

THE SEDER :

At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the Berman Family Group, it was decided that the Seder will be held at Henlein's Restaurant, 295 Orchard Street, New Haven, on Wednesday, April 13th, promptly at 7:00 P. M. The Seder service will be followed by a delectable seven-course dinner. All arrangements have been made. Only members of the Berman Family Group may attend. Adults, \$6.00 each; children of fourteen years of age and under, \$3.00 each. All reservations must be in by March 30th. Please send checks to Lewis Berman, treasurer, 35 Mead Street, New Haven.

A photographer will take pictures. (Special note to Dora Sprafkin: You may wear an evening gown if you want to be "Queen of the Seder" - but no one else will!)

WELCOME HOME!

Sidnev Rhein, from Florida where he played a lengthy engagement with Sammy Kaye's band. Helen was at Penn Station to meet him - from eagerness and hunger! Aunt Mae is "vacationing" at Helen's house with the children.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Arthur Berman, who was graduated Cum Laude from Yale University. He will enter Yale Medical School in September. Ain't he smart?

To Howard Padowitz, who has been appointed Field Auditor for Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer, for New England territory.

VACATION NEWS

Our honorable President, Herman Russian, took his "vibela" on a two week cruise to South America and the Carribean Seas. (It's good it wasn't our honorable Treasurer, Lewie Berman, with our forty-eight bucks!)

And Faye and George Heller took a two day cruise to Sea Gate, to live off the fat of Bessie Barkan's house!

FLASH! OUR OWN "STOP THE MUSIC CONTEST"!

The Berman Family Group needs a theme song! Write words to any tune! Auditions will be held the night of the Seder! Prizes will be awarded! Everyone is eligible. Start composing right now!

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to the children! born in March!

Arthur Levine	Eight years old	March 6
Howard Padowitz	Nineteen years old	March 8
Joyce Barkan	Seventeen years old	March 9
Harriett Barkan	Fourteen years old	March 22

"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" TO Those Married in March!

Lou and Dora Padowitz	Twenty-sixth	March 18
Gus and Adele Berman	Nineteenth	March 22
Lew and Nellie Berman	Twentieth	March 24

PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR OUR "BLADDER" TO:
Mildred Feinberg, 132 McKinley Avenue

"The Berman Bladder" (Temporary title! Suggestions demanded!)

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- Isaac Steinman

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"THE BERMAN BROADCAST"

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IMPORTANT!

The Berman Family Group will meet on Sunday, June 19th, 1949, in the vestry of Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol, George and Dwight Streets in New Haven, at 2:00 P. M. Election of officers will be held. We hope the whole family will be together at this time. Bring the children. The Seder pictures are ready and will be distributed at this meeting. There will be refreshments, of course.

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the Seder, here is a Brief resume of that evening:

The first Seder of the Berman Family Group was held on April 13, 1949 at Henlein's Restaurant in New Haven. Seventy-two members were present, including children. (Sixteen members were not present, because they were too ill, too young, or too far.) Elders David Russian and Meyer Berman officiated at the Seder Service. The "four questions" were asked by James Berman, Allan Heller, and Billy Rhein.

Harry Berman served as Toastmaster. He bid the family welcome and introduced the newcomers to the group: Billie Geller, the fiancée of Sidney Berman; Yale Shussil, the fiancé of Janet Berman; Rosalyn Berman, Sonny's wife; Martha Berman, Milton's wife; and Sydney Harris, husband of Ruth Berman Harris. During dinner he paid tribute to the officers, elder statesmen and stateswomen, upon their place in the family. He introduced our President, Herman Russian who spoke on the importance of our group and of such occasions as the Seder being specially for the children - to give them the security of a family and the feeling of "belonging". He then presented to the family a sterling silver wine cup with the inscription, "The Berman Family, 1949", which was used for the Seder Service, and will be used each year in the same manner. It was a very thoughtful gesture and was most appreciated by the Family. Several words were spoken by Ben Spraffkin, ^{Charles} Gus Berman (Holyoke), Faye Heller, Dora Sadowitz, Sydney Harris, and Sidney Berman.

Harry then gave a brief character study of the founder of the Berman Family, Chonan Berman, designated as the First Generation, a scholar, a gentleman, and a man with vision. Then he showed us a small match box with the words "Here is my ring" on the cover, written by Chonan Berman. Inside the box was his ring, wrapped in a piece of paper on which was the following statement: "This ring is to be given to the first male child, (of my family, of course), who is named after me, on his Bar Mitzvah". This box and ring was then presented to Gus Berman (Stanford), whose son William will be Bar Mitzvah in September, the first-named after Chonan Berman. Gus was overwhelmed by the tremendous honor of this gift and the whole family was overcome with wonder of this man of vision who, with the memory of his gentle, patient wife Chasha, will live on in the hearts of the family they created.

After dinner came the song contest which was won by both

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contestants, Faye Heller and Frances Levin. After the stirring songs which they had written, they sang and danced to "Take Me Out to the Seder", with their original words, original costumes, and original dance steps. They then presented humorous gifts to the Elder Statesmen and Women, and gifts of coloring books and crayons to the smaller children.

Susan Russian presented a violin solo, accompanied by Harry Berman; Harry and Arthur Berman played violin duets; Billy Rhein played the melodian; Ben Berman led in the singing of songs which were sung at Berman Seders many years ago. A family picture was taken, a print of which will be given to each family.

The Seder was over at 11:30 P. M., and a wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone.

AN INVITATION!

Celia and Charlie, and Gert and Harry, invite the Family to their respective homes on Friday evening, June 3rd, at 10:30 P. M., following the confirmation exercises of their daughters, Barbara and Judy. Our warmest congratulations to them.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Richard Byer, who will be graduated from the University of Connecticut in June;

To Sidney Berman and Billie Geller, who will be married on May 30th, in Temple Israel, New Rochelle. They will make their home in Trumbull, Connecticut; to Pauline and Ben, on this special occasion;

To Harry Berman, who was elected by the American Federation of Musicians to serve as their delegate to the National Convention in San Francisco, California. (All expenses paid!) Note to Max Berman: Harry will visit you - on the expense account!

FLASH!

Our "Stop the Music" Contest was won by Faye Heller and Frances Levin. These are the winning songs: (please memorize them as they will be sung whenever Bermans meet)

(To the tune of "Maryland my Maryland")

"Oh Berman Clan, our Berman Clan
Let us gather to a man
Let us sing to yesteryears
Laughter, joy and happy tears.
Praise our loyal family ties
They mean more than money buys
So lift your voices loud in song
God keep the Berman Family strong."

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(To the tune of "Vive La Compagnie")

"The finest of men that you ever did see
Is the Berman Family
No one can join us unless he be
One of the family
There's Herman and Harry and Gus and Ben
Mae and Baila and Jennie and then
The rest of us with our children many
in the Berman Family.

"Our purpose is pride in our family tree
Hail Berman Family
May it grow and spread o'er the whole country
Our Berman Family
It's one for all and all for one
In times of stress and times of fun
Hail to the super Berman son
Long live the Berman tree."

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

SUSAN RUSSIAN	nine years old	April 5
Jane Levin	nine years old	April
Harvey Feinberg	eleven years old	April 17
Bruce Levin	six years old	May 7
Gilbert Rebhun	five years old	May 17
Alan Heller	eight years old	May 30

"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!"

Ben and Pauline Berman	37th	May 5
Herman and Bernice Russian	16th	May 14

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Mildred:

Since there is no indication ^{of} your official title in our "Bladder" (and I'm coming back to that name), I shall have to address you as just "Dear Mildred".

Now I want you to know that the paper just thrilled me. It felt almost as if I was seeing something I have always dreamed about being born - or that I gave birth to it, and me with a hysterectomy. Oh, boy! am I making medical history. Anyways, it is wonderful - all but the name.

May I suggest that ~~you~~ my younger cousins are slipping? Or is it that they are not aware that the Bermans always felt that their "Organ" was quite unusual? What's wrong with that? Aren't we a family of so-called musicians? Bladder, schmadder! Now if you called it the "Dome" Paging Arthur Berman (Cum Laude) and Gus Berman (Stamford, Magna Cum Laude), and Sidney Berman (Something-or-other-Cum Laude). So, please submit my suggestions of a name.

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My favorite, needless to say, is "Organ", and I'm sure most of the Bermans will agree. Intellectuals, aren't we?

I'm very happy to see that we Bermans get around. Don't any of you go south? To Philly, I mean.

May I add to our social events? 1. While it may not affect Connecticut, my husband met with our Governor on serious problems affecting Pennsylvania two weeks ago, and is meeting with members of the State Department this weekend. 2. We are hoping to take the children on a trip to Washington. 3. That we have moved in to our new house and love it. And while I'm about it, can you insert an ad that all we need is a dining room set, a television set, and monogrammed toilet paper? And while you're advertising, can you sell our old house?

Enough from the Philadelphia branch of the family. I want to reiterate - I'm thrilled with this first issue; we're looking forward to seeing everyone at the seder; keep after all those who don't respond; they have to come! and may the Berman men always be on top.

Fraternally,

Dora

Mrs. Benjamin R. Sprafkin
14 Asbury Avenue
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania

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HAPPY CHANUKAH!!!

And in celebration of this holiday, The Berman Family Group will meet on Sunday, Dec. 25th, 1949, in the Vestry of the Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol, George and Dwight Streets in New Haven, at 2:30 P.M.

DO YOU LIKE POTATOE "LATKES"?
WE'LL HAVE TONS OF THEM!

The Committee in charge:

Tante Bailya---Chairman
Aunt Mae-----Vice Chairman
Aunt Jennie---In charge of Frying Pans
Dora Padowitz-In charge of the Committee

Dessert and Tea to follow.

Come with your appetites--your kids--and A 10¢ GIFT FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY FOR

"THE GRAB BAG"
(If you don't bring, you don't get)

At a recent meeting of the Executive Board it was decided that traditional brass candle sticks be presented to each member of the family married after the formation of the Berman Family Group in 1948. Presentation will be made at this meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Aunt Jennie, on her marriage to Isaac Steinman, of Norwich, Conn., who has been duly accepted as a member of the Family;

To Janet and Yale Chussil, on their recent marriage;

To Leila and Harold Shulman, on the birth of their daughter Marcy;

To the Simpson women on their ability to "get their men!"

To Gus and Adele, upon the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, William;

To Cyvia Russian, upon her graduation with honors from Sheridan Junior High School. She is now attending The Day School;

To Joyce Barkan, who was graduated with honors from Lincoln High School and is now attending Brooklyn College.

An advance tip on the Seder plans to Max Berman in California. We hope you and your family can plan to join us this year. It will surpass the wonderful time we had last year.

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Eugene Berman	June 1
Judith Berman	June 9
Nancy Levitz	June 17
Reva Sprafkin	June 25
Robert Berman	June 28
Cyvia Russian	July 16
James Berman	Aug. 5
Kenneth Berman	Aug. 9
William Berman	Aug. 12
Billy Heller	Sept. 4
Peter Padowitz	Sept. 7
Mark Harris	Sept. 8
Judith Rhein	Oct. 27
Barbara Byer	Oct. 28
Nancy Berman	Nov. 18
Judy Levitz	Nov. 19
Gerald Levine	Nov. 26
Robert Sprafkin	Dec. 18
Richard Byer	Dec. 20
William Rhein	Dec. 28
David Berman	Dec. 29

"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!"

Sam and Francis Levin	June 18
Nat and Bess Barkan	June 30
David and Bess Doff	July 27
Gus and Lil Berman	Aug. 18
Sid and Helen Rhein	Aug. 19
George and Faye Heller	Aug. 30
Charlie and Celia <i>BYER</i>	Sept. 5
Syó and Ruth Harris	Oct. 6
Sherman and Pauline Padowitz	Oct. 19
Harry and Gert Berman	Oct. 24
Martha and Milton Berman	Oct. 25
Sid and Natalie Rebhun	Nov. 3
Arnold and Ros Berman	Nov. 9
Harold and Leila Schulman	Dec. 5
Ben and Dora Sprafkin	Dec. 24
Sam and Edith Berman	Dec. 28

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A REMINDER

If you have overlooked payment of your dues, please take care of them at the December 25th meeting, or mail your check to Lewis Berman, Treasurer, 35 Mead Street, New Haven, Conn.

Adults---\$3.00

Children (unmarried)---\$1.50 each

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THE OCCASION

THE BERMAN FAMILY SEDER

THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1950

THE TIME

7:00 P. M.

THE PLACE

BETH HAMEDROSH HAGODOL, George & Dwight Streets

THE CATERER

MRS. KREVOLIN (One of New Haven's foremost caterers)

THE MENU

Grapefruit Halves

Traditional Eggs and Water

Gefelta Fish

Lettuce—tomato—celery Horse Radish

Chicken soup with Knadlach (Matzo balls)

Roast Chicken

Matzo Kugel Sweet Potato and Carrot Tzimas

Fruit Compote

Tea

Cake

Wine

Soda

Egg Matzo

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Please return the enclosed reservation card with check before March 1, so that arrangements may be completed with the caterers. The cost will be only \$6.00 per adult. Unmarried children no charge - see SPECIAL FLASH

DO IT TODAY ----- DON'T DELAY

SPECIAL FLASH:

At a recent Executive Board Meeting of the Family, it was voted that every unmarried child will attend the Seder as the Guest of the Berman Family Group, with no cost to his parents.

The Family will grow larger and stronger through our children. Therefore, it is most important and significant that on the occasion of a Seder, our most honored guests are our children.

We who remember our original Seders with Dabby and Zadie, realize how important a part the Seders played in bringing about the closeness of our family. Let us give our children the same opportunity for closeness that we were so fortunate in having. We hope to see every child present.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LAYS AN EGG!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is a rare occasion when the Executive Board is mistaken in its judgment. This time "it let it's heart rule it's head." The members of the Board had decided that each Family Unit be allowed to invite close relatives to the Seder-----BUT-----It has since been pointed out that the idea is impractical and might lead to embarrassment to some of our Family Members.

As only GREAT MEN AND WOMEN can do, they graciously concede that their idea is not feasible at this time and the Seder remains---A Seder for the Berman Family Only.

However, the feeling behind this gesture deserves the praise and thanks of the Family. We are proud that our policymakers have the warmth and wisdom which they have shown. They have imbued us with faith and pride in their leadership.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Levine
Samuel Berman
Gary Rehman
Arthur Berman

January 5, 1946
February 3, 1935
February 6, 1948
February 10, 1928

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bess and Herman Levine

January 9, 1938

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The Berman Family Seder has always been a most memorable occasion to all of us.
And with the passing years, this memory becomes sweeter and sweeter.

Let us cherish this wonderful feeling and give it to our children _____
COME TO THE SEDER!!

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DATE OF MEETING: Saturday, June 24, 1950, at 8:30 P. M.

PLACE: Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol, George & Dwight Streets, New Haven

AGENDA: Regular business.

Election and installation of Officers.

Welcome and Introduction of Max and Ruth Berman to the Family.

(When they find out they have to pay their dues, they'll cancel their trip!)

The pictures that were taken at the Seder will delight everyone.

Orders for duplicates must be placed at this meeting.

Refreshments: sandwiches - soda - beer.

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the Seder, here is a resume of that evening:

The second Seder of the Berman Family Group was held on the first night of Passover, Saturday, April 1, 1950, in Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol, New Haven. Eighty-four of our 98 members were present; illness, distance, or extreme youth prevented the remaining 14 from coming.

President Herman Russian opened the Seder, using for the first time a gavel made from the cane of our founder, Chonon Berman. He welcomed the family, then the Seder Service began with Elders David Russian and Meyer Berman officiating. The "four questions" were asked by Harvey Feinberg, Ian Heller, and Billy Rhein.

Vice-President Harry Berman acted as Toastmaster. He called on David Russian and Meyer Berman, who blessed the family, wished everyone good health. He then called on the official head of the family, Tante Malia. Berman kissed her affectionately and presented her with a beautiful orchid. Toastmaster Harry complimented the officers, Elder Statesmen, Elder Stateswomen, the Editorial Board, Entertainment Committee, and the Hospitality Committee on the success of the Berman Family Group.

Isaac Steinman was made an Elder Statesman, and thanked the Family for this thoughtful gesture. Others called upon to speak were Mae Berman, Ben Berman, Gus Berman, Jennie Steinman, Treasurer Lewis Berman, Milton Berman, Dora Padovitz, Eugene Berman, Morris Berman, Bora Sprafkin, Louis Padovitz, Arnold Berman, Ben Sprafkin, George Heller, and Charles Byer. Listening to these speakers, we came to the conclusion that there are different ways by which we realize that we belong to a fine family, and that our mutual needs, responsibilities, joys, respects, understanding and trust are the makings of the Berman Family Group.

A representative of the 4th generation, Harvey Feinberg, told us that his generation wants more parties, less dues and a pension. To quiet him (and prevent anarchy) he was immediately made an honorary president of the Berman Family Group. Peter Padovitz, a member of the 5th generation, brought to the head of the table the sterling silver wine cup, which Herman Russian had presented to the Family at last year's Seder, to be used at every Seder.

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A family like ours is made up of all ages, all bound by ties of respect and goodwill (even the Anti-Bermans), and our efforts are dedicated to the welfare and happiness of our children. It was one thing for our ancestors Chonon and Chasha Berman to have great plans for their family, but we have to carry out and practice these plans.

Attention was called to the happy events in the family. The following new members were welcomed to the family: Barry Berman, Marcy Schulman, Mark Harris, Gary Lehman, Isaac Steinman. Our new slogan is: "New Members For 1950":

Frances Levin and Faye Heller presented the entertainment program for the evening. They introduced the Berman Family Orchestra in its first and very successful performance. The Berman Family Songs were sung. Ben, Gus and Harry sang the Jewish songs which have become part of the Berman Seder. Humorous English translations were rendered by Sidney Rhein, Lewis Berman and Samuel Berman; further interpretations were given by 4th generation members Harvey Feinberg, Alan Heller, and Billy Rhein. Piano accompaniment by Faye Heller. Words by Frances Levin and Faye Heller.

Susan Russian presented a violin solo, accompanied by Harry Berman. A humorous skit followed - The cast: Arnold Berman, Arthur Berman, Sidney Rhein, Herman Levine, George Heller and Ben Sprafkin. During the entire evening photographs were taken of the highlights as they occurred. The Berman Family Orchestra played for dancing. Members of the Orchestra are: Harry Berman, Arnold Berman, Sidney Rhein, Arthur Berman, George Heller, Helen Rhein, Yale Schussil, Dick Byer, Judith Berman.

The Seder was over at 11:30 P. M. What a ^{good} time it was!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Vital Statistics re Barry Hillard Berman: Born to Sonny and Rox Berman; January 10, 1950; 7 lbs 8 ounces; approximately 30 inches long; black hair; blue eyes; dimple in right cheek. Report as of this edition: Now five months old; weighs 16 pounds; smiles like Sonny - eats like Sonny - good like Sonny. (If Rox wants any credit for this baby, let the Shubs and Minskys put it in their family paper!)

To Harry Berman, upon his appointment as a delegate to the National Musicians Convention, in Texas. Gertie went along, and they will visit New Orleans on their return trip.

To David Berman of Stanford (and to Gus and Adele) upon his acceptance to Yale University - which is a cinch for a BERMAN!

WORTHY DEPARTMENT

President Herman Russian has established a new precedent: From this point on, it's a Cadillac Convertible with every hysterectomy! Bernice will be home from the hospital this week, and we are happy to say that she is recuperating in grand style!

It is wonderful as we approach this meeting that we can report that those who were so ill are almost completely well. Especially Barbara Byer - who should settle for nothing less than a Ford Convertible from her old-man-Charlie!

Now Dora Berman - we will call hers "Operation Mystery". She will make a complete report - with X-Rays and Slides - at our meeting, and if it warrants it, we will recommend to Ben that he buy her a Scooter Convertible!

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Gilbert Nathan	May 17, 1944
Alan Heller	May 30, 1941
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Robert Berman	June 28, 1934

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AN INVITATION!

The Berman Family Group is cordially invited to visit with "Squire" Gus and "Dome" Lil Berman at their new country estate, 1057 Northampton Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts, on Sunday afternoon, August 6th.

Call or write to Faye Heller, 690 George Street, telephone number 6-6028, as soon as possible, if you are going, or if you need transportation. Gus and Lil are very eager to have everyone there.

OUR NEW OFFICERS!

President - Harry Berman
Vice President - Lewis Berman
Secretary - Dora Padowitz
Treasurer - Charles Byer

To our out-going President, Herman Russian, the Family says "Thanks for the wonderful start you have us. We appreciate the effort and time that went into the job. You are in a great measure responsible for the successful and happy group we are today." To our new President, Harry, we (the editors) say, "We hop you have the strength (and dough) to carry on!"

For those who missed the "Max and Ruth Berman" meeting on Saturday, June 24th, you should be sorry, because you missed a wonderful evening with the Berman's at their host. It was thrilling having them with us. We hope that the next time they come, they will bring their children.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Yale Chussail, upon his graduation from the Julius Hart School of Music in Hartford, and upon his appointment by the New Haven Board of Education as a teacher of music in an elementary school.

WANTED: A 3 or 4 room apartment or flat, for Yale and Janet Chussail, in New Haven. If you hear of any possibility (or even a rumor of a possibility), call Nellie Berman.

To Pauline and Sherman Padowitz, upon the birth of another son, Glenn Mark, on June 17th, 1950.

WELCOME to our 100th Member! Kenneth Arthur, born to Sydney and Ruth Harris, on July 19th, 1950.

Just think! A family of 100 members where everyone talks to each other except the infants!

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Jennie Steinman	David Russian	Meyer Berman
	Issac Steinman	

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cyria Russian
Robert Saul Berman

July 16, 1934
July 16, 1947

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Boss and Dave Doff

July 27, 1937

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Our next meeting will have special significance! Tante Dailyn, the "Mother" of our Family will be seventy years young, and we will celebrate! Sunday, October 22nd, is the date; Both Hancock is the place, and 2:30 P. M. (promptly, so you'd better be on time!) is the time. This will be a surprise to her, so please keep it a secret. The Family is presenting her with one significant gift.

For the benefit of those who were unable to visit with the rest of us at Gus and Lil's new residence, we wish to state that you missed a "Dotted Lines Exposition"! It is truly a beautiful home, with its park-like surroundings. Most impressive and heart-warming was a "Dorman Family" flag, flying from the top of a seventy foot flag pole. (The food and liquor was impressive and heart-warming, too!) Lil and Gus extend another invitation to those who weren't there, to come as soon as they are able; and for those who were there, to come again. The address is 1057 Northampton Street, Holyoke, Mass.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

On Sunday evening, September 12, at 9:30 P. M., Benjamin B. Sprafkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Family Service of Philadelphia, was the speaker for Family Service agency over Station WFL. It was a Philadelphia Board Table discussion of Community Services, under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Whenever we want to boast of members of our family who are outstanding in civic affairs, we can always point with pride at Ben.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Frances and Sam Levin have moved to their new home at 466 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven. There is always open house there for paid-up members of the Family, so SEE YOUR DUES and go visit!

HELP!

Janet and Yalo Chussil still haven't found a flat! It doesn't look nice for the Instructor of Music at Troup Junior High School to freeze in an attic -- like a musician. Family -- UNITE! Our slogan is: "A Roof for Every Dorman!"

EDITORIAL

In every Family there is someone who unites and keeps it together. In our Family it is Tante Dailyn. Her kind wisdom, humor and understanding, has welded us together as one, and has made us aware of our interdependence with each other, and appreciative of the pleasure such closeness brings.

As our Family has matured, she has consistently kept pace and grown with its trials and joys, and has, by the very strength of her character, emerged as its guiding light.

Tante Dailyn, we thank you -- for your vigilance, your sympathy, your consideration of our problems no matter how small, and for being YOU. Our wish for you is that you always be near us, in good health, to counsel us when we need counseling, to scold us when we need scolding, and always to encourage us in the good ways of life.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

James Dorman	Aug. 5, 1943
Kenneth Dorman	Aug. 9, 1940
William Dorman	Aug. 12, 1936
Dilly Haller	Sept. 4, 1945
Peter Padovits	Sept. 7, 1946
Mark Harris	Sept. 8, 1940
Judith Rhoad	Oct. 27, 1942
Barbara Byer	Oct. 20, 1943

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES!

Gus and Lil Dorman	Aug. 10, 1920
Ed and Helen Rhoad	Aug. 19, 1934
George and Faye Haller	Aug. 30, 1926
Charles and Colia Byer	Sept. 5, 1936
Syd and Ruth Harris	Oct. 6, 1946
Sherron and Pauline Padovits	Oct. 19, 1944
Harry and Gertrude Dorman	Oct. 24, 1920
Milton and Martha Dorman	October 25, 1947

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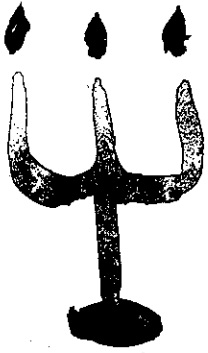
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THE BERMAN FAMILY SEDER

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1951

7:30 P. M.

Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol
George & Dwight Streets

SIDNEY GURIAN, CATERER

Fresh Fruit Cup Supreme

Traditional Eggs and Water

Gefelta Fish

Lettuce - Tomato - Celery - Rosebud Radishes - Horseradish

Chicken Soup - Matzo Balls

Half Roast Spring Chicken

Fresh Garden Vegetables

Diced Carrots

Kishkah

Potatoe Kugels

Knishes

Sweet Potatoe and Carrot Tzimas

Spiced Watermelon Rine

Compote Fruits

Tea

Strudel

Sponge Cake

Wine

Soda

Egg Matzos

Fruit Bowls

Please return the enclosed reservation card with check before April 8th, so that arrangements may be completed with the caterers. The cost will be only \$6.00 per adult. Again, as last year, every unmarried child will attend the Seder at no cost to his parents. Bring every one of them!

 A LETTER TO WASHINGTON --

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Dear Secretary of War:

The Berman Family Group is having its annual Seder on April 21st in New Haven, and we request that you give Pvt. Richard Byer a vacation from Fort Dix, so that he can be with us.

He has been in the army since February 5, 1951 - and enough is enough!

We are contacting the Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force to personally fly him home. You're all stinkers if you don't!

Respectfully,

The Democratic and Republican Factions
of the Berman Family Group

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MORE ABOUT THE SEDER - -

As in the past, the Berman Family Seder remains a Seder for Berman members only. We feel sorry for those born "outside the Berman pale", for not having had the foresight to marry one, and thus gain entry to our Seders!

Herman Russion will act as Master of Ceremonies. Elders David Russion and Meyer Berman will officiate at the Seder Service.

A program of singing, dancing and entertainment will follow dinner; skits, etc... hilarious, of course! (Shrug)

The Berman Family Orchestra will play for dancing and listening.
MUSICIANS: Don't forget your instruments!

Movies - in technicolor - will be taken throughout the evening, so don't get soup on your tie! This epic film will be produced, directed and released by Sam Levin, Sonny Berman, Sidney Rhein, and Herman Levine, all directly from Hollywood!

In

"PROUD ENOUGH TO BUST" DEPARTMENT * -

Our worthy President, Harry Truman Berman, has further distinguished himself by acting as Commentator for the National Jewish Music Festival, which was broadcast from W E L I on February 11th. It was a beautiful program, and those of us who heard it were "proud enough to bust!"

We are going to change Ben Sprafkin's name to Berman, BECAUSE, he does the many wonderful, important things that only a born Berman is expected to do. Ben Sprafkin Berman was given the honor of being invited to attend the White House Conference on Youth. Last year he appeared at our Seder as a "Supreme Court Justice". (See Family Album) This year he's in the White House - all because of the Bermans!

CONGRATULATIONS! - -

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To Leila and Harold Shulman upon the birth our 101st member! A girl - on February 26th, weighing ~~7 lbs~~ 7 lbs 2 oz. Her name is Debra, and she's adorable!

Professor and Mrs. Yale Chussil have an apartment! The shame is that they got it through a non-Berman. But we're lucky at that! We were going to build him a ranch-type house with four bathrooms - out of our treasury. Don't you think he shoulda waited?

The Family has a new Industrialist - Harvey Feinberg is selling subscriptions for all magazines. Please contact him for new orders or renewals. One day we'll be sending him to the White House!

"Happy Birthdays" -

Nancy Berman	Nov. 18
Judy Levitz	Nov. 19
Gerald Levine	Nov. 26
Robert Sprafkin	Dec. 18
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William Rhein	Dec. 28
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Susan Levine	Jan. 5	Arthur Levine	Mar. 6
Samuel Berman	Feb. 3	Howard Padowitz	Mar. 8
Gary Rehbun	Feb. 6	Joyce Barkan	Mar. 9
Arthur Berman	Feb. 18	Harriett Barkan	Mar. 22
Debra Shulman	Feb. 26 26		

"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!"

Sid and Nathalie Rehbun	Nov. 3
Arnold and Roz Berman	Nov. 9
Harold and Leila Schulman	Dec. 5
Dora and Ben Sprafkin	Dec. 24
Sam and Edith Berman	Dec. 28
Bess and Herman Levine	Jan. 9
Lou and Dora Padowitz	Mar. 18
Gus and Adele Berman	Mar. 22
Lew and Nellie Berman	Mar. 24

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The Berman Family Group will meet on Sunday, November 11th, 1951, at 2:00 P. M., in the vestry of Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol, George & Dwight Streets, in New Haven.

Included in the regular business of this meeting, will be the election and installation of officers. Due to unavoidable delays, our elections which should have been held in June, will take place at this November meeting. Nominations will be open for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary.

Bear in mind that according to our system of progressive advancement, the Treasurer whom we shall elect will automatically rise to the Presidency in a few years. Give this your consideration and be prepared to present your nomination. (The Editorial Board personally sponsors Ben Berman for Treasurer - and not because he gives the most parties!) In not so light a vein, we sincerely sponsor Benjamin Berman because we think it fitting that he one day be President of the Berman Family Group, and we are using an Editor's prerogative to say so. The office of Secretary is not a progressive one. It is an important one, but does not involve a great deal of time or work. Be prepared also for this nomination.

The meeting will be followed by a social few hours. Uncle Ben and Aunt Pauline are our hosts for this meeting. Refreshments will be served in celebration of the birth of their grandchild, Kenneth Harris (our 100th member), and the 13th birthday of Harvey Feinberg.

Orders for the Seder picture must be placed at this meeting. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the Seder, here is a resume of that evening:

The Berman Family Group held its third year Seder on Saturday, April 21, 1951, in the Beth Hamedrosh vestry, in New Haven, Connecticut. Fifty-three adults and twenty-nine children were present (82). Twenty-two were absent due to distance or age.

President Harry Berman ~~is~~ welcomed the Family. A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members of our family who had passed away.

Elders Davis Russian and Meyer Berman officiated at the Seder Service. The "Four Questions" were asked by Billy Heller, Alan Heller, and Billy Rhein. Harry called on Past President Herman Russian to serve as toastmaster, which he did with his usual charm and humor. He presented Tante Baila, our honorary president, with a lovely corsage from the Family. The following members were called upon, and did say a few words of greeting: Tante Bailya, Vice-President Lewis Berman, Treasurer Charles Byer, Ben Sprafkin, Arnold Berman, Gus Berman (Holyoke), Gus Berman (Stamford), Sidney Rhein, Samuel Levin, George Heller, David Doff, Sidney Harris, Nathan Barkan, Samuel Berman, Milton Berman, Eugene Berman, Secretary Dora Padowitz, and President Harry Berman.

Our Secretary, Dora Padowitz, made an observation with which we will all agree; that our Family Group is a citadel of strength to our children; that from the Family the children will receive faith, courage, security and inspiration, for themselves and for the generations yet to come.

Gus and Lil Berman presented to the Group a beautiful banner inscribed "The Berman Family", which Harry accepted with pride.

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Original poems were read by Jane Levin, Faye Heller, Dora Sprafkin, Gert Berman, Helen Rhein, and Bernice Russian. They were humorous and significant, and everyone enjoyed them.

~~The meeting was~~ At the conclusion of the Seder, Program Chairman Arnold Berman took over with a skit called "This is Show Business", with the following cast: Clifton Fadiman, played by Ben Sprafkin; Abe Burrows, played by Sonny Berman, Faye ~~Stiff~~ Emerson, played by Dora Sprafkin, George Kaufman, played by Charles Byer. Bringing their problems to the panel were Harry Berman, Faye Heller, Yale Chussil and Joyce Barkan, all good sports, but more confused than helped by those experts. It was fun!

Susan Russian played a violin solo, accompanied at the piano by Harry Berman. The Berman Songs were sung; pictures were taken. The Seder was over at 11:30 P. M.

By WAY OF REPORT:

At this time we want to wave the American Flag over the Berman Flag to report that Dicky Byer is the first Berman to fight a war on foreign soil - with a Clarinet! We appreciate, of course, that Milton Berman was oversea also - on a thousand bombing missions and became a Captain, etc. - but he couldn't make the band! Good Luck, Dicky! When you get back Harry will make you Conductor of the Berman Family Orchestra!

We are happy to report that Howard Padowitz, who was never able to attend a Berman Family meeting because of his travelling work with M. G. M. (but whose thoughts were always with us, and made a handsome contribution to our treasury) will now get some pleasure out of the Family as he is in New Haven. We think he quit M. G. M. because he was missing too much in the Family! Welcome, Howard!

Starting with this issue, we will delete the birthday and anniversary dates from the Announcer. You will continue to receive greetings from our Secretary. (anyhow, the typists are tired!)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Twenty-five years of marriage is something to shout about! And we are shouting congratulations to two pair who have celebrated this happy event: Gert and Harry Berman, and Celia and Charlie Byer. What makes these four so remarkable, is that they have been married and happy for twenty-five years. Their formula for the next twenty-five will be made public in our next edition!

Congratulations to Sonny Berman! He is in the Floor Covering business, known as The New England Flooring and Wall Tile Company, State Street, New Haven. Every Berman should get to work and tear up their new or old linoleum and rugs, because the more laying Sonny does, the better he likes it!

To ~~Judith~~ Judy Berman, who entered Syracuse University;

To Barbara Byer, who is a freshman at University of Connecticut;

To Dr. Sidney Berman, who has been appointed as (get this) Assistant Chief of Psychiatric Service, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology of the Yale Medical School, serving at Newington Veteran's Hospital. WOW! Arthur Berman (embryonic doctor) spent six weeks at Newington Hospital as part of his medical training, and was a big help to Sidney!

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To Martha and Milton Berman, upon the birth of a son, Mark Robinson, on Sunday, October 7, 1951.

To Billie and Sidney Berman, upon the birth of a daughter, Leslie Jane, on October 15th, 1951.

To Ruth and Sidney Harris. They are in their new home at 25 Ria Drive, White Plains, New York.

If we have omitted any news or congratulations, it is because we don't know about it! Please send (or phone) any and every item to Mildred Feinberg, Editor-In-Chief, 132 McKinley Avenue, New Haven. Remember - the Family is interested in everthing pertaining to everybody!

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1952

7:00 P. M.

Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol
George & Dwight Streets
New Haven, Connecticut

MRS. EVA WELLA ND, CATERER

- ✓ Hors d'Oeuvres Plate
- ✓ Pineapple
Grapefruit Surprise
- ✓ Traditional Eggs and Salt Water
- Gefelta Fish
- ✓ Vegetables - Horseradish
- ✓ Chicken Soup - Matzo Balls
- ✓ Sliced Turkey
- ✓ Sweet Potato and Prune Tzimas
- ✓ Liver ^{and Potatoes} Knishes
- ✓ Green Vegetable - (Potato Kugel)
- ✓ Compote Fruits
- ✓ Sponge Cake with Strawberry Whip
- ✓ Egg Matzos ✓ Wine ✓ Tea ✓ Demi Tasse
- ✓ Buffet Table: Cake ✓ Cookies ✓ Tea ✓ Demi Tasse

Please return the enclosed reservation card with check before March 15th.
The cost will be \$6.00 per adult. Again, as last year, every unmarried child will attend the Seder at no cost to his parents.

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This year, the Seder will be conducted in a more traditional and significant manner than in former years, without sacrificing the unity and gaiety we have come to expect from our Seders. Hesse Doff and her committee, Bernice Russian and Gert Berman are in charge of the dinner arrangements, and elegant they are!

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Ben Sprafkin, a master at anything, will be Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Elders David Russian and Meyer Berman will officiate, with Tante Bailya right next to them to keep them in line.

The crux of the service, the Four Questions, will be asked by:

- Arlair Levine - 1st question
- Jessie Berman - 2nd question
- Billy Heller - 3rd question
- Gilbert Rebhan - 4th question

The Berman Family Orchestra, Harry Berman, conducting, will play for dancing and listening. Musicians: Don't forget your instruments.

A riotous program is being planned by Chairman Senny Berman and his committee, Sidney Rhein and George Heller. Need more be said? ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

NEWS

Dues is not news, but this is as good a place as any to mention them. If you have not already paid them, please do so - pronto!

Here is news that we are happy to report: Uncle Meyer is completely recovered from his operation. He had everyone anxious there for a while, but now he is as good new.

Ben Sprafkin has done it again. He appeared on a Philadelphia radio program as an expert, together with Dr. Stanley Conrad, Psychiatrist, and Dr. Roy K. Marshall, Educator, to discuss a social problem which was presented by a drama preceding the discussion, starring Geraldine Fitzgerald.

Eugene Berman was graduated from Boston University Law School. The Army gave him just enough time to take his Bar Examination before they took him. He is now in Officers Candidate School.

Dickie Dyer is having a fine time in the army - seeing Europe and having a wonderful time - free!

Helen Rhein is taking organ lessons, and has the job as organist waiting for her in Temple Kesser Israel. Sidney Rhein has organized an orchestra among the young people of that Temple. (No one can sing a note in that place, unless the Rhein bosses say so!)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

There are many wonderful things about the children in our Family, which should be mentioned and shared. We will devote a corner to them in each edition, starting with this one. Tell us what your children are doing - socially, musically, artistically,

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their hobbies, their achievements, their humor. They will love reading about themselves and their cousins!

Cyvia Russian, who is Editor-in-Chief of the Day School Star, also is an actress! She had a good part in the play "Twelfth Night" presented by the School.

Judy Berman (Syracuse University) has taken up skiing, and is training for the Olympics. (OLYMPICS! Naw, we're only kidding. She just likes it!)

Bobby Berman, a senior in high school, and President of the Human Relations Club at Hillhouse (in which capacity he addressed an assembly of the entire school student body), is working after school hours in the Polio Research Clinic of the Yale Medical School. How about that?

Billy Rhein plays the bass fiddle with the Johnson Little Symphony. (His father's shoes almost fit!) During the absence due to illness of Yale Chussil, Music teacher at Troup Junior High School, Billy conducted the Troup Orchestra. He also spoke before five hundred 9th grade students about the Bass fiddle.

Susan Russian wrote and gave the Sermon at a Saturday morning service at B'nai Jacob Synagogue. (See what we mean? The Berman children can do anything!)

Mondy makes a good hobby! Jane Levin has a coin collection that practically gives the history of this Country, and places her in an enviable numismatic position. If you have any old coins or bills, bring them to her, and she will tell you how rare or how valuable they are!

(Send your Children's Corner items to any one of the editors.)

OUR NEW OFFICERS!

We are very proud to present the new officers of our Family Group, who were belatedly elected and installed at our October meeting:

- LEWIS BERMAN - President
- CHA BLES BYER - Vice President
- BERNICE MIN BERMAN - Treasurer
- EDITH BERMAN - Recording Secretary
- CELIA BYER - Corresponding Secretary

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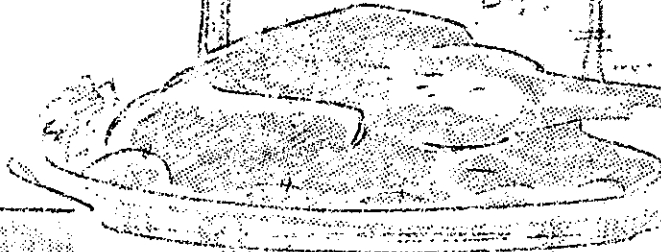
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 - CHICKEN SOUP — MATZO BALLS
 - SLICED TURKEY
 - SWEET POTATO, PRUNE TIMAS
 - LIVER AND POTATO KNISHES
 - GREEN VEGETABLES
 - COMPOTE FRUITS
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 - Egg Wine Tea
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THE BERMAN FAMILY SEDER...Monday, March 30th, 1953.....7:00 P.M.

Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol
George & Dwight Streets
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- MRS. EVA WELLAND, CATERER-

Besse (Elsa Maxwell) Doff is again in charge of the Seder arrangements. We all remember how elegant the Seder was last year, and we are looking forward to an equally beautiful, inspiring, and "delicious Evening. This makes Besse our official party hostess.

Sonny Berman will be Master of Ceremonies for the evening. In our organization Vice Presidents work! As a matter of fact, President Charles Byer is vacationing in Florida for two weeks, and left Sonny in charge as acting President, to take care of all our important family business. (Huh?)

Every person who plays a musical instrument is a member of the Berman Family Orchestra. Please be at the synagogue with your instrument at 6:45 P.M.

ATTENTION: Please return the enclosed reservation card with check BEFORE March 10th. The cost will be \$6.00 per adult. Again, as in previous years, every unmarried child will attend the Seder at no cost to his parents.

Editorial: MONEY

As in former years, our unmarried children's dinners at the Seder, are paid for by the treasury. Our dues, which constitute the monies in our treasury, makes this possible. Therefore, it is imperative that these dues be paid before the Seder. Unfortunately, due to our having had only one meeting, many of our members have not paid their dues, which were due in September. As you know, our treasurer is Benjamin Berman, 132 McKinley Avenue, New Haven. In addition, your \$6.00 for the Seder is due at this time. Please use enclosed stamped envelope.

Vacation Special

Dora and Lou Padowitz just returned from Florida.

Sam Levin spent his vacation in Florida and Cuba.

Dick Byer's vacation in the Army is over (and we do mean Vacation!). He's home for good! That is why Charlie Byer is in Florida Now.

Bernice and Herman Russian, and Nat and Sid Rebhun, Susan Russian and Mildred Fahnberg, spent several days at the Laurels, upstate New York. Winter sports, you know!

Dora and Ben Sprafkin are in Florida for business and pleasure, where Ben is attending one of his many important conferences.

Ze! Gezunt!!!

Tante Bailia is back at home after spending two weeks at the Byer Convalescent Home. She had a phlebitis attack, but in her usual manner of taking charge of the situation, she took care of this one in short order. As we all know, her favorite expression where sickness is concerned is, "Ah chalaria zull dos chappen"-- and it usually does!

Judy Rhein is out of bed, on her feet, and out of doors again, after being in bed for almost seven months. This is wonderful news to all of us!

AUF WEDERSEHN

Leila and Harold Shulman are moving to San Diego, California. We wish them good health and good fortune in all their endeavors and in their new surroundings.

Our New Officers

After a heated campaign, a rousing riot, and a stuffed ballot, we elected our new officers for the year. They are as follows:

- Charles "Ike" Byer.....President
- Sonny "Sachmo" Berman.....Vice-President
- Benjamin "Fingers" Berman.....Treasurer
- Mildred "Moneybags" Berman.....Assistant Treasurer
- Edythe "Monroe" Berman.....Recording Secretary
- Celia "Stitches" Byer.....Corresponding Secretary

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Meeting Date: Sunday, June 28th
Time: 2:00 P. M.
Place: Vestry of Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol
George & Dwight Streets, New Haven

Uncle "Dovid" Russian is reaching eighty years of age, and in celebration is sponsoring this meeting. Happy Birthday!

And a very Happy Birthday to Kenneth Berman, whose Bar Mitzvah will take place ^{the day before} in Stamford on Saturday, June 27th. A week-end of Partying!

We are just bursting with happy news! Here goes:

CONGRATULATIONS!

Pauline and Sherman Padowitz rang the bell with a baby girl, Phyllis Jean, born on May 18th. She is the beauty we expect of our Berman babies.

We have met Carol Marks, Eugene Berman's fiancée, and she has conquered us! We warmly welcome her into the Family.

Gus Berman, president of the Yale Clothing Company, Springfield, was notified by the Brand Names Foundation, that his store was accorded a high honor in being named one of the 25 leading men's wear stores in the nation. These awards were presented at a banquet held in New York. (If the award had been given for the best bar in any clothing store, he would have eliminated the other 24!)

Bernice and Herman Russian are sailing for Europe on July 30th, for a two month visit on the continent. Bon Voyage, and "Kum gezunterhait!"

Samuel Berman received a scholarship to Yale University. This is a singular honor, and we are as proud as Morris must be. A hearty pat-on-the-back to both of them!

Joyce Barkan Furman was graduated from Brooklyn College, and is now a full-fledged teacher. (The pretty kind we wish we had when we were kids!)

Barbara Byer was "capped" at the University of Connecticut, which now gives her the privilege of carrying a bed-pan with a hat on!

"Doctor" Arthur Berman is being graduated from Yale Medical School. This is a special simcha which we are so happy to share with Gert and Harry.

EDITORIAL

As we have been composing this edition, we have been noting with great pride and awe, the achievements of the members of our family. They have distinguished themselves scholastically, socially, in the world of business, and in the arts. It is not usual that in any one family there should be so many who have accomplished so much. Our children are the prettiest, our young people are the smartest, and our parents are the cleverest to have produced the children and the young people about whom we are talking. We're One Hellova Family!

With the memory of the Seder still fresh in our minds, we must repeat what we have heard from so many of the Family: "Wasn't it Wonderful!" The glow from this one, will carry over to the next, and the next, the Seder being the event we all look forward to so eagerly.

We note with regret the passing of Nat Barkan's mother. Our sincere sympathies to Nat and Bess.

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The Editors are back to pounding their own typewriters. We hope the past few issues which Howard Padowitz so graciously mimeographed for us, have not spoiled you to the extent that you expect neat, correctly spelled, artistic Berman Announcers. If this is so, we, the Editors, cordially invite you to do them yourselves! Howard is no longer in a position to do them for us, but we do thank him again for all he has done in the past.

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Meeting Date: Sunday, October 24, 1954
 Time: 2:00 P. M.
 Place: Vestry of Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol
 George & Dwight Streets, New Haven

The Editors are back in business! We have so much to say and catch up with, that we will begin at once, and offer no explanation as to why no paper has been issued since June, 1953. However, we think this issue is a whopper, and will reward you for your patience!

There will be election and installation of officers at this meeting. Be prepared to nominate and bring into office your favorite Berman Sons and Daughters. We will change our allegiance, and place our outgoing officers into our active Hall of Fame.

First in importance of "news" of course, are the "new" members in our Family. We announce with great excitement the following births:

To Janet and Yale Chussil, a son, Mark, on September 14, 1953.

To Martha and Milton Berman, a daughter, Meredith, on November 5, 1953.

To Edith and Samuel Berman, by adoption, a daughter, Sue Ellen, Jan. 29, 1954.

To Rosalind and Arnold Berman, a son, Mark Gerald, on May 5, 1954.

To Ruth and Sidney Harris, a daughter, Susan Joan, on June 7, 1954.

To Joyce and Marvin Furman, a son, Michael Roy, on August 6, 1954.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Eugene and Carol Marks Berman, and to Howard and Patricia Marks Padowitz, on their marriages. We heartily welcome Carol and Patty into the Family.

We are so happy to bring you up to date on our "young people", and the wonderful and important things that have been happening to them:

Reva Sprafkin has entered Connecticut College for Women, New London.

Billy Berman is a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Billy Rhein, who is fourteen years old, took an audition with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, and was accepted! He has the distinction of being the youngest member the Orchestra has ever had, and one of the most talented. He plays the bass, and plays it extremely well.

Arthur Levine was Bar Mitzvah in March, 1954.

Alan Heller was Bar Mitzvah in May, 1954.

Cyvia Russian spent a very exciting summer in Europe on a student tour.

David Berman was graduated from Yale in June, and is now in the Armed Service of the United States.

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Dr. Arthur Berman, who has been shoulder-tapped by the United States Navy, is serving his Residency at Philadelphia General Hospital until his orders arrive. His talents are many. He received quite an ovation at the finale of the musical show presented by the doctors and nurses of the hospital. In a most professional manner, he composed all the music for the show, directed the production of it, and conducted the orchestra, all this in addition to the work and demands made upon an intern. (If he can't cure his patients, he'll charm them with music!)

While we are on this subject, we want Janet Chussil to know how happy we are that she is fully recovered from her gall bladder operation.

And before we leave the subject, Barbara Byer, University of Connecticut student nurse at New Haven Hospital, reports that little Phyllis Padowitz won the hearts of all the nurses and doctors there, with her charm and friendliness. They even took snapshots and movies of her! (P. S. After a few very anxious days, the pin which she had swallowed was removed without surgery.)

Arnold and Ros Berman will soon be moving into their new home at 80 Barnett Street. We wish them a great deal of happiness, and may all their mortgages be little ones!

Dora and Lou Padowitz are now permanent residents of Florida. Their address is: 7130 Carlyle Avenue, Miami Beach.

Aunt Jennie recently returned from visiting Max and Ruth in California. We call her the "Flying Berman". These periodic air flights to California are quite casual with her!

Speaking of our traveling relatives, Ben and Dora Sprafkin have hit the road again! This time to California. Ben was honored again by being chosen to represent the East at a national conference in California, at which time he presented a very important paper. Lil Berman's family who live in California, were overwhelmingly gracious and hospitable, and made Dora feel like a queen!

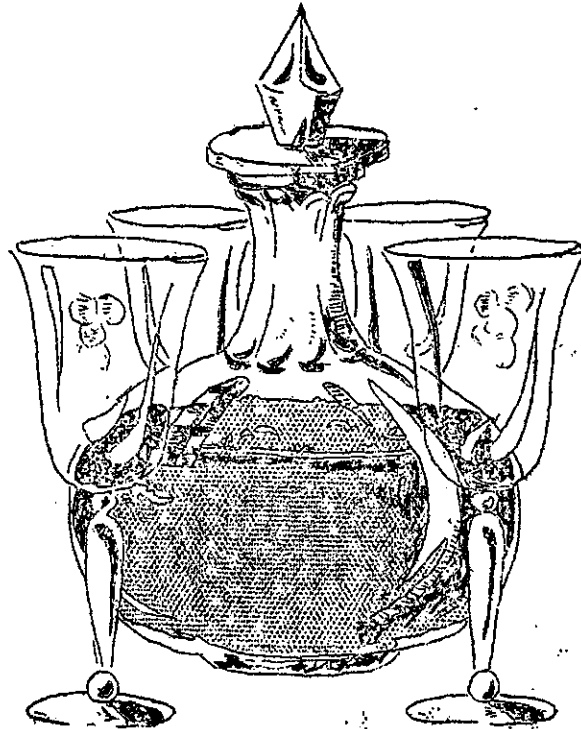
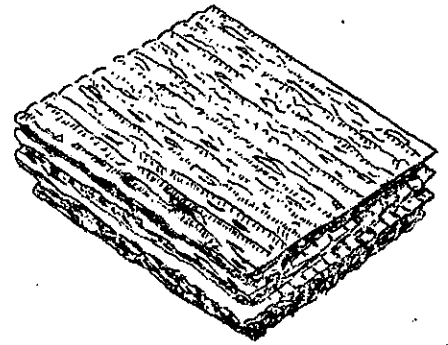
We have mentioned our people who went to California to visit. We now welcome from California Leila and Harold Shulman, who are going to make their home in New Haven. We are most eager to see them and their daughters.

Sherman and Pauline Padowitz are in their new home at 463 Painter Avenue, West Haven. This would be just a routine announcement if it weren't for the remarkable fact that Sherman built this house himself! It is a handsome five room, ranch house, completely modern and convenient.

Our octogenarians, Uncle David Russian and Uncle Meyer Berman, are residents at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 169 Davenport Avenue. It is their "Roney Plaza", and their wonderful looks and excellent spirits, attest to the comfort and companionship they are receiving there.

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Adele Berman's mother. Our sincere sympathies to Adele and Gus.

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