborhood" and plant the seeds for future success for the many wonderful kids who go to Weequahic today.

Look at the faces of our Weequahic alumni scholarship students, read their words, hear their voices (on Chancellor Avenue; in Washington, DC; in Paris, France; at a sports camp; at college) - and GIVE...and then give some more.

Save this special date on your calendar, palm, blackberry, i-pad, or smartphone

**Weequahic High School Alumni Association
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Seniors recall their school years in Jewish Newark

by Debra Rubin, 9/27/10
NJN Bureau Chief/Middlesex

*Ikey, Mikey, Jakey, Sam
We're the boys that eat no ham,
We play baseball, we play soccer,
We keep matzos in our lockers
Aye, Yiye, Yiye, Yiye Weequahic High!*

That old-time school cheer from Newark's Weequahic High School brought back a flood of memories as Jews with roots in the city gathered for the Sept. 13 meeting of the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey.

The program on Jewish Newark drew about 200 former city dwellers, mostly past students of Weequahic High - and some whose alma mater was South Side High - to Congregation Etz Chaim Monroe Township Jewish Center.

The program featured Hilda Lutzke - an English teacher at Weequahic from 1937 to 1975 who turned 97 on Sept. 14th - speaking about colleagues and students and her "lovely" hometown of Newark, whose Jewish community was once 80,000-strong and thriving.

The nostalgic talk elicited sighs and murmurs of recognition as audience members spoke of their own memories of "terrible" high school football teams; peaceful streets; and safe, close-knit neighborhoods.



Now a Verona resident, Lutzke spoke of the excitement she felt her first day as a teacher at Weequahic, "the newest high school in the city, where the kids were smart and clever." The school was filled "with parents concerned about their children." Her annual pay was \$1,000, higher than some others because she had a graduate degree.

"My husband was a grade school teacher with a master's, and he made \$900," said Lutzke as audience members gasped. "In 1975, I retired making \$10,000 a year." They were years "of joy and hard work." Considered one of the best high schools in America, Weequahic producing renowned alumni, including author Philip Roth, a 1950 graduate whose novels often feature Newark and Weequahic.

The program was chaired by Marilyn Mix, herself a former Newark resident and school teacher who spent two years at Weequahic High. Like most others present, she now lives in one of Monroe's nine adult communities. She shared stories of socializing at the Weequahic Diner, where "everyone ate." Ever the teacher, she used a pointer and easel in sharing trivia and discussing Newark's greatest philanthropist, department store owner Louis Bamberger.

Lutzke also told of the chilling effect Sen. Joseph McCarthy and his hunt for communists had on local educators, particularly French instructor Robert Lowenstein, who lost his job. Mix said he fought the charges for six years and was eventually reinstated with back pay, rising to become chair of Weequahic's foreign languages department. "He also taught algebra," called out a man from the audience. "I had him for algebra. And it was Dr. Lowenstein. He had a PhD."

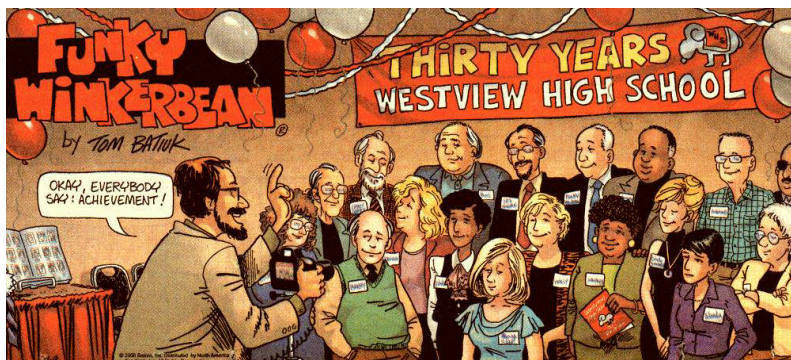
Lowenstein, who is still alive, had written a letter to be read to those gathered in which he corrected a common fallacy - that he is 103 years old. "I am only 102," he wrote while expressing the hope that the former student who contacted him still had the "spit and vinegar" he remembered.

Others had their own fond memories of Newark. Jack Cohen said that while fighting in Guadalcanal in World War II, his commanding officer told the soldiers they could request one thing from home. Cohen decided he wanted photos of Newark. "My poor mother didn't know where to get pictures," said Cohen, so she contacted two city dailies for help.

"One of them, I can't remember which, decided to run a story on the front page something like, 'GI from Newark prefers pictures of Newark to bathing beauties of the time.'"

Charlotte Anker described Newark as "fun, family, and friends."

"It was perfect," she said. "I learned about philanthropy and how to be kind and thoughtful. I have such good memories."



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OUR 2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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Our 1st Scholarship Celebration Dinner

Our first Scholarship Celebration Dinner, with 120 people attending - representing students, parents, family, faculty, and WHS Board members, took place on June 17th at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Irvington. **Nadine Walker Jenkins, WHS 1983**, was the keynote speaker. Thirty-four Weequahic High School students received 2010 scholarships from the WHS Alumni Association totaling \$51,000. Alumni Co-President Mary Dawkins organized the event. Art Lutzke chaired the scholarship committee with members Myrna Weissman, Harold Edwards, Dave Schechner and Judy Bennett. The scholarship administrator is Phil Yourish, our Executive Director.

Below are excerpts from the personal statements of some of our scholarship recipients:

Niyale Branch - My future is the most important thing to me. I live in a community where for some people education is a lesser value. Everyone would rather live in the moment than live for the future. I know that when you are young you are supposed to live life to the

fullest because tomorrow isn't promised, but when do you start working towards your long-term goals? Today a high world, and society is a lot more competitive...there are those who wallow in the should have, would have, could have, rather than making something of themselves...I want to wake up everyday and do something I love. I do not want limit myself to just having a job to get by. I want a career...I am almost at the end of my [time] in high school and I am in the beginning of the building blocks of my future. After high school I either sink or swim and I plan on swimming to success.

Felicity Appiah-kubi - Being born in Ghana, I have witnessed a lot of poverty. These experiences have allowed me to see firsthand how hard it is to survive with only a high school diploma or GED. My background and environment has had a tremendous effect on my life, as well as my future goals... Education is important to me, and I will do everything in my power to gain the best education possible.

Jerry Butler - As I reflect on life, there are several questions that come to mind. What college am I attending? How am I going to pay the required tuition? Will there be any hindrances to detour my plans in getting into college? How can I contribute to my family's

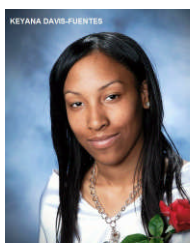
economic status through attending and graduating from college? These are the questions that I face on a daily basis. These are the issues that are at stake in my life.

Jamil Coleman - Growing up I had one choice and that was to get a good education. Ever since I was young my mother would always say, "If you don't have an education you're just wasting space." I took that seriously because we all need an education to survive in this world, especially now. My mom stressed education. We used to talk about college all the time. Also, I have three little brothers watching my every move. So I can't do irresponsible things because they will mimic what I do. I have to be a role model for them so they can see what they should do when they get older...College can expand my horizons and make my mother proud...I don't want let to her down.

Kadim Bobbitt - I am a skilled writer and avid reader. The literary world has intrigued and interested me since I was nine years old. My dream is to become an author and to see my name embossed, in golden point, on the cover of my novel. I hope that with the knowledge and experience gained from a good college education, I will be able to realize my dreams.



Jamil Coleman



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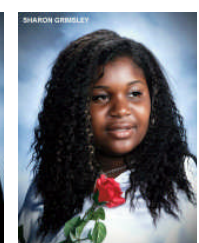
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Tashebia Jones

Kareem Gifford - The first time I ever tried to write my name I was sitting at the living room table and my mother was behind me on the couch. She gave me a pencil and a yellow sheet of lined paper and she told me to start writing my name. I struggled at first, the pencil slipping out of position between my fingers. My mother would reposition it and tell me to keep writing. I did not give up until I had written my name correctly, and I could hold the pencil without dropping it. Now I sit typing, thinking about the first time I wrote my name, I now see at that moment in time I was showing determination. I was not going to give up until I could get my name right. That determination has followed me through the years and now I don't give up at anything...My determination helps to complete assignments that I have to work on all night. Any obstacles that you put in front of me, I will overcome. Any task you lay out for me. I will complete. No matter what the problem is I will solve it one way or another.

Curtis Grimsley - *"What did you do today to impact your future?"* That proverbial question often asked by my mother, in which I often had no reply, made me contemplate about my every day choices and the consequences they had on me in terms of how I live my life. Yet, I was never certain that my

choices were going to be impactful to me in a profound and positive way. Thus, fear settled in my being because not knowing where I was going or how I was going to get there was unsettling. Though I am a young man, I know that there are options in life I have yet to consider. I also realize that one phase of my life is ending and the next phase is just beginning.

Lenita Onque - Writing. To form words, numbers, or symbols on a surface with a pen or pencil. This is who I am. I grab a blank sheet of paper and think of how I will turn the white paper into a black and white form of art. I sit, I ponder, I run words and sentences over and over in my head, all the while looking at this simple lifeless sheet that hold all my senses captive. Nothing else matters to me. All I want to do is complete the task. The first group of words finally form in my head. At this discovery, I am smiling. My hand, impatient to move since the paper first came out reaches for the pen which is an extension of me...As my hand enfolds the pen in a loving grip my arm grows. I am connected to this tool, loving the feeling of it in my hand...I have a way to express myself and fight the blankness of this paper in front of me...I write a letter, that letter turns into a word, that multiplies into a sentence. I can't be stopped now...

I'm writing, my pen is unstoppable and it only gets better...Writing. This is who I am.

Perry Williams - Holding it together, seeing the bigger picture, being like "glue" that's what many people look to me for - to hold them together through the toughest turbulence they suffer at nature's will. They look for me to be strong and to direct them from their tunnels of insanity to righteous paths. My life has been far from easy sailing because of the tempests I have encountered and even I am astonished when people refer to me as their "Glue."...Various programs and mentors contributed to the metamorphosis I underwent. The most memorable was the "UR Worthy-Rites of Passage: a 20-week program in which I became the "Glue." At the end of the program, I was awarded "The Glue" certificate for going above and beyond the calls of membership...It was then that I realized that the award was merely a frame for what I had always been...Being "the Glue" to so many people, I silenced gravity's laughter with the realization that I do not have to be another statistic. I became glue and not only held many things together through my strength but, like the substance itself, began taking the shape of whatever I imagined. And I imagined many great things for my future.



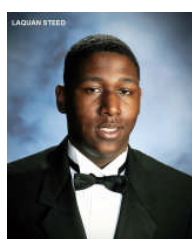
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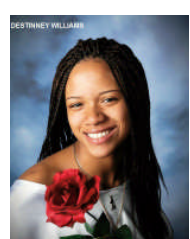
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M&M Chocolates

Newark, the original home of the world-famous candy

by Nat Bodian

One of the world's most famous and biggest-selling chocolate confectionery brands got its start and ascended to international stature from a base in Newark. I'm talking about M&M's coated milk chocolate candies.

Start-up operations were begun in 1940 from a factory building at 285 Badger Avenue, between West Bigelow and West Runyon Streets in Newark's Clinton Hill section. However, with America's entry into World War II and receipt of government contracts, the company soon moved to larger quarters in the old 11th Ward on 200 North 12th Street, at Fourth Avenue. It remained in this building for 17 years until 1958.

The company was originally founded as M&M Limited. One of the two *M*'s was for Forrest Mars Sr., the company founder. The other *M* was for Bruce Murrie, who put up some of the capital for the projected new candy-making operation. When operations were started, the hard-coated chocolates were made in six different colors: Brown, Yellow, Orange, Red, Green and Violet.

Son of Milky Way's 'Father'

The founder of the Newark company, Forrest E. Mars Sr., was the son of Frank C. Mars, a candy-maker dating back to 1911. In that year, Frank Mars and his wife began making candies in the kitchen of their Tacoma, Washington, home. Frank Mars then moved his candy-making operations to Minnesota in 1923, where he introduced the Milky Way bar. His company, in 1926, was then relocated to a new plant in a Chicago suburb where the

Mars Almond Bar, the 3 Musketeers, and the Snickers bar were introduced.

Origin of Idea for M&M's

Forrest Mars Sr., having been raised in the shadow of a world of candy-making, had gotten the idea for M&M's in a visit to Spain during the Spanish Civil War in the late 1930s. He'd encountered soldiers eating pellets of chocolate encased in a hard sugary coating which prevented them from melting. Inspired by this idea, Forrest Mars went back to his kitchen and invented the recipe for M&M's chocolate candies.



M&M's in World War II

Shortly after the company began production as *M&M's Ltd Newark NJ* the tiny chocolates became a favorite of American GIs serving in world War II. Packaged in cardboard tubes, they were quickly

adapted by the military who included them in American soldiers' C-rations because they withstood extreme temperatures. In the hot tropics, these candies were especially practical. In the war years, the company's advertising was largely on billboards, which reflected the wartime theme.

Newark Plant Production Capacity

With the 12th Street candy factory going full blast during World War II, when it could reach peak production, it would turn out 200,000 pounds of M&M's a week - nearly all of it going to the military. By war's end, with help from Ingmar Monson, an engineering contractor from Fairfield NJ, who was putting in 80-90 hours a week, the Newark plant's capacity was gradually stretched to 600,000 pounds per week. By the 1950s, the capacity was further expanded to reach its maximum output - 1 million pounds a week, running in variable shifts, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 24 hours a day.

A new look and other changes

From 1948 to 1954, a number of changes took place: the original cardboard tube packaging was changed to the packaging still in use today; the company began imprinting an *m* on each candy, a heavy national advertising was launched and M & M became a household name; M&M Peanut Chocolate Candies were introduced; TV advertising with a new slogan - "*The milk chocolate melts in your mouth, not in your hand.*"

Leaving Newark

In 1958, after the M&M operation left its North 12th Street premises, along with its departure went the smell of chocolate that had constantly lingered in the neighborhood air. The chocolaty aroma for 17



years had been instantly recognizable to neighborhood visitors, but was something that nearby

residents had learned to ignore. The M&M operation relocated to Hackettstown, where it still maintains its world headquarters. The current CEO and Co-President is Forrest E. Mars Jr., son of the company founder, Forrest E. Mars Sr.

Space Age Chocolate

On April 12, 1981, M&M chocolates rose to heights never before achieved by any other chocolate. The first space shuttle astronauts, John W. Young and Robert L. Crippen, asked for M&M's to be included in the food supply for a two-day, record-setting earth orbit. Consequently, M&M's became a component of the space food exhibit at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C.

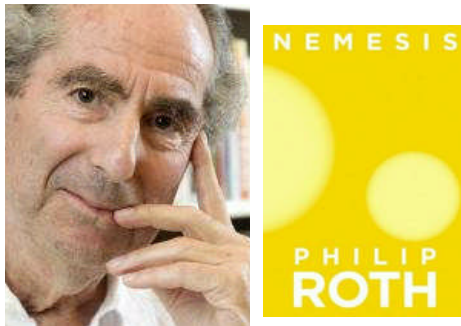
Note: After his father's death, Forrest Mars Sr took over the family business, Mars, Inc., and officially merged his company with it in 1964.



WEEQUAHIC WRITERS

Philip Roth, Jan. 1950

From the Good Reads web site



In the "*stifling heat of equatorial Newark*," a terrifying epidemic is raging, threatening the children of the New Jersey city with maiming, paralysis, lifelong disability, and even death. This is the startling theme of Philip Roth's wrenching new book: a wartime polio epidemic in the summer of 1944 and the effect it has on a closely knit, family-oriented Newark community and its children.

At the center of *Nemesis* is a vigorous, dutiful twenty-three-year-old playground director, Bucky Cantor, a javelin thrower and weightlifter, who is devoted to his charges and disappointed with himself because his weak eyes have excluded him from serving in the war alongside his contemporaries. Focusing on Cantor's dilemmas as polio begins to ravage his playground - and on the everyday realities he faces - Roth leads us through every inch of emotion such a pestilence can breed: the fear, the panic, the anger, the bewilderment, the suffering, and the pain.

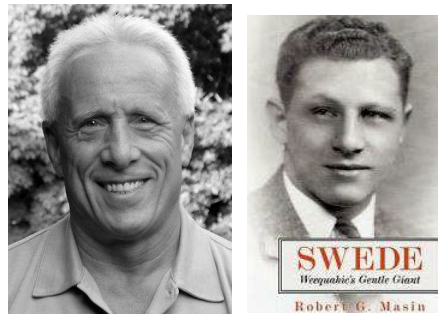
Moving between the smoldering, malodorous streets of besieged Newark and Indian Hill, a pristine children's summer camp high in the Poconos - whose "*mountain air was purified of all contaminants*" - Roth depicts a decent, energetic man with the best intentions struggling in his own private war against the epidemic. Roth is tenderly exact at every point about Cantor's passage into personal disaster, and no less exact about the condition of childhood.

Through this story runs the dark questions that haunt all four of Roth's late short novels: What kind of accidental choices fatally shape a life? How does the individual withstand the onslaught of circumstance?

SWEDE - Weequahic's Gentle Giant

By Robert Masin (*the son*)

A Kirkus Book Review



As historians turn more and more to intimately drawn, tightly focused stories of the Everyman to provide meaning and texture to the progress of time, this biography is just the kind of material they will seek out. Masin has written a loving story of his father, who, like all good fathers, was an exceptional man in his son's eyes: generous (except with allowances), gentle, attentive and full of quirks and eccentricities.

But the senior Masin, known as "*Swede*," was also a star athlete - state champion in the shot put, voted most outstanding state player in basketball and All-American in soccer (when he happened to pick up the sport) and captain of three teams in college - as well as humble and a gentleman.

He inspects not only the lay of this particular land, but the day-to-day life of his father's part of town: where he hung out, the street life, school, socializing, food, architecture, theater, sledding in the park, liberal politics and more. Masin also explores how Swede was "*this nice Jewish boy, living in a wonderful Jewish neighborhood, with kind Jewish parents*," a kid who rarely gave his parents grief, "*but marrying a shiksa, well, that was devastating*."

His parents managed to survive the devastation and the book pays nearly as close attention to Estelle's Italian background as it does to Swede's; a feisty, outspoken family, though Masin's most evocative memory is the spaghetti and meatballs. Playfully teasing portrayals of the author's brother and sisters adds a satisfying completeness to the Swede's impact.

Affectionate, with a bracing air of locality - the kind of microhistory that will yield gold for more sweeping history projects.

A Poem For Graduation

By Marcia Rosenzweig
Federbush, Jan. 1952

You've heard us say
We couldn't wait
Until the day
We'd graduate.

Well, it appears
We're through at last,
Four high school years
Have fin'ly passed.

Right from this night
Our paths must vary,
Some will fight
And most will marry.

Some will learn
An occupation,
Some return
To education.

Slowly we
Shall all grow wiser.
There will be
No grade advisor.

Teacher made
A point to guide us,
But their Aid
Will be denied us.

Thinking we
Must do alone,
For now, you see,
We're on our own.

We leave behind
A school inspiring,
And must find
A boss who's hiring.

Or a sign
That says "recruits,"
And join the line
For army suits.

Perhaps go straight
To school instead,
Or find the mate
We choose to wed.

What's Best to do
Is hard to say,
Though school is through
We'd like to stay

At times we all
Have hated school,
But we'll recall
That as a rule.

We've found each day
A pleasant one.
I's like to say -
Then I'll be done -

I hope we will
These next years find
Far grander still
Than those behind!

WEEQUAHIC WRITERS

Paul Tractenberg, June 1956



The results of what began as a suggestion by Professor Paul Tractenberg about how to commemorate the first 100 years of Rutgers School of Law in Newark have

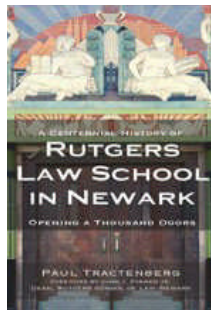
been captured in

A Centennial History of Rutgers Law School in Newark: Opening a Thousand Doors. Writing with affection and candor informed by his four decades on the faculty, Tractenberg sketches the school's crises, transformations and triumphs from its opening in 1908 as the New Jersey Law School through the present day.

Tractenberg, who is Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor and Alfred C. Clapp Distinguished Public Service Professor of Law, sought to involve faculty, students and alumni in celebrating the past, present and future of the law school. In a year-long Centennial Seminar, he proposed, students would explore the history of the school in the context of its impact on the law, legal education, and the legal profession.

The seminar, together with two major programs on which his students collaborated and which featured faculty and alumni, underscored Rutgers Law School's significant role in the development of legal doctrine, its introduction of clinical legal education and other curricular innovations, and its deep and successful commitment to racial, ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic diversity within the profession.

A Centennial History of Rutgers Law School in Newark presents the history of the school in four chapters, each describing what



list that Tractenberg concedes is "highly selective and highly personal" and that includes Professors Arthur Kinoy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Saul Mendlovitz and Al Slocum, and the Class of 1977's A.J. Smaldone, who became one of the country's pioneer advocates for the disabled. In the final chapter, he expresses optimism that the law school, in the face of financial and other challenges, will find a way to continue its commitment to opportunity, excellence and impact.

Professor Tractenberg earned his B.A. from Wesleyan and his J.D. from the University of Michigan. A member of the Rutgers faculty since 1970, he is the author of numerous publications on education law; a frequent lecturer; and consultant and adviser to many national, regional, and state organizations and agencies. In 1973, he established the *Education Law Center* in Newark, a public interest law project, and served as its director for three years.

He is involved in several landmark constitutional cases about public education, especially *Abbott v. Burke*. In 2000, Tractenberg established and continues to serve as co-director of the Institute on Education Law and Policy (IELP), an interdisciplinary research project at Rutgers-Newark. He is also co-director of the Newark Schools Research Collaborative, a major project of IELP.

New Jersey Goes A-Courting: 10 Legal Cases That Shook the Nation, his 2nd book growing out of the Centennial event, will be soon be published. Most of the cases have a major Rutgers Law School imprint.

Tractenberg characterizes as an "epoch." A fifth chapter offers "the voices and visions" of some of the school's most memorable personalities, a

Class of June 1960 - 50th Reunion

October 9, 2010 at the Kenilworth Inn. Tour of Weequahic High School earlier in the day. The committee members: **Gil Lustig, Warren Bratter (class president), Marian Kaufman, David Kessler, Mike Kessler, Judy Lieb, Ed Muster, Steve Rosen, Merle Starkman, Phyllis Bernstein, Sue Bohrer, Charlie Hershkowitz, Riva Rock.**



WEEQUAHIC WRITERS

Wayne Chen & Gary Goss, 1964

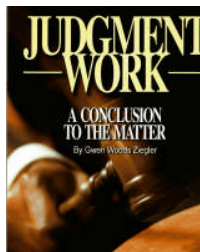
"the sweet smell of success"



Fart Without Fear: Comfort Food for Uncomfortable Times is the world's first laugh-out-loud, instantly useable, self-improvement comfort food cookbook. Find out what uptight politically correct chefs, nutritionists and scientists have known for years but haven't told you. Think fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, meatloaf, and Boston baked beans; this cookbook for everyone includes more than 70 low-to no-odor producing comfort food recipes. Complete with a unique rating system, favorite recipes, special menus, and fun facts, *Fart Without Fear* will show you how to eliminate odors but not the flatulence caused by your family favorites - all without sacrificing the flavor, joy and fun they evoke.

Neal Salkind, another 1964 grad, is the agent for the book.

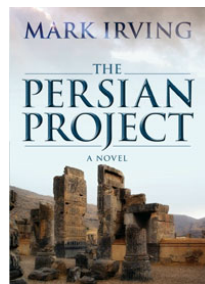
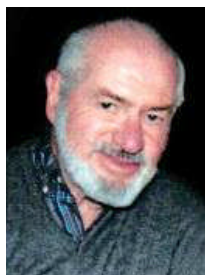
Gwen Woods Ziegler, 1966



JUDGMENT WORK, A Conclusion To The Matter starts out as autobiography using this author's life as a revelation in itself, but it

has also been written in the style of an epic odyssey that many experience not only reflect a single life but purposely engulfs the lives of every man, woman, boy and girl. This book's contents skillfully utilize the Holy scriptures to uncannily reveal God's plan and purpose for mankind in a straightforward matter-of-fact-way. As each chapter unfolds, another piece of the great "puzzle of life" comes together. It is the second greatest love story that has ever been told.

Irv Sternberg, Jan. 1947



I'm pleased to announce the release of my latest novel, *The Persian Project*, which foreshadows today's events in Iran. Writing under my pen name, Mark Irving, my new book completes the Clint Jagger series of international thrillers. Readers of the previous Clint Jagger books, *Deadly Passage* and *Sakura's Stratagem*, know of his ventures involving the English Channel tunnel and a rogue Japanese mission to Mars.

After careers at the old Newark News as a columnist and as a speech writer for AT&T, I began writing books and have published six during retirement. Inspired by my work experiences in Tehran before the revolution, *The Persian Project* has had a long gestation period.

As my first novel, it gathered dust in my desk for years before I exhumed it, rewrote large chunks, and heavily edited the rest. The result is a timely story that brings alive the people, places and events of that time and foreshadows the rise of a militant Islam and today's events.

All my books are available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and may be ordered at local bookstores.

I'd love to hear from my 1947 classmates and other WHS grads. Contact me at isternberg@q.com. My web site is www.irvsternberg.com.

Classes of 1965 & 1966 Combined 45th Reunion

The classes of 1965 and 1966 spent a great weekend together on October 9th and 10th. We partied, reminisced and did some dancing at the L'Affaire restaurant in Mountainside and continued the celebration the next morning at the Springfield Holiday Inn.

It was great to do this jointly with another class with which we had a lot of connection during high school. Personally, it was exciting to see 6 members of the first wrestling team that Weequahic ever had, back in 1963-64 and we reminisced about our old coach, Mr. Mudd.

Sy Mullman, chair of the 1966 Reunion Committee, and I, chair of the 1965 Reunion Committee, could not have been more pleased. We are both looking forward to our individual 50th year reunions in 2005 and 2006, hoping that everyone will be well and make the effort to be there. The effort of the Reunion Committees was just tremendous.

NEWARK NEWS

A New "Schools Stadium":

(from the Barringer High School Acropolis Alumni News)



Obituaries have referred to it as "*The Old Lady*," the official Essex County map identified it as "*City Stadium*" and the Board of education and the City fathers called the "*Newark Schools Stadium*." However, generations of Barringer students have simply and proudly called it, "*the Stadium*," as though if it was a part of the school, like the "gym" building, "music" room, or the "auditorium;" and understandably so, because it was situated in our neighborhood and in walking distance from our school, our homes, and our practice fields in Branch Brook Park. It was our stadium for more than eighty years and the site where so much excitement and so much fame was achieved on the gridiron, the track, and the diamond, Alumni, with vivid memories of their youth have been saddened with the stadium's gradual decline (*and there were widespread reports that it was going to be demolished*).

Like the legendary phoenix rising from its ashes, we will now witness a new stadium on Bloomfield Avenue emerging on the footprint of the old. Construction began this January and contracts call for its completion in April, 2011. The new stadium will still have the long row of impressive arches on its entrance side. It will be green year round because the football, soccer, and softball fields will be covered with maintenance free synthetic turf. The track will be reconfigured so that championship track meets can be scheduled. Seating space is planned for 5,500 spectators, which is considerably less than the 14,500 which existed in the old stadium in its prime.

\$100M Grant to Newark Schools

(from the Star-Ledger's NJ.com web site)

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced on the Oprah Winfrey show that the title of a program to pump \$100 million into the Newark school system is the "Start Up Education Foundation." "*Every child deserves a great education and right now that's not happening*," Zuckerberg said to a standing ovation.

U.S. Education Commissioner Arne Duncan from satellite said "*I'm really proud of these guys*," adding that the dropout rate in Newark is "*morally, economically unacceptable*," and complimented everyone on stage. Duncan and Winfrey both extolled the bipartisan co-operation exhibited by Christie and Booker.



Mark Zuckerberg, co-founder and CEO of Facebook. Zuckerberg is No. 35 on Forbes' new list of richest Americans. The magazine estimated his worth at \$6.9 billion - up \$4.9 billion over the past year.

Christie wants to place Newark's school system, under state control for 15 years, under Booker's authority with his support. An ambitious series of changes, long opposed by teachers unions, will take place. They include an expansion of charter schools, new achievement standards and methods for judging which schools and teachers are effective.

Zuckerberg's pledge of up to \$100 million in initial money can be matched, presumably by a Booker-led fundraising effort. Taken together, the announcement could mean a \$200 million infusion into the Newark schools.

The Beth is still the Best



The hospital where most of us were born was the top rated hospital for cardiac care and heart surgery by U.S. News & World Report when it evaluated close to 5,000 hospitals. The Newark Beth Israel Medical Center was among the nation's top 50 hospitals for the second consecutive year.

According to a full page ad announcing this distinction, the following was stated: *It is through the skill and compassion of our cardiologists, surgeons, specialists, nurses, technicians and all the employees that enables us to be the best in New Jersey and in the top 1% in the United States.*

Weequahic is proud of the hospital's accomplishments and also of the many Weequahic alumni who work there, including **Dr. Victor Parsonett**, who was inducted into the first class of the Weequahic Alumni Hall of Fame.

Booker Honored By Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest

At the annual gala of the JHSMW in September, Newark Mayor Cory Booker received the *Lasting Impressions* award from President Howard Kiesel and a contribution was made in his honor to provide a scholarship for a student at Weequahic High School.



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NEWARK NEWS

New film on Newark-born poet, Allen Ginsberg

(Excerpts from a review by Stephen Whitty, *Star-Ledger*)

He was a nice Jewish boy from New Jersey - born in Newark, raised in Paterson, a student at Montclair State (before transferring to Columbia). His father taught high school. He thought he'd be a labor lawyer. But he also felt drawn to the work of another, long-gone New Jersey native: Walt Whitman. And so Allen Ginsberg became a poet, too, singing a song of himself that lasted for more than 40 years.



James Franco, right, portrays Allen Ginsberg, with Aaron Tveit as Ginsberg's lover Peter Orlovsky, in the movie "Howl."

"Howl," a new film, looks at the man at his peak. In 1955, after struggling with the formal demands of poetry (and his own attempts at heterosexuality), Ginsberg finally put other people's expectations aside. He would write whatever he wanted. He would love whomever he wanted. And an astonishing poem poured out of him, the lament of someone who had seen "the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked," the love song of someone entranced by sailors, by "angel-headed hipsters," by life. It was a shout of freedom and so, naturally, there were those who wanted to shout it down.

"Howl," a feature directed by two longtime nonfiction filmmakers, breaks its story down into four parts. There is a faux-documentary interview with Ginsberg (played by James Franco). There is a cartoon visualization of the poem. There is a long scene of Ginsberg reading the poem at a coffeehouse. And there is the 1957 trial for obscenity brought against Ginsberg's publisher, the poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

...Ginsberg's life and career were long and, frankly, not without their valleys. But this film captures the late poet at his early best - when he woke up one morning determined to speak for himself, and went to bed realizing he had spoken for a generation.

(Editor's Note: Many alumni may not know that the late Allen Ginsburg is the nephew of Hannah Ginsburg Litzky, a popular English teacher at Weequahic for many years.)

Solar Panels on the Rooftops of five Newark Schools

(Excerpts from an article by Victoria St. Martin, *Star-Ledger*)

Homes and businesses across the state will run off power generated on the rooftops and carports of a handful of Newark schools, according to officials from Public Service Electric & Gas when they unveiled a project that will install more than 9,000 solar panels at five city schools by the end of 2010 as part of their Solar 4 All initiative.

As part of the \$515 million investment program in renewable energy and green jobs, PSE&G is targeting big, flat-roofed buildings in urban enterprise zones. The



plan, which also places panels on utility poles, is to generate 80 megawatts of solar capacity for the state by 2013.

The five Newark schools - Central High School, Barringer High School, Park Elementary School, Camden Middle School and Camden Elementary School - are the first learning institutions in the state to have solar panels that create energy to flow directly into an electrical grid. The systems will generate 2.6 megawatts, enough to power about 400 average sized homes, according to a PSE&G press release.

(Editor's Note: The panels at Central were installed by a firm owned by Leon Baptise, a 1983 grad of Weequahic.)

NJ NETS Debut at the ROCK



They will only be here for two years but their debut at the "ROCK" was memorable. The NJ Nets, trying to rebuild their team with new talent, a new owner, a new general manager, and a new coach, excited the more than 15,000 fans who came to see the Nets play at their new home, the Prudential Center, by beating the Detroit Pistons in the opening game of the season. They then delighted their fans again when they won their second game against the Sacramento Kings. Commissioner David Stern, who hails from Teaneck, announced that the 2011 National Basketball Association draft will take place at Prudential.

Dodge Poetry Festival In Newark

The country's largest celebration of poetry came out of the west Jersey woods at Waterloo Village and onto the gritty streets of Newark, bringing more than 50 poets and musicians for four days of readings, conversations and performances. Activities kicked off on Thursday, October 7th on the main stage at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. It continued - often at 10 venues simultaneously - through Sunday, concluding with four U.S. poet laureates sharing the stage for a The 13th biennial Dodge Poetry Festival final reading, a celebration of renowned poet Lucille Clifton, who died in February after being a fixture at previous festivals.



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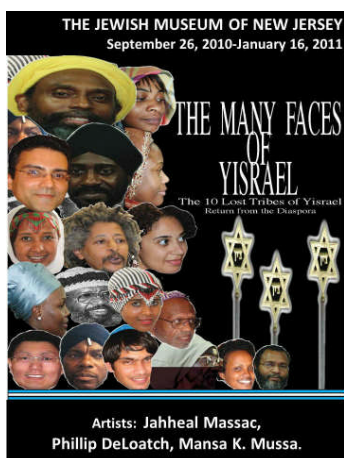
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Dodge Poetry Festival Cont.

The festival's lineup included heavy hitters, from the elegant crowd-pleaser Billy Collins to master poet Galway Kinnell now in his 80s. And there was Sharon Olds who celebrated family, love and the erotic.

Kay Ryan and Rita Dove, both former poet laureates, also took part. There were many new faces this year, too, representing diverse cultures and languages, reflecting the move to the multicultural environs of Newark.

Many Faces of Yisrael exhibit at Jewish Museum in Newark

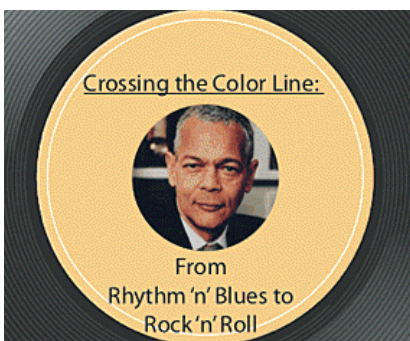


"The Many Faces of Yisrael: Return from the Diaspora," an exhibition of paintings, sculpture, drawings and photographs, opened at The Jewish Museum of New Jersey on September 26, 2010, and will run through the middle of January 2011. Featured artists are Jahheal Massac, Phillip DeLoatch, and Mansa K. Mussa.

"The goal of this exhibition is to present art and objects that are powerful and moving," said Max Herman, President of the Board of Trustees of the Museum. *"But it will also expand many visitors' views of who Jews are, what they look like, where they live - and of what it means to be Jewish. We expect this exhibition to trigger new emotions and open eyes."*

The Jewish Museum of New Jersey is located at 145 Broadway, Newark, NJ, at historic Congregation Ahavas Sholom. The Museum is open on Sundays from 1:00-5:00 P.M., and by appointment. For information call (973) 485-2609 or email info@jewishmuseumnj.org.

Julian Bond "performs" for New Jersey Citizen Action event



The New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund (NJCAEF) in partnership with the Rutgers University Constitutional Law Clinic presented a very special appearance by Julian Bond. In *"Crossing the Color Line: From Rhythm 'n' Blues to Rock 'n' Roll,"* Mr. Bond presents a history of American music, tracing the melding of jazz, blues, country music and pop into rock & roll, stopping along the way to examine the influences of race, demographics, war, immigration and technology in this transformation.

His presentation was accompanied by music and photos describing how black and white Americans, immigrants and their music, and entrepreneurial efforts came together to create a new type of music. This entertaining and informative program recognized among other things the interplay of race and public policy.

From his student days as a founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to Chairman of the NAACP, Mr. Bond has been a leader in the movements for civil rights, racial equality, economic justice and peace. The holder of 20 honorary degrees, he is a Distinguished Professor at American University in Washington, D.C., and a Professor of History at the University of Virginia.

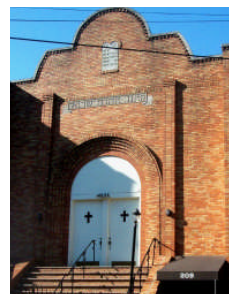
NJCAEF is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 to empower low-and

moderate-income people through research, education and training on public policy issues important to working families and seniors, direct counseling and services. Their goals promote social and economic justice for all.

(Editor's note: Julian Bond has a Weequahic connection. In 1970, he was invited by Gwen McClendon, a 1965 grad who was teaching at the high school, to speak to the student body. Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, the Executive Director of NJ Citizen Action, is the wife of 1960 grad, Stewart Kaplowitz.)

Union Chapel A.M.E. Church - once Wainwright Street Schul - to host interfaith service

To all who were members of Congregation Ahavat Israel (the Wainwright Street Shul) or who have memories of Rabbi Mordechai and/or Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkratz, the congregants of the Union



Chapel A.M.E. Church which purchased the building at 209 Wainwright Street in 1969 have invited us to join them for a service commencing at 11 a.m. on Sunday,

November 21, 2010. You will have a wonderful time. The sanctuary is beautiful and service is musical and fun. Please call Hal Braff at (201) 333-0400 x208 for further information.

A Statue For Justice Brennan

Twenty years after William J. Brennan Jr.'s retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court, a statue of the late justice was unveiled at the Essex County Hall of Records in Newark. The city is a fitting spot to honor Brennan, whose landmark decisions on everything from civil rights to free speech made him the court's most influential member during a tenure spanning five decades. No one can fully appreciate the passionate champion for justice that Brennan became without understanding his roots in Newark, where he was born in 1906 on an unpaved stretch of New Street, just beyond the old Morris Canal.

Weequahic Indians Inducted into the 2010 Newark Athletic Hall of Fame

(Each of the following persons were inducted in the General category which honors individuals who may or may not be athletes or involved in athletics, but have made meaningful contributions to the Newark community.)

Carl L. Gregory, 1966



Born and raised in Newark, Carl Gregory dedicated his life's work to the City of Newark, particularly its youth. He was an employee of the Newark Public Schools for 28

years, serving 10 years as a teacher and 18 years as an administrator.

Some of Carl's fondest memories came from being a defensive end on the Weequahic High School football team. After graduating from Weequahic High School in 1966, Carl entered Kent State University in Kent, Ohio and graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. He then returned to his beloved Newark pledging to make a difference in the lives of young people.

The 1980s brought Carl closer to children. For the first five years of the decade, he worked through the NJ Criminal Justice System for a program entitled, Genesis, which offered positive mentors to incarcerated young people at the Essex County Youth House. While contributing to this program, he continued to pursue educational excellence.

Carl served as principal of Morton Street School from 1993 to 2006. During his tenure, his passion for education and love of children endeared him to his students and staff which resulted in increased student achievement. He promoted

literacy through the Principal's Book of the Month Club, 25 Book Read Challenge and Family Literacy Night. He was a strong advocate of the middle school scholar athletes who went on to high school and beyond. He kept in touch with them throughout their collegiate careers supporting them financially and emotionally when needed. He knew the importance of discipline in athletics and the positive influence the field inspires in young people.

He retired in 2006 but always maintained a keen interest in the advancement of Newark children. He worked as a site monitor of the sports programs for the Extended School Day Program to keep his hand on the "pulse" of children. He especially enjoyed working the elementary school basketball tournaments held around the city. Carl loved Newark and its children. On August 3, 2009, he departed this life leaving a rich legacy of commitment to his hometown.

A family man, Carl was deeply committed to his wife Deborah and his children, Sharifa, Aminifu Robert (Janine), Kamau and his stepsons Rahsaan (Mildred) and Hakim (Dana) and grandchildren.

His motto: *"Keep your eyes on the prize. Stay strong and focused."*

Sheila Y. Oliver, 1970



Sheila Y. Oliver took the oath of office as New Jersey's 169th Assembly Speaker on Jan. 12, 2010. She is the first African-American woman to lead a legislative house in New Jersey. She is also,

according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, just the second African-American woman in American history to lead a legislative house, following Karen R. Bass of California.

A native of Newark, Sheila graduated from Chancellor Avenue School in 1966, and Weequahic High School in 1970. In

1974, she was cum laude at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania where she received her Bachelor's degree in sociology. Two years later, she earned a Master of Science degree in community organization, planning and administration from Columbia University.

Sheila represents the 34th Legislative District, which includes Clifton, East Orange, Glen Ridge, Montclair, and Woodland Park. As Speaker she presides over the 214th Assembly. In 2003, she was first elected to the Assembly and re-elected in 2005, 2007 and 2009. During the 2008-09 Legislative Session, she served as Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore, chaired the Human Services Committee, and sat on the Higher Education and Labor committees. She was also the Assistant Majority Leader in the 2006-07 Legislative Session.

Some of her many accomplishments include co-sponsoring the law creating the Department of Children and Families, and sponsored legislation signed into law that requires that the Department of Human Services report physical assaults and deaths at state psychiatric hospitals on its web site and report deaths to the Public Advocate. She has also sponsored legislation creating paid family leave, amending the state's wrongful death law, providing specialized social services and medical treatment for persons in the criminal justice system with mental health issues, and providing low-cost auto insurance for individuals with low incomes.

For much of her career, Sheila has been a non-profit administrator, specializing in program development, grant writing, and training. She is a former faculty member of several colleges and universities, and taught a course in nonprofit management at the Rutgers Graduate School of Business Administration in Newark.

Currently, in addition to her duties as a legislator, she is currently the Assistant Essex County Administrator, and previously served as the director of the Essex County Department of Citizen Services and the Department of Economic Development, Training and Employment.

2010 Newark Athletic Hall of Fame

Phil Barone - Recreation Supervisor at Chancellor

(Editor's Note: Although Phil was not a graduate of Weequahic or on the faculty of the high school, he impacted the lives of many Weequahic kids who spent their after-school, early evening, and weekend hours at the Chancellor Avenue playground. Phil is a member of our Alumni Association and we have designated him "an honorary Weequahic alumnus.")



Phil Barone was born and raised in Newark and attended Webster Street School and Barringer High School. He graduated from Barringer in 1947 and then went on to Rutgers University. Phil graduated from Rutgers with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in June of 1951. He served in the United States Army and upon his discharge was employed by the Newark

Board of Education. He was assigned to Chancellor Avenue School as a recreation teacher and later became the Director of Recreation. In 1960, Phil earned a Masters Degree in Administration and Supervision from Seton Hall University and in 1970, became the President of the Newark Recreation Teacher's Association.

While in the Recreation Department, Phil was responsible for programming activities for Chancellor students, Weequahic students, and adults. Phil became the Director of the Chancellor Avenue Youth Council upon the retirement of Bucky Harris. He was influential in guiding the Council and helped to raise funds to enhance the recreation program. Because of the collaborative efforts of Phil and the Council, a special evening designated as "Trophy Night" became an annual function. Trophies were awarded to winners of various teams conducted from September through June, such as Touch Football, Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. In addition, boys and girls were afforded the opportunity to go to Williams Port, PA and basketball camps. Through the tireless efforts of Phil Barone and the Council, moneys were raised and made available as book scholarships to graduating seniors throughout the district.

Upon the demise of the Recreation Department, Phil was assigned to Science High School as a Physical Education Teacher and later became the Department Chairman. He also served as the Athletic Director during the initiation of high school sports at Science High. Phil Barone along with Principal Pat Restaino was instrumental in the admittance of Science High School into the Colonial Hills Conference. Science High School became the first Newark high school to be admitted to any suburban conference. Phil's dedicated efforts and belief in his students proved successful as they performed excellently both athletically and socially.

Phil Barone retired in 1989 after thirty five years of dedicated service to the children of Newark, and currently resides in Verona with his family.

Class of June 1960 - 50th Reunion

More than 115 members of the Class of June 1960 and 34 spouses attended the celebration of our 50th class reunion on October 16, 2010 at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Woodbridge. Class members traveled from fourteen states including California, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Oregon, and Washington to return to their Weequahic roots for this special event. This was by far the largest turnout for our class reunions which have been held every five years, and exceeded the expectations of the Reunion Planning Committee which worked over the last 18 months to plan this event. The Committee consisted of **Harold Klein, Lois Blumenfeld Gilbert, Allan Halperin, and Miriam Nusbaum Span.**

The reunion began on Saturday morning when 55 class members and their spouses met **Liz DelTufo**, the tour guide, at the Newark Museum to begin the Philip Roth bus tour of Newark. The bus went from downtown to Weequahic Park and through the residential neighborhoods near the high school. And then Alumni Association Executive Director **Phil Yourish** led the group on a tour of the high school which included a slide show of Weequahic and Newark's past. Everyone who went on the tour was very impressed.



L-R, Miriam Nusbaum Span, Hilda Lutzke, Lois Blumenfeld Gilbert and Allan Halperin

On Saturday night, it was like a gala homecoming! There was an aura of genuine enthusiasm as classmates mingled and greeted each other warmly, many of them seeing each other for the first time since our 25th reunion. Many others were attending their first reunion. The food and music were secondary to the renewal of friendships and the sharing of memories.

We were also fortunate to have three special guests at the dinner. Mrs. **Hilda Lutzke** was a member of the English Department faculty from 1937 through 1975. She recently celebrated her 97th birthday. **Alain deFontenay**, an exchange student from France, who enjoyed his experience with our class so much that he still lives in Newark and teaches at Columbia University, spoke briefly. Also honored was **Phil Barone**, the beloved supervisor at the Chancellor Avenue Playground for so many years, who was recently inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame.

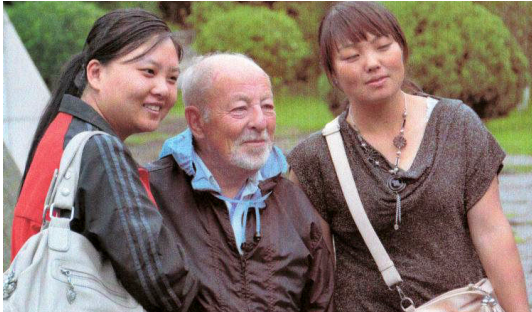
It is very difficult to put into words how spectacular and special this reunion was. We had to force a giddy bunch of WHS alumni to leave at 11:30 p.m.! It was an evening we will always remember.

VOICES OF OUR ALUMNI

Bob Lapidus, Jan. 1950 - NJ

A Global Volunteer in China

As the name would imply, Global Volunteers is an organization that engages in aid projects in about a dozen countries. Their primary mission is the teaching of conversational English. But they are also involved in child care, health projects, and the like.



This was my 4th GV program. The previous ones were in Vietnam, Xi'an, and Romania. This trip was to Kunming, China and the mission was improving the skills of Chinese teachers of English.

There were about 50 Chinese teachers in the group of learners, and 6 members of our team. (*If you are even slightly interested in participating in a program like this, note that I, class of '50, was not even close to being the oldest member of the team.*) We met our classes for 4 hours every day. We also took part in cultural events, attended theatre, and visited points of interest. Accommodations were at a tourist class hotel. Most meals were native Chinese cuisine, which is nothing like you remember from Mings, or expect to see at a typical Chinese restaurant here.

The program was for 2 weeks. It was a richly rewarding experience, as were all of my previous participations in GV projects. Particularly rewarding was the enthusiasm of the students. The Chinese know that facility in English is a critical element of personal advancement. A highlight was the 'Speech Festival', where we could see the progress so many of our students had made in a short time.

Adding to the experience was the historical importance of Kunming. This is a city of about 4 million (not particularly

large by Chinese standards) and is the capital of Yunnan Province. Yunnan is in southwestern China, near the border with Burma. The allied troops used Kunming as a base from which to supply troops fighting the Japanese in India. Thus, the Japanese were determined to take Yunnan.

They never did. They were stopped by General Chenault's Flying Tigers. The Flying Tigers, operating from several improvised bases around Kunming, attacked, harassed and disrupted the Japanese troops and supply lines. In the process, about half of the allied fliers died.

Kunming was also the terminus of the famed Burma Road. Supplies were flown from there through the Himalayas to India. Or, 'over the hump' as it was called. A large park contains the 'hump monument' dedicated to those troops. We visited the park with our students on a field trip. It was a very moving experience.

Lou Bodian, 1964 - NJ

My Uncle Nat Bodian



I just received the latest issue of the Alumni Calumet, and as *always*, you have done a great job of putting together a quality publication. Each issue seems to get better.

Thank you for the wonderful stories you included by and about my uncle, Nat Bodian. Nat loved to get his Calumet and pored over every word - particularly looking for facts about Newark. In addition to the articles he submitted to the web site *oldnewark.com* that were mentioned in his obituary, he also submitted trivia items about Newark to the *newarktrivia.com* web site. In fact, he contributed almost 23,000 posts to this site - about 25% of all postings!

He found things to post from the Alumni Calumet, as well as the Weequahic Hall of Fame induction ceremony that he attended. Nat and I would talk about Newark often during my visits with him, and during one such session, he related a story that I had not heard before - how the Weequahic section became the Jewish neighborhood in Newark.

At a time when most of the city's hospitals were Catholic-based (*Saint Barnabas, Saint Michaels, Saint James, etc.*), it was difficult for doctors and other health professionals of the Jewish faith to find positions and succeed in these hospitals. Thus, the Newark Beth Israel Hospital was founded. Its location was in the Central Ward, on High Street (now Martin Luther King Blvd.). When it outgrew its facility in the Central Ward, it moved to the South Ward - 201 Lyons Avenue.

As a result of the many Jewish medical staff now moving closer to their new facility, Jewish merchants began setting up shops on Lyons and Chancellor Avenues, and Bergen Street. Many more Jewish families moved into the area, as a result of stores catering to their tastes (kosher butchers, etc.).

In memory of my uncle, and his (and my) love for all things Newark, please accept this modest donation. I only wish it could be more.

Marvin Eisler, 1943 - Florida

The picture below is of three old Weequahic students from the early 40's. Standing in front of Weequahic High School. The occasion was our 50th Reunion for Chancellor Avenue Grammar School in Spring 1990. I am in the middle with Victor Silverman on the left and Bill Davidon on the right.





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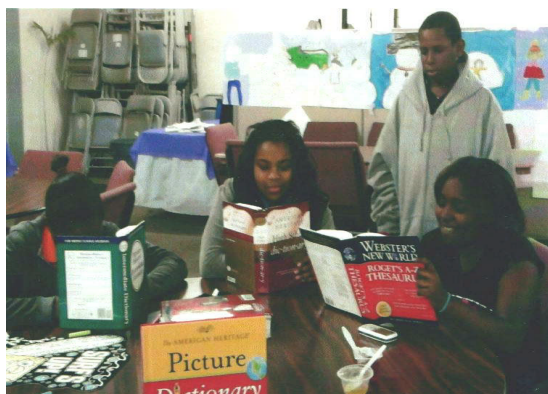
This popular column from the Calumet first appeared in 1950. Please let us know about how our alumni have distinguished

Daaimah Talley, 1966, performed in the Theater Project's musical production of Regina Taylor's "Crowns" at Union County College in Cranford in October. In a Star-Ledger review, it was stated that "*Daaimah Talley's rendition of 'When the Saints Go Marchin' In' would spur heavenly beings to leap to their feet.*"



Daaimah Talley's is in the middle

Ceil Arons, the mother of **Susan Sullivan, 1961** and celebrated her 100th birthday, which was attended by Newark Mayor Cory Booker. Ceil and her late husband Ben are mainly responsible for keeping Newark's only remaining synagogue, Ahavas Sholom, from closing.



Students in the Union Chapel Community Development Corp. Youth Enhancement After-school program use the dictionaries donated by Alumni Board member, **Arnold Keller, 1952**. The Executive Director is alumni Board member, **Ruby Baskerville, 1961**.

Weequahic Sweethearts



Gerald Eber, June '47 & Janet Goldman Eber, June '53

What are the odds of two people with completely different personalities living happily together for 47 years? Jerry is the reserved one and acts, so Janet says, as if anything can be explained by reason and logic. Janet, by contrast, relies more on the power of emotion to explain human behavior. If you hear them speak, Jerry's tone is sober; Janet sounds the way she did as a Weequahic cheerleader, which means that her voice can still travel like a sonic boom from Untermann Field to Bergen Street. These are just a few examples. Nevertheless, they did become a couple. What's most amazing about their story, however, is not their differences, but that there's even a story to tell.

The story didn't start at Weequahic; it began way before that, in 1936. Jerry was living in a two-family house at 205 Osborne Terrace. (Included among so many places in Newark that have disappeared, the building was turned to dust by the construction of Route 78.) The Ebers lived on the first floor. Upstairs were the Goldmans and their infant daughter, Janet. In the photo above, taken in front of the house, Janet was about six weeks old and was being held by a nurse. To the right in the picture, you can also see Jerry sitting on the stoop, oblivious to every thing that was going on. Some weeks after that photo-op the Goldmans moved away and Jerry and Janet had no contact, much less even flashed a memory of each other, for twenty-seven years!

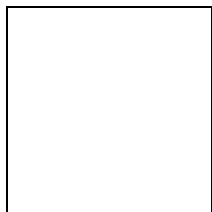
Was it fate that finally brought them together again? No, it was actually Uncle Murray. Janet's Uncle Murray had died and her mother and Jerry's older brother, Bob, Weequahic '44) met while making a condolence call. They remembered each other from Osborne Terrace and out of their small talk the fact came out that Janet and Jerry were still single and living in New York. Phone numbers were exchanged, Jerry made a call, and after almost three decades they finally re-connected in March 1963.

Love at first sight? No, it didn't happen right away (remember those personalities!), but things changed fast enough. They became engaged in August of that year and married in November. Probably nothing in their lives has been as unusual as the way they became a Couple. They've had the usual ups and downs; some things in their careers they loved, other things were not so great, but they're still working. They've traveled and have lived most of their marriage away from New Jersey. All in all, it's been a wonderful, loving shared experience. They have two happily married Sons and three exhausting young grandsons, and a terrific life in Manhattan. They chalk it up to good luck, good health, plus supportive families and caring friends who have helped make it possible. Of course, they'll always remember Uncle Murray.

In Loving Memory

Walter Hastreiter, 1943

WHS Alumni Scholarship established in his memory



Alex Walter, 87, passed away on October 7, 2010 leaving behind his beloved best friend and wife, Gloria, his daughters who made him burst with pride,

Laurie Rippon and Kim Hastreiter, his grandsons whom he adored, Max and George Rippon, and his devoted loving sister Hillary Peck.

Walter was a jeweler by trade and even after retirement could be seen pulling out his loop on 47th Street to examine a diamond or pearl for flaws to help a friend. He was a non-judgmental person, rarely noticing people's differences, interacting with all folks in the same manner whether they were intellectuals, janitors, celebrities, drag queens or the man selling fruit on the corner. He was a good guy and a piece of work.

Walter loved to: wear bowties, fish for bluefish that he barely ever caught on Martha's Vineyard, sneak Mallomars while driving home from work, wear ill-fitting blue jeans with suspenders and his orthopedic shoes, travel an hour to the Upper West side by bus with his trusty leopard schlep-cart from his home in Greenwich Village to save ten cents on a quart of orange juice, and secretly slip a few twenties into his grandkids' pockets every time he saw them.

Walter was a sweet, kind and generous man who told his wife he loved her more than once a day for almost 60 years and kept his family and friends in stitches with his eccentricities. He was unique to this world and will be missed terribly by all who were lucky enough to know and love him. Donations: Walter Hastreiter Scholarship Fund c/o Weequahic High School Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 494, Newark, NJ 07101.

Three past obituaries:

Jack Friedman

Jack Friedman of Springfield died on Friday, December 14, 2007. Born in Newark, Jack was predeceased by his parents, Deborah and Nathan Friedman.

Upon the early loss of his mother, he was raised by a second loving mother, Fannie Friedamn from six years of age.

He graduate from Weequahic High School and then served in U.S. Army during World War II in an Engineers Combat Battalion in battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland. He owned and operated the Star Jewelry Repair Company in Springfield for 50 years. He was a member of the Springfield chapter of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Community Center of West Orange.

A soft-spoken, patient, loving, content, kind and gentle man, Jack's smile always gave warmth and comfort. His love will be with his family forever. Jack was the dearly beloved husband of Joan Friedman for 60 years, adored father of Nancy Jill Towie and loved and respected father-in-law of Richard James Towie; cherished grandfather of Jared Scott Margeson; dear brother of Herman Friedman, and was predeceased by brother, Abraham, and sister, Ruth. He was the devoted brother-in-law of Evelyn and Seymour Reeffer and dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Irving Lieberman, 1939

Irving Lieberman of Hackettstown died on December 2, 2008, on his 87th birthday.

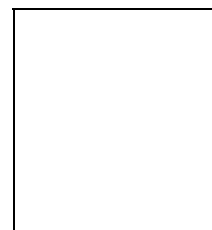


Born and raised in Newark, he lived in West Orange for 34 years before moving to Hackettstown in 1987. Mr. Lieberman,

a certified public accountant, was the founding partner in 1948 of Lieberman & Co., CPA in Netcong and Chester. He graduated from New York University. He was a member of the NJ Society of CPAs and a member of the Kiwanis Club for

more than 50 years. Irving was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving on the island of Corsica with the 1st Signal Service Platoon. He is survived by Nancy, his wife of 60 years; his son Hal of Morristown; his daughter Susan of Massachusetts; three grandchildren, and predeceased by brother, Eugene Lieberman, a 1952 WHS graduate.

Abner Weinberg, 1936



Abner Weinberg of Lenox, Mass. died on February 17, 2010. He was born in Newark, NJ on July 24, 1918, son of William and Jennie Rubenson Weinberg. He was a graduate of

Weequahic High School and attended Penn State College where he set track and field records. He was the owner and operator of Abby Book Bindery.

During World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps as a sergeant. Abby was a World war II history buff, and also tutored underprivileged children in civics and chess while living in Florida. Abby was an avid athlete and enjoyed golf, tennis, bowling, and watching track, baseball and football.

He leaves his first wife, Doris Greenberg Carlin; his second wife, Rita Wechsler, whom he married in 1964; two sons, Martin Mazur and Paul Weinberg; four daughters, Ellen Sky and husband, Bert, Nicky Ruxton, Michele Gazit and husband, Casey; and three grandchildren, Adam, Lior, and Matan Gazit.

(Editor's Note: I met Abby in Florida and he had saved of all of the Calumets published during his time in high school which he donated to the Alumni Association.)

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In Loving Memory

Alice Mintz Saltman



Art Teacher at Weequahic

Alice Mintz Saltman died on Sept. 2, 2010, exactly two months past her 101st birthday. She was the widow of Eli Saltman, to whom she was married for 66 years. Born in Dover, N.J., on July 2, 1909, to Solomon and Fannie Mintz, Alice entered college at age 16 and was the first of three generations of family graduates of Douglass College - Rutgers University.

An artist, teacher, art therapist, and community activist throughout her life, she was a lifelong member of the American Jewish Congress and active in the Newark Teachers Union. Alice taught art at Weequahic High School, Newark, for more than 30 years, from its opening to the mid-1960s.

She was highly committed to enhancing the artistic and intellectual capacities of her students; she jump-started the careers of many successful artists and designers and increased the appreciation of beauty and form for thousands of others.

Alice leaves a brother, Dr. Sidney W. Mintz (Jackie); three children, David, WHS 1958 (Pemmy WHS 1959), Melissa Meyer (Brad) and Susanna Brooks, WHS 1965; six grandchildren, Sabrina Levin (Erik), Julie Saltman, Jennifer Summers (Ron), Nicholas Meyer (Michelle), Jake Meyer, and Nathaniel Meyer (Erin), and two great-grandchildren, Emma Summers and Samuel Meyer.

Sheldon Kimmelman, 1947



Sheldon Kimmelman ended his journey in Dallas, Texas on January 14, 2010, after complications from leukemia. He died peacefully

surrounded by his wife, six sons, and one daughter. He graduated from Cornell University and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

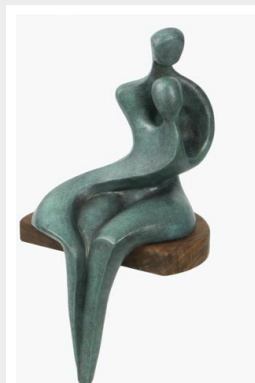
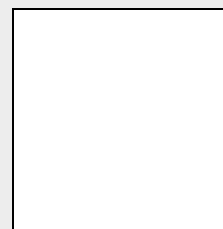
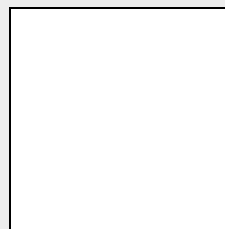
Shelly was active in many endeavors aside from the businesses he owned, White Glove Maintenance, Zip Delivery, and Mercury Express. He served on the board at Shearith Israel synagogue, held several community posts, and volunteered as a DFW Airport ambassador.

But, his primary focus was his wife and family, with whom he shared many, many good times. He was known for his friendly manner. His family and friends said he could talk to a telephone pole and never met a stranger. All who met him were inspired by his generosity to others, his strong morals and ethics, and his great strength of will. INVICTUS.

Surviving is Elaine, his bride of 55 years; children: Jeffrey, Neil, Paul, Lewis, Edward, Robert and Alison Mark; 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Richard Bennet, 1962/1963
Rae Berkenfeld Sussman, 1945
Phyllis Burdeau Schwartz, 1945
Richard Davidove, 1968
Ben Epstein 1951
Jerome Hirschhorn, 1945
Doris Lewis Passner, 1945
Jerry Mandel 1954
Miriam Jennett Rosen, 1941
Natalie Reich Lozowick
Philip Rosenbaum, 1960
Adele Salz Hirschhorn, 1956
William Satz, 1942
Steve Schanes, 1941
Robert Schenkel, 1945
Molly Schwartz Metz, 1950
Myron Sheller
Martin Shumsky, 1956
William Sousa, 1962
June Trugman Zucker, 1963
Toby Umansky Drucker, 1962

Fine Arts and Craft Show



A Fine Arts and Craft Exhibit is currently being planned for the near future to be held at The Jewish Museum of New Jersey, located at the historic Congregation Ahavas Shalom in Newark, the only remaining active synagogue in the city.

Bob & Jarrett Goldberg, class of 1955, who met in Mrs. Rouse' art class when they were 15 years old and who will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary in December, are helping to plan the show. Jarrett taught art for 30 years in the Millburn schools. Now in their retirement, Jarrett enjoys doing sculpture and Bob is a potter. They are very much aware that many of their fellow Weequahic High and Arts High students who grew up in Newark in the 50's & 60's have produced outstanding works.



If you or someone you know has been doing outstanding works of art please let us know. We need and appreciate your help in finding the names and addresses of those artists so we can invite them to participate in this planned exhibition.

Interested in this proposed exhibit or need more information, contact Jarrett and Bob at jarrettbob@verizon.net or call

David Wasserman, 1948
Sally Weiner Bader, 1945
Helene Weinick Silverman,
Linda Whittle Reininger, 1963

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