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SHANAH TOVAH

...a sweet and healthy year !

Although the prerequisite to membership in The Berman Family is our relationship – by blood, marriage, birth or adoption - to Chonon and Chashe Berman, Jewish immigrants from Russia (Belarus) in the early 1900's, the family, like the United States itself, has changed and grown and metamorphosed to become a vibrant melting pot of different nationalities, races, religions and sexualities. We have within our family Jews of all denominations – orthodox, conservative, reform, reconstructionists and ethical culturalists –, Christians – Catholic and Protestant -, Buddhists, agnostics, atheists and others as well. Within our numbers we have individuals characterized as white, black, Asian, American Indian, Eskimo and who knows – or cares – what else. Individual family members can trace their ancestry to the Mayflower or to countries and areas throughout the world. The unifying factor, however, is that we all share a relationship to Chonon and Chashe Berman...a bond that transcends and is of greater importance than our differences. As it is said: *viva la difference* !

The history of The Berman Family is very much the history of America. Our strength is in our diversity... and our recognition, acknowledgement and embracing of both our history and who we are today. As it is said: *It's Great to Be a Berman* !

In keeping with tradition and acknowledging the differences that exist within the family, as we wished every one "A Happy and Healthy New Year" in the January 1, 2001 issue of The Berman Family Announcer (Vol. 2001, No. 1), we take this opportunity, the advent of the Jewish observance of Rosh Hashanah, to wish everyone – each and every one –

SHANAH TOVAH....a sweet and healthy year !

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THERE IS A VALUE TO BEING A BERMAN. We have recently received – and rejected – an interest from one Brian Berman bberman@mortgage-atlanta.com in buying the bermanfamily.com domain. Replied **Bruce Berman** (b.1955) (*Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Eugene Berman*): "...bermanfamily.com is not for sale."

The Lunch Bunch

One of the highlights of the Saturday, September 17th lunch of The Lunch Bunch at Carmine's Restaurant in New Haven was the presence of **ANDREW** (b.1963) (*Chonon Berman/Bailia Levitz/Bessie Barkan/Joyce Furman*) FURMAN and his wife **ERICA** from Maplewood, New Jersey.

Their attendance had particular significance in relationship to the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of September 11th at which Andy's brother, **STEVEN E. FURMAN** (1960 - 2011), was memorialized along with all of the other victims of that horrific event. The presence of Andy and Erica provided an opportunity for those present to hear more about Steve, his wife **CHAVI** (b.1966) and his children, **NISAN** (Nathan) (b.1990), **SARA RACHEL** (b.1991), **NAOMI** (b.1993) and **MENASHE** (b.1996) and to add their own remembrances. And it was fascinating to learn more about Andrew and Erica, their children **ARIEL** (b.1991) and **FRANCES** (b.1994). The Bermans are indeed interesting people !

As is always the case when members of the family get together, questions are posed:

- * How often should we get together ?monthly, every other month, quarterly ?
- * In New Haven the most convenient location ? ...or should we consider other venues ?
- * How come others don't come ?
- * What can we do to encourage others to join us....at least once in a while ?

Your input in answering these otherwise rhetorical questions is earnestly solicited.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, February 18, 2012 @ Miami, FL @ Noon

A special event to be held in the Miami, Florida area.
Mark your calendar and save the date.

Saturday, April 21, 2012 @ New Haven, CT @:00 pm

The next regularly scheduled lunch of "The Lunch Bunch"

It is not too early to mark your calendar and to save the date to attend the next gathering of "The Lunch Bunch". The date has been selected post-Winter when travel is easier.

Plan to attend....bring the kids...arrange to meet family "half way"....enjoy the fun.

ANNUAL COLLEGE DIRECTORY, 2011-2012 (Updated, 9/28/11)

American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts

BERMAN, Mark R. (b.1951) **ADMINISTRATION**
(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Milton Berman)

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

BERMAN, Bruce (b.1955) **PART TIME FACULTY**
(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Eugene Berman)

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA

FURMAN, Ariel (b.1991) **Class of 2013**
(Chonon Berman/Bailia Levitz/Bessie Barkan/Joyce Furman/Andrew Furman)

California, University of (Berkeley)

BERMAN, Hannah Sophie (b.1993) **Class of 2015**
(Chonon Berman/Chana Esther/Gus Berman/David Berman/Andrew Berman)

Columbia University, New York, NY

HACK, Charles ("Charlie") **Class of 2013)**
(Chonon Berman/Chana Esther/Dora Sprafkin/Reva Wurtzburger/Jan Hack)

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

YOELI, Max (b.1990) **Class of 2012**
(Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Milton Berman/Meredith Yoeli)

Franklin & Marshall, Lancaster, PA

BERMAN, Kayla (b.1992) **Class of 2014**
(Chonon Berman/Chana Esther/Gus Berman/David Berman/Brad Berman)

Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York

BERMAN, Danny (b.1993) **Class of 2015**
(Chonon Berman/Barnett Berman/Arnold Berman/Barry Berman)

Marymount Manhattan College, New York (Manhattan), NY

REBHUN, Jasmine (b.1993) Class of 2015
(Chonon Berman/Golda Berman/Natalie Rebhun/Gary Rebhun/Bret Rebhun)

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 Nemtzow)

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

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

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

Pace University, Pleasantville, NY

ARONS, Emily Fenn (b.1991)
(Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Herman Russian /Cyvia Arons/Mark Arons)

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)

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

HACK, Jon ("Jay") Alan (b.1992) Class of 2015)
(Chonon Berman/Chana Esther/Dora Sprafkin/Reva Wurtzburger/Jan Hack)

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)

Please help us complete this growing and impressive list of college students by providing the names of additional Berman family students along with the name and location of the college and anticipated graduation date, i.e. Class of 20__.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

New/Changes

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FAIGEL, Eliza Rose	elizafagel123@gmail.com
OLSON, Ms. Lisa Kimmel Allen	lisaa0402@yahoo.com

Missing/Needed

(Includes only family members 13 years old and older)

APPEL, Alanna Raina	PADOWITZ, Jessica
ARONS, Gabrielle	PADOWITZ, Josiah
ARONS, Zachary	PADOWITZ, David Frederick
BERMAN, Daniel	PADOWITZ, Daniel
BERMAN, Robert J.	PADOWITZ, Glenn
CHUPP, William	PADOWITZ, Rebecca Ann
CHUPP, Lisa	PADOWITZ, Pierce S.
FUCHS, Alex	REBHUN, Jasmin
FUCHS, Julia	REBHUN, Sydney
FUCHS, Nina	ROSENWASSER, Simon
HACK, Charles A.	ROSENWASSER, Benjamin
HACK, Jon Alan	ROSENWASSER, Adam

HACK, Eliot Renee
HARRIS, Jacob Benjamin
HARRIS, Anna Rebecca
HELLER, Peter G.
HELTOWSKI, Sara Jane
HELTOWSKI, Emily Margaret
HELTOWSKI, Chester Raymond
KAPLAN, Molly
KAPLAN, Ellie
MOORE, Hedy
MOORE, Jake M.

SHENFELD, Carly
SHENFELD, Erica J.
TOBIN, Steve
TOBIN, Katleigh

Editors Note: None of those individuals whose e-mails are listed as "Missing/Needed" presently receive their own copy of The Berman Family Announcer or other e-mails from the Berman Family.

It would be most appreciated if you would review this list and advise as to such e-mail addresses as to which you may be privy. Because we would eventually be able to ascertain these addresses, it will save us substantial time and effort if you would check the list and forward to us any of the e-mail addresses of which you are aware or can ascertain for us at this time.

Thank you for your help.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

We are delighted to report that **JONATHAN RHEIN** (b.1967) (Chonon *Berman/Barnett Berman/Helen Rhein/William Rhein*), his wife **MARIA SOL** (nee Lacbayo) and son **NATHAN ANTONIO RHEIN** (b.2009) are now all together and living in Moundsville, West Virginia.

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To clarify the issues in the great typographic debate raised by **ROBERT BERMAN** (b.1947) (*Chonon Berman/Hyman Berman/Max Berman*) and his wife **CYNTHIA LIPINCOTT**, collectors of "notable typos" from Newport, OR that surfaced in the September 6, 2011 issue of this

otherwise, sometimes fastidious **The Berman Family Announcer**, **DOUGLAS O. FAIGEL, M.D.** (b.1963) (*Chonon Berman/Golda Russion/Herman Russian/Susan Faigel*) has responded:

“While we do have an amazing breath of knowledge and expertise at our division here At the Mayo clinic, unfortunately it extends neither to the study of reptiles and amphibians (herpetology), nor to the study of herpes viruses (virology). It is in fact Hepatology (liver).”

The good doctor, obviously more erudite than his non-medically trained relatives, concludes his communication with *“Thanks for the chuckle!”*

Editor’s Note: *In recognition of the critical eyes of ROBERT BERMAN, et ux and several others who have been all too willing to call to our attention our spelling deprivation, we must apologetically acknowledge this obvious deficiency and point out that “spell check” is a misnamed technology that works only for the benefit of those who can already spell. The truth is that the misspellings are deliberate efforts to provide an ever-increasing inventory for Bob & Cindy’s collection of what we choose to think of as “notable typos” (rather than “misspellings”) and to challenge the critical objectivity with which others read and study the publication. The good news, as gleaned from your comments, is that **The Berman Family Announcer** is red (just kidding!) and is apparently appreciated.*

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ALEXANDRA (“ALLY”) YOELI (b.1987) (*Chonon Berman/Gustave Berman/Milton Berman/Meredith Yoeli*) has moved and now resides at 309 Washington Street, Apt. 1202, Conshohocken, PA 19428 (Tel: 914.262.8584, e-mail: ayoeli9@gmail.com). Ally, who has a Masters in Social Work from Boston University, is seeking employment in her field.

Ally’s brother, **MAX YOELI**, has recently soloed and is well on his way to attaining his private pilot’s license. Max’s grandfather, **MILTON R. BERMAN**, was a distinguished and much decorated Second World War fighter pilot.

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Congratulations and best wishes are in order for **LISA KIMMEL ALLEN OLSON** (b.1964) (*Chonon Berman/Bailia Levitz/Bessie Barkan/Harriet Kimmel*) and **RICHARD OLSON** on their recent marriage. Lisa writes: “I have 2 step children now: **JORDIN OLSON** (5/2/01) and **EVAN OLSON** (8/4/04). They are in addition to my children **AMANDA** and **JONATHAN ALLEN.**”

Congratulations and best wishes, Lisa and Richard....and welcome to the Berman family Jordin and Evan. We look forward to meeting all of you someday soon.

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 third and final installment of that article.)

Economic and Social Structure (Continued)

After the Russian Revolution, many Jews were thrilled by the toppling of the czar, the abolition of the Pale and its restrictions, and the end of school and university quotas. Jews flooded into cities. Many of the new Soviet leaders were Jews, including Trotsky, Kamentz, Aronovitch, and Rosenfeld (even Lenin may have had Jewish ancestry). As part of their general opposition to religion, the Soviets persecuted Jewish religious officials, but Jews became a recognized nationality among the many Soviet nationalities.

The German invasion of the Soviet Union progressed through places where many Jews lived, which again became "bloodlands." In Belarus alone, 800,000 Jews were murdered, 90 percent of the population. Most of those who survived had fled eastward. In addition, many Belarusian Jews who had previously moved to Leningrad and Moscow also survived.

It was a Russian canard that Ivan fought while Moshe lived in Tashkent (Uzbekistan). On the contrary, the 500,000 Jews who served in the Red Army was as high a percentage of fighters as any other Soviet nationality. They were the third-most-decorated group (army anti-Semitism probably kept that figure lower than it should have been) and almost 200,000 Jews were killed.

Today, the Jewish population of Belarus is about 55,000.

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