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THE LUNCH BRUNCH: *Saturday, September 17, 2011*

Save the date, plan to attend and let us know that you will be attending the next every-couple-of-months meetings of The Lunch Bunch:

TIME: 1:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Time

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2011

PLACE: Carmine's Restaurant
1500 Whaley Avenue, New Haven, CT
(Just off Exit 59 of the Merritt Parkway)

Please confirm your intention to attend by contacting:

Larry & Barbara Tiven, Tel: (203) 795-3651, LTIVEN@aol.com

or

David & Debby Berman, Tel: (203) 322-6196, DBDB44@aol.com

These informal social events that allow members of the family to get together for lunch and conversation...to get caught-up on what is new in the lives of one another and those who are not there...have become the place to be. Attendance keeps growing as those who have not as yet attended learn about what a good time is had by those who have attended....and keep coming back. The food ain't bad either.

Call one of your cousins that you have not seen recently - who you keep putting off calling – and arrange to meet on September 17th with “The Lunch Bunch”. You will like it !

REMEMBRANCE

As we remember and reflect on the horrific events of 9/11 on the tenth anniversary of the attack, let us pay tribute and homage to **STEVEN E. FURMAN** (1960 -2001) (*Chonon*)

Berman/Bailia Levitz/Bessie Barkan/Joyce Furman) who lost his life in the unforgivable act of terrorism on the World Trade Center.

In tribute to Steve we reprint here a profile “selected from the hundreds that have appeared in newspapers across the country” selected by and printed under the caption “Gone, But Not Forgotten in the October/November 2001 issue of Futures Industry, the leading industry magazine:

Steven Furman followed his family to the trading floor. His brother Andrew is a COMEX Division member and was a NYMEX Division member for 15 years. Another brother, Michael, formerly traded silver on COMES and potatoes and later crude oil on the Exchanger. His sister Jayne worked as a clerk on the floor; and his stepfather, Harold Lilies is an equity owner and was one of the first individuals to actively trade for his own account on NYMEX ACCESS.

Furman, of Wesley Hills, New York, traded options. He joined the exchange in 1988, became a COMEX Division member in 1998, and served on the arbitration, adjudication, settlement, and floor committees. He left the exchange last April (1991) to take a job with Cantor Fitzgerald on the 105th floor of One World Trade Center trading natural gas and electricity.

“He was an exceptionally fine person,” said Harvey Gralia, “he always tried to help.”

Furman, 40, HAD A HIGHLY MATHEMATICAL MIND. His parents are world class bridge players, his brother Andrew said, and once on a motor trip to Missouri, Furman, who was 12 or 13 years old, pestered Lilie to teach him the game. “Our stepfather gave him a book on bridge, about 300 pages, which he read in the car. By the time they got to Missouri, Steven said “I am ready to play.”

“Harold was flabbergasted,” Andrew Furman said, and gave him a verbal test. Steven aced the test and got to play with Harold as his partner.”

Furman held a degree in applied mathematics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

He is also survived by his wife, Chavi, and four children, Nathan, 11; Rachel, 10; Naomi, 8; and Menashe, 5.

Donations can be made out to Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim, 82 Highview Road, Suffern, New York 10901, and marked Furman Family; or to the Steven E. Furman Memorial Trust, 58 Collinwood Road, Maplewood, NJ 07040.”

The following are some insightful quotes from the September 17, 2001 issue of the **Las Vegas Review-Journal** in an article headlined, **Shock hits Las Vegas family hard:**

“Having scored a 790 out of a possible 800 on the math portion of the SAT, the siblings said Steven was a perfectionist with a highly mathematical mind, but a selfless hart.”ⁱ

“He was an honest man, refusing even to tell the occasional white lie.”

“Jayne said he often missed sleep helping friends and family whenever they needed it. She said he was th kind of guy who would drive 60 miles outside the city to help someone he knew to install an air conditioner. ‘He was driven by doing good deeds, helping others and raising his family.’”

An update as to Steven’s family:

CHAVI FURMAN, lives with her sister at 5925 Bland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215. Although the family does not have an e-mail account, Chavi is able to receive e-mails through her sister’s account at ihisler@yahoo.com. Her telephone number is (410) 466-1727.

NATHAN (b.1990) is living in Brooklyn with Chavi’s brother and his wife, studying Electronic Technology at Bramson ORT College.

SARA RACHEL (b.1991) has recently returned home after spending a year in seminary in Israel. She is working in Day Care in Baltimore.

NAOMI (b.1993)has recently departed for Israel where she will spend a year in seminary.

MENASHE (b.1996) is in 10th grade, attending Yeshiva in Staten Island, NY.

We have been informed by **JAYNE FURMAN** (b.1967):

“We have been working with the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum as they honor and memorialize those killed on 9/11.

“The Memorial at the WTC opens 9/11/11. Steven’s name is etched in Bronze around the North Pool. <http://names.911memorial.org/#lang=en> US&page=person&id=478

“Stevem has a guest can remember him: <http://voicesofseptember11.org/dev/memorial/biography.php?idbio=752686231>

“His page will continue to be updated as we work with Voices of September 11 to update Steven’s profile, which will be accessible by visitors to the Museum when it opens in September 2012. <http://www.911memorial.org/museum>”

STEVEN E. FURMAN is remembered and honored by all members of the Berman family!
Our thoughts and condolences are extended to CHAVI, the children and all members of his family.

ANNUAL COLLEGE DIRECTORY, 2011-2012 (Updated)

American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts

BERMAN, Mark R. (b.1951)

(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Milton Berman)

ADMINISTRATION

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

BERMAN, Bruce (b.1955)

(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Eugene Berman)

PART TIME FACULTY

Bramson ORT College, New York, NY

FURMAN, Nathan (b.1996)

(Chonon Berman/Bailia Levitz/Bessie Barkan/Joyce Furman)

California, University of (Berkeley)

BERMAN, Hannah Sophie (b.1993)

(Chonon Berman/Chana Esther/Gus Berman/David Berman/Andrew Berman)

Class of 2015

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

YOELI, Max (b.1990)

(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Milton Berman/Meredith Yoeli)

Class of 2012

Franklin & Marshall, Lancaster, PA

BERMAN, Kayla (b.1992)

(Chonon Berman/Chana Esther/Gus Berman/David Berman/Brad Berman)

Class of 2014

Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York

BERMAN, Danny (b.1993)

(Chonon Berman/Barnett Berman/Arnold Berman/Barry Berman)

Class of 2015

Marymount Manhattan College, New York (Manhattan), NY

REBHUN, Jasmine (b.1993)

(Chonon Berman/Golda Berman/Natalie Rebhun/Gary Rebhun/Bret Rebhun)

Class of 2015

Massachusetts, University of, Amherst, MA

BERMAN, (Martha Baker, Ph.D. (Ms. Mark R.)) **ADMINISTRATION**
(Wife of Mark R. Berman (b.1951) (Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Milton Berman)

NEMTZOW, Alex (b.1990) **Class of 2012**
(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Eugene Berman/Caren Nemtow)

NEMTZOW, Zach (b.1990) **Class of 2012**
(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Eugene Berman/Caren Nemtow)

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

ZAMKOW, Michael **TRUSTEE**
(Husband of Sue Zamkow (b.1954) (Chonon Berman/Chana Esther/Samuel Berman)

Puget Sound, University of, Tacoma, WA

FAIGEL, Madeline R. (b.1993) **Class of 2015**
(Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Herman Russian/Susan Faigel/Douglas Faigel)

Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT

FEINBERG, Harvey M., Ph.D. **FACULTY (History)**
(Chonon Berman/Benjamin Berman/Mildred Feinberg)

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

MOORE, Jake M. (b.1993) **Class of 2015**
(Chonon Berman/Bailia Levitz/Celia Byer/Barbara Tiven/Ellen Moore)

York University, Toronto, CANADA

SHENFELD, Erica J. (b.1992) **Class of 2015**
(Chonon Berman/Bailia Levitz/Celia Byer/Barbara Tiven/Joanne Shenfeld)

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***Please help us compile a complete list by providing the names of students,
name and location of college and class date, i.e. Class of 20__.***

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 18, 2012

A date, a date, a very important date...a first !

Save the date, Saturday February 18, 2012 for the first (annual) Berman Family Lunch now being planned and to be held in the Miami, Florida area. The lunch will mark a special occasion that you will not want to miss....so plan ahead and if you do not live in Florida – or there about – plan now to be there to have lunch with other members of the family.

We already know of some northern members of the family who have plans to be there for the celebration. Plan now to join them. What a marvelous opportunity for the Florida branches of the family to get together and meet – maybe for the very first time – some of their southern kin and northern family.

More information will follow. In the meantime, save the date and plan to attend.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

BOB BERMAN (b.1947) (*Chonon Berman/Hyman Berman/Max Berman*) and his wife, **CINDY LIPPINCOTT**, of Newport, OR, are self-proclaimed collectors of “notable typos” ...and apparently avid readers of *The Berman Family Announcer*. In an e-mail to the Editor, Bob gave notice that they “may have to include one of yours”:

“Either Doug Faigel (News of the Family, August 20, 2011) has a rather amazing breath of knowledge and expertise and the Mayo Clinic has a rather unusual division, or we have an excellent addition to our collection:

“Doctor DOUGLAS O. FAIGEL (b.1963) (*Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Herman Russian/Susan Faigel*) has taken a position in the Division of Gastroenterology and Herpetology at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona.”

or should that have been Hematology ?”

In accepting responsibility for the serious editing error, we acknowledged the typographical error in the word “Herpetology” (which we assume is the study of the sexually transmitted disease Herpes, something much to be avoided) that unforgivably contained an extra “r” and should properly have been “hepatology” (whatever that may be), as in the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Mayo Clinic.

We most sincerely apologize for the egregious error. However, we cannot guarantee that The Berman Family Announcer will not continue to be a continuing and rich source of “notable

typos” to be added to what promises to be the growing collection of Bob and Cindy. Indeed, the errors may not only be typos but actual misspellings...perish the thought!

(We take some small solace in the fact that our spell check informs us that “Herमतology” is spelled “Hematology”.)

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SUSAN HARRIS (b.1954) (*Chonon Berman/Benjamin Berman/Ruth Harris*), who lives with her mother, **RUTH BERMAN HARRIS**, in Glendale, AZ, writes that her “mother is thriving. She will be 95 in November.” Almost matter of factually, Susan adds, “Thankfully, her broken hip has not slowed her down at all.” We Bermans are pretty damn stout hearted!

Susan confesses that she and Ruth “really miss all of the Berman family activities, the drive to New Haven, the fall foliage.” The sad truth is that we sometime do not appreciate such family activities such as “The Lunch Bunch” gets together until circumstances prevent our participation. (Yes, a not-too-subtle plug for those who can attend the September 17th lunch to do so.)

Susan has inquired as to when there will be a 2nd edition of “This Is Us” because Ruth “wants to add to the history of her father.” We have informed Susan that “This Is Us” is a work in progress to which information is added as we are able to uncover the history and discover the “stories” of the family. We are excited that Ruth will provide additional family information that will be incorporated in the continuing evolution of the history of the Berman Family. Indeed, we have submitted questions to be posed to Ruth to fill in missing information and look forward to her submissions.

We encourage the submission of tidbits of family history and lore that may otherwise be lost to future generations if we do not now capture the information. We urge all members of the family to share their remembrances or the oral history that was passed on to them

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JANE LEVIN MALLOW (b.1940) (*Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Frances Levin*) writes “My mother (**FRANCES RUSSIAN LEVIN**, b.1912, *Chonon Berman/Golda Riussion*) though incredibly healthy, had abdominal surgery on August 9th for a perforated colon due to diverticulitis. She had severe pain; we took her to the ER the day after her 99th birthday; IV morphine and antibiotics. We suspect she had pain on the day of her birthday, August 2nd, but did not want to deal with it! She has had no pain since the surgery. After 3 ½ weeks, ALF apartment and dong fine – but she is still quite weak from her ordeal. Although we have hired private duty aides to

help her, **BRUCE (LEVIN (b.1943)(Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Frances Levin))** and I are taking turns checking on her daily.”

Jane, who won the award for coming the greatest distance (from Florida) to attend the May 14, 2011 Lunch Bunch lunch, regrettably concluded “So, I regret that I will have to miss the next Berman Family Lunch. But let me know the plans for the next one – which I will try to attend, or convince reticent Bruce that he would truly enjoy it.”

We all join in wishing Frances a belated 99th, a speedy recovery and to assure her that we look forward to her 100th. We Bermans have good genes!

While we will certainly miss Jane on the 17th, we can hardly wait to see who claims the distinction of coming the greatest distance to be with the family. The pleasure of being with the Bermans is a prize very much to be desired!

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In checking in after Hurricane Irene, **CYVIA RUSSIAN (b.`934) (Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Herman Russian)** and **ROBERT PETERS (Bob/Cyv)** e-mail THE FAMILY: “Powerless in East Haven – but no structural damage. Tree in the pool somewhat unexpected. Radio, Coleman lantern and hot water all OK. Not much TV or microwave. Trying to negotiate a sale of the house. Getting lots of sleep.”

We sincerely hope that Bob & Cyv and members of the **ARONS** family will be able to join us for lunch on September 17th.

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The only other family member of whom we are aware that suffered substantial structural damage from Hurricane Irene was **MARK R. BERMAN (b.1951) (Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Milton Berman)** of Williamsburg, MA. An uprooted tree severely damaged their patio and recently remolded home. No personal injuries.

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In submitting the news that **JASMIN REBHUN (b.1967) (Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Natalie Rebhun/Gary Rebhun/Bret Rebhun)** is attending Marymount Manhattan College, Class of 2015, her grandmother, **ROBERTA REBHUN (widow of GARY REBHUN)**, noted that “Gary would have been very pleased.”

All of us are proud of JASMIN and of all the young Bermans that are pursuing higher education. The family has always prized education!

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BELARUS

(Because of the substantial interest engendered by the earlier publication of excerpts from the second of a series of presentations by Rochelle Goldberg Ruthchild, a research associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston entitled "Jewish History of Belarus", we are serializing the Program Report of the first lecture that appeared in the March 2001 (Volume XX, Number 1, Issue 67) issue of Mass-Pocha, the publication of the JGSGB. This is the second installment of that article.)

Economic and Social Structure

In 1852 Russia forced Jews living in other areas to resettle in the Pale and imposed educational and landowning restrictions. Many could work only as artisans and shopkeepers (and eventually factory workers). Quotas and pogroms followed. As the quality of life deteriorated, revolutionary movements arose, particularly in cities, where Jews were concentrated.

Despite economic restrictions to the Pale, the Jewish population exploded from one million in 1800 to five million in 1900, not counting the three million who emigrated. Population pressure and barriers to landownership caused great poverty. The reactionary and anti-Demetic advisors to Czar Alexander III famously suggested to him that a third of the Jews should leave, a third starve, and the rest convert.

In Belarusian villages today, reminders of Jewish settlement can still be seen in the architecture of the houses. Jews were not allowed to own land, so they often became tradesman. Since they often conducted their trades from their homes, their houses had a front door near the street that led to a room for these activities, still detectable today in those formerly Jewish homes that have been modified to have the more usual side or rear entrance from the garden.

In Jewish homes, women were often the breadwinners of the family, while the men engaged in religious study. In addition to inn-keeping and liquor dealing, some engaged in prostitution. Scholem Asch's popular play, ***God of Vengeance***, was about a brothel keeper and his wife, a former prostitute. The silent movie ***The Yellow Ticket*** illustrated how girls, as supposed prostitutes, could get permits called "yellow tickets" that allowed them to travel to the big Russian cities. Some used this as a device to become university students.

To be continued.....

IT'S GREAT TO BE A BERMAN !

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