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#### Leila Jean Berman Schulman, 1927-2009

Leila (Lee) Jean Berman Schulman (Chonon Berman; Chana Esther Berman) died "finished her life's journey" around 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009. The funeral was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22 followed by internment.

Leila is survived by her husband Harold to whom she had been married for over 60 years. They most recently lived in Midlothian, Virginia. We are informed that Hal is planning to move in with his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie & Mike Doernberg, 9601 Haveridge Court, Midlothian, VA 23112 (Tel: 804-639-1808, e-mail: huskyfan851@verizon.net).

In addition to her husband, Hal, and daughter and son-in-law Mike Doernberg, she is survived by her daughter Marcy and her husband Mac Johnson of 3210 Links Manor Drive, Salem, VA 24153 (Tel: 540-375-4823, e-mail: <a href="marcyjohnson49@g-mail.com">marcyjohnson49@g-mail.com</a>) and daughter Karen and her husband John Cross, 5616 Burberry Court, Glen Allen, VA 23059 (Tel: 804-360-9528, e-mail: <a href="mailto:kcross212@aol.com">kcross212@aol.com</a>) and their respective children.

Leila was the brother of Sam Lear Berman and the aunt of Sue Zamkow.

It would be appropriate to contact the members of the family to extend condolences.

As Mac stated in his notification of the family, "Lee's life provides each of us an opportunity to reflect on our own lives and mortality." Reflection highlights the importance of family.

#### <u>LITTLE KNOWN BERMAN (MISHOLOV) FAMILY HISTORY</u>

It is, perhaps, not well remembered by the descendants of Chana Esther and Meir "Berman", that Chana Esther, the daughter of Chonon & Khasia Berman, and Meir were married in what was then Russia (now Belarus or, perhaps Lithuania) prior to their emigrating to the United States. Because they could not spell Meir's family name, "Misholovitz", "Misholovski" or "Mishelov" when they arrived at Ellis Island, the immigration officer asked Chana Esther her maiden name and the name "Berman" was assigned as the family name of the new, immigrant couple…and to their descendants unto the generations…or marriages, whichever came first.

Chana Ester was born on July 15, 1874. We will soon mark the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth. She was the oldest of the children of Chonon and Chasia Berman.

#### **HELP!** We need up-to-date e-mail addresses.

Because members of The Berman Family, like all others, moves and change e-mail carriers and addresses, we find that each time we send an electronic mailing we receive returns indicating that some of our "mailings" have gone undelivered. Our Subscription Department urgently requests that you notify us as to any changes of addresses....mailing and/or e-mail...to assure that our records are kept current.

Specifically, we need your help in determining the present e-mail addresses of the following family members to whom e-mailings have been returned:

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Allen Mr. & Mrs. Eric Evans Harry Fein Jacob B. Harris Dawn Hertzman Seth I. Morgan Jeffrey Padowitz Mr. & Mrs. Bret Rebhun Joel Rebhun Roberta Rebhun And we continue to seek the e-mail addresses of the members of the Padowitz family:

Jennifer McGary
Jessica Padowitz Meloche
Carl Padowitz
David "Lou" Conrad Padowitz
Glenn Padowitz
Janet (Mrs. Howard) Padowitz
Peter Padowitz
Phyllis Padowitz
Carol (Mrs. Sherman) Padowitz
Melissa Padowitz Trail Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell R. Palmer
Kelly Nicole Robinson

Any help that you can provide in obtaining these e-mail addresses will be appreciated very much.

## AN UPDATE ON THE FAMILY MATRIARCH

Jane Mallow has written requesting that we advise everyone that her mother, Francis Levin, is 96 (will be 97 on August 2<sup>nd</sup>), and is proud to know that she is The Berman Family Matriarch. Jane provides Francis with copies of *The Berman Family Announcer* to which she looks forward.

Jane reports from Miami, Florida:

"Francis lives in the Jewish Home and Hospital Assisted living, but actually needs very little assistance. She is in very good health and knows more about world affairs than I do because she watches a lot of CNN. She goes to the Ballet and Opera in season, and has a new fondness for playing Bingo. My brother and I visit her at least twice a week. She recently resigned from Secretary of her Tenants Association, but is still Vice-President of the Sisterhood. She no longer paints, but she, Bruce, I, and my children all enjoy her paintings in our homes. One of her drawings done at Southern Connecticut State College has been published."

### Please keep us informed as to your family news.

Thanks to those who continue to report news of their families. Please continue to provide us with current contact information, life cycle events and just plain news about you and your family.

Awaiting the next edition of The Berman Family Announcer, we take the opportunity to report that **Heather & Brian Bowes** (Chonon Berman/Golda Russian/Frances Levin/Janet Mallow) have moved to 180 East End Avenue, Apt. 15 B, New York, NY 10128. Their children, **Connor** (2002) was adopted from Kazakhstan and **Harmony** (2006) from China and that...

Meredith Yoeli (Chonon Berman/Gus Berman/Milton Berman) is still teaching at Norwalk (Conn) Community College, that she and husband Dr. Gideon have rented "a small apartment" in New York to cut down on the number of days that he commutes to New York from Pound Ridge where they live. Their daughter Ali has graduated from the University of New Hampshire with honors and and has been accepted into Boston University's School of Social Work for their advanced standing program through which she will earn her Masters in Social Work in 12 months rather than in two academic years. Their son, **Max**, who just completed his freshman year at Dartmouth, will be "going on his own Jewish heritage trip" this summer, and that...

Alex and Zacharey Nemtzow, the twin sons of Caren (Chonon Berman/Gus Berman/Eugene Berman) & Andrew Nemtzow, Have completed their freshman years at Commonwealth College at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA, will participate in a Heritage Tour to Israel before beginning a summer internship in the Law Department of Bose, the speaker company in Framingham, MA.