

The Year in Retrospect

Fifty Years Ago Today

by Roberta Rose Wallach, '53

Thursday, May 29, 2003, was the day of the Seventy-eighth Commencement of Brooklyn College and the Fiftieth Reunion of the Class of 1953. I don't know how we pulled it off, but I think May 29 was the only day in May or June when it did not rain and the weather was sunny and cool. And Brooklyn College certainly knows how to honor its fiftieth-year graduates by celebrating the occasion on Commencement Day. There you are, marching on the Quad in your flowing gold gown and cap across the most beautiful campus in the country, as noted in the Princeton Review's ranking of about 350 colleges in 2003, right down that center aisle, past row after row of 2003 graduates in burgundy or black robes, cheering and applauding, a stand-up ovation! I'm not sure if I walked or floated to the front row seats and the podium carrying the BC banner with Arlene Lichterman. It was a surreal experience. I was especially honored that President Kimmich had asked me to speak as the representative of the Class of 1953, and thrilled that my husband and four children could be present that day. I am proud to say that all four children are also Brooklyn College graduates.

There were no fiftieth-year graduates to march across that Quadrangle in 1953 because Brooklyn College was then only twenty-three years old. But I guess we all felt a little like Sir Edmund Hillary, who made headlines in the *New York Times* on our graduation day, June 14, 1953, by becoming the first to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. Commencement was our Mt. Everest.

In 1949 most of us were the children of immigrants working part time during college for the minimum wage, \$1.35 an hour. We came from Brownsville, East New York, Canarsie, Coney Island, Sheepshead Bay, Brighton Beach, Borough Park, Midwood, East Flatbush, Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Bushwick, Williamsburg, Crown Heights, Windsor Terrace, and even from that distant land, the Bronx. We rode the trolley and buses to get to BC. We studied on the IRT and BMT. We attended public high schools, not private schools. But we must have been doing something right. Our class turned out 184 teachers and guidance counselors; fifty-eight college professors and administrators; twenty-six principals, supervisors, and superintendents; sixteen librarians; forty-two lawyers; forty-seven doctors and dentists; twenty-two writers, editors, publishers, artists, poets, musicians, and actors; six physicists; six biochemists; ten state legislators; seventy-nine

business executives, owners, and managers; and five clergymen. And that's just from the database records we have. There were also judges, geologists, accountants, architects, engineers, designers, social workers, nurses, therapists, actuaries, pharmacists, and even one farmer, specializing in livestock breeding. What course did he take?

We enjoyed the camaraderie of house-plans, sororities, fraternities, and clubs. Some friendships have endured for sixty-five years, as have mine with Helen Marcus Daniels and Shirley Eisenberg Swidler. Some friendships have held fast for fifty years—Betty Antonoff Arfin and Elaine Feldman Adler, for instance.

Commencement Day began with a wonderful breakfast in the Georgian Room, a time for bagels, hugs, cheers, and even some tears. Then there was the class picture taken on the steps of the New Ingersoll and lining up for the traditional walk. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer and Borough President Marty Markowitz, '70, were there to greet us at Commencement. At a luncheon that followed, in the Gold Room at SUBO, we were greeted by President Christoph Kimmich. I offered greetings, too, as president of the BCAA. Everyone got a great Fiftieth Reunion gold T-shirt and a fabulous, unique *Reunion Journal*. And what a *Reunion Journal* Committee that was: Arlene Lichterman and Marilyn Sarhis, cochairs;

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Florence Miller Bernstein, Mina Leibowitz Herman, Leanora B. Katzman, Joan Cooper Mirrer, Estelle Broome Schaffer, Malcolm M. Sellinger, and myself. What a *Journal* we produced, spectacular from cover to cover, including highlights from *The Kingsman* and *Calling Card* from our student days, photos from our previous reunions, and other articles and memorabilia.

The reunion supper on Wednesday evening—which featured the slide show “Brooklyn: The Way It Was,” narrated by BCAA board member Ron Schweiger, ’70, official borough of Brooklyn historian—was a warm-up and prelude to the incomparable sheer joy of Thursday.

We received rave reviews of the reunion from Dolores Rosenbluth, Priscilla Lipton Lewis, Helen Marcus Daniels, Sydelle Flaxberg Hirsch, Leanora Katzman, Janet Sider Kleinman, Arlene Lichterman, Alice Ruth Friedman Alter, and Myrna Macowitz Egeth. To those who have not yet experienced their fiftieth, I can only say that I wish you the good health and good fortune to be able to reach that glorious milestone and emotional high and share it with your dear family and friends.

Alumni Association Gala Reunion, 2003

by Agnes Ford, ’69

On October 25, 2003, the evening of the Gala, the Water Club looked especially beautiful. The ships sailed on the East River and Brooklyn sparkled across the water. The Alumnus-of-the-Year Award was presented to Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, ’70, who describes himself as the “best

defender, and most enthusiastic cheerleader that Brooklyn has ever had.” The Alumna-of-the-Year Award was presented to Mary McWilliams, ’49, who interrupted her college years with a tour in the Women’s Reserve of the Coast Guard and a job with the FBI. She taught from 1950 to 1975 and now is an activist for senior citizens.

All of us enjoyed the dinner, wine, music, and dancing. Roberta Rose Wallach, ’53, president of the BCAA, acted as emcee. She took us on a trip down memory lane to the Brooklyn and the College we knew so well. She reminisced about the Fox and the Paramount, the Pitkin, the Oriental, dining at Dubrow’s, Garfield’s, Wolfie’s, shopping on Fulton Street at Mays, A & S, and Russeks, and waiting for the Good Humor Man, Dugan’s and the Bungalow Bar. She spoke of the many memorable performances at BC by Yehudi Menuhin, Satchmo, Simon and Garfunkel, Morty Gunty, Sam Levenson, and Dame Judith Anderson.

If you missed this wonderful event, be sure to mark your calendar for October 16, 2004, when “Tracks to Brooklyn” marks the New York City subway centennial as we honor the alumnus and alumna of the year. Join us then at Tavern on the Green for the next annual reunion celebration.

Errata in the spring 2003 newsletter

- * Professor Sam Leiter has two children, not three.
- * Dominic Chianese was Professor Leiter’s classmate, not his student.
- * Marilyn Friedman Antelis, ’52, is divorced, not widowed.

BCAA Levenson Awards Presented

by Samuel Rabinoff, ’49

Sam Levenson, originally a Spanish teacher at Tilden High School, left the classroom to become a television comedian. One of his popular monologues focused on a bar mitzvah boy. The thirteen-year-old, overwhelmed by the large number of writing implements he received, began the traditional speech, “Today, I am a fountain pen.” While fountain pens have since diminished in popularity, the importance of education has not.

Every year, the Alumni Association gives three \$2,000 awards to students who have contributed to campus and community life and/or the performing arts. The awards are in honor of Sam, ’34, and his wife, Esther Levine Levenson, ’34, and are presented at the BCAA Annual Meeting, which is held on Alumni College Day and is open to all alumni. The recipients invariably represent the diversity and caliber of the BC student body. The 2003 winners are outstanding.

Darnel John, ’04, fascinated by media since his childhood, worked as a production assistant at a television station in St. Lucia before arriving in the United States in 2001. This experience influenced him to pursue a B.A. in film production. Darnel wants to help express the “rich texture of the Caribbean voice.” He is a member of the Honors Academy and has served as president of the Brooklyn College Student Film Society.

Desi A. Moreno-Penson, M.F.A. ’04, began studying drama at fifteen. She

pursued her passion at the Greer Garson Theatre Center; College of Santa Fe, New Mexico, earning her B.F.A. in theater and acting. She then studied in London and in June received an M.F.A. in dramaturgy and theater criticism from Brooklyn College. Desi feels "that multiculturalism is the future for American theater" and has founded an ensemble, Daddy Bear and Company, Inc., on that principle. Through an English Department honors program, Desi will return to England for independent study.

Edward M. Rebenwurz, '04, is a student who is justifiably confident of his ability to excel. Though working toward a degree in computational math, Edward plans to practice law. Besides his full schedule at BC, he is also enrolled as a full-time Yeshiva student in Talmudic studies. He participates in student government, is an editorial assistant for a student newspaper, and volunteers at his synagogue and a local hospital.

The Levenson Awards, funded by special campaigns in the past, are sustained now by alumni. All who wish to donate may earmark their tax-deductible contributions, payable to the Brooklyn College Foundation, by designating a specific dollar amount for the Levenson Awards. If you don't own a fountain pen, a ballpoint will suffice to write the check.

Alumni College Day, May 2, 2004

Freedom of Speech and the Media

by Marilyn Levy Sarhis, '53
Midspring, the BC campus was lush. We anticipated Alumni College Day



Alumni College Day, left to right: President Christoph M. Kimmich, Ella Friedman Weiss, '62, Antonia Yuille Williams, Bill Baird, '55, Roberta Rose Wallach, '53, Agnes Ford, '69, Hal Schaffer, '56.

with excitement. Instead of the traditional concurrent sessions, we had organized a forum to address a single topic of great concern, "Freedom of Speech and the Media." The day began with an elegant reception hosted by President Christoph M. Kimmich, followed by a luncheon at which the 2004 Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented to Bill Baird, '55, and Ella Friedman Weiss, '62.

Bill Baird, director of the Pro Choice League, has been a leading advocate for reproductive freedom since 1963. He is the only person not admitted to the bar to win three U.S. Supreme Court cases, which legalized birth control for single women and allowed minors to obtain abortions without parental approval. He has spoken on college campuses, appeared on television, and won many honors. He has also received hate mail, death threats, and was once sentenced to three months in prison for promoting birth control. Nonetheless, Mr. Baird carries on the fight to uphold women's rights. Hal

Schaffer, '56, member of the BCAA Board of Directors, presented the award.

Ella Friedman Weiss, a former schoolteacher, began her career at BC as director of community relations and audience development at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College (BCBC). From 1985 to 1994, she was the executive director of the College's Office of Alumni Affairs. From 1994 to 1998, she was assistant vice-president for college relations. She remains on the boards of BCBC and BCAA. A founding member of the Flatbush Development Corporation, she chaired its Fundraising and Special Events Committee for nearly twenty years and has been vice-president since 1986. In 1998 Weiss became the consulting director of the Brooklyn Arts Council, serving as the council president since June 2000. Antonia Yuille Williams, director of public affairs, Brooklyn-Queens Electric Operations, Con Edison, presented the award.

The awards ceremony concluded with the presentation of the Jerome S.

Milgram Award for outstanding service to BCAA to Hal Schaffer, '56, former president and past membership chairperson of the BCAA Palm Beach Chapter and current BCAA board member. Agnes Ford, '69, vice-president of the BCAA Board of Directors, presented the award.

"Freedom of Speech and the Media," the afternoon session, treated a topic vital to our democracy. A distinguished panel debated such issues as how political and business interests influence news stories. Moderator Paul Moses, '75, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and the former city editor of *New York Newsday*, is currently an associate professor of English at Brooklyn College. On the panel were Pro Choice League Director Bill Baird, '55; Herb Dorfman, '51, a former news producer for CBS, NBC, and ABC; *New York Post* Brooklyn Bureau Chief Gersh Kuntzman; George Arzt Communications Senior Vice-President Bob Liff, '70, a former reporter and columnist for *New York Newsday* and *New York Daily News*; and Howard Reed, '48, a retired group vice-president of Cox Broadcasting Corporation and Hearst Business Media.

One conclusion drawn was that we must hold the media to the highest standards of integrity and diversity since we depend on them to provide reliable information and champion First Amendment rights.

The day closed with the Annual Meeting, featuring the Annual Report, given by BCAA President Roberta Rose Wallach, '53, and the presentation of the Sam, '34, and Esther Levine Levenson, '34, Awards.

Chapters and Affiliates

by Roberta Rose Wallach, '53

This column highlights chapter and affiliate activities of the past year. It also lists people whom you may contact for information about future events in your region.

Atlanta Chapter Dick Sobel, '51, (770) 410-9117.

Broward-Dade Chapter Alumni of 70s and later luncheon; afternoon in Hollywood; scholarship luncheon and others; planetarium tour. Millie Bialeck Cohn, '43, (954) 925-6459, mmcohn@earthlink.net; or Diane Nadler Simon, '64, (954) 475-1638, arnoldsimon@msn.com.

Campus Chapter Cyclones baseball game at KeySpan Park in Coney Island; BC Library talk and tour; BC theater party; Regina Opera; UrbanGlass tour. Sam Rabinoff, '49, (718) 377-6133, bcaa-campus@att.net.

Central Florida Chapter Several luncheons. John Banaghan Sr., '57, (407) 339-9110, johnbanaghan@juno.com.

Long Island Chapter Westbury Gardens concert; jazz brunch; Greenwood Cemetery tour; slide show of old Brooklyn; theater party. Marsha Zirn Elowsky, '56, (516) 349-8821, or Claire Garfinkel Kerman, '56, (631) 367-2833, cbkerman@aol.com.

Manhattan Chapter Boat ride on the Hudson; jazz brunch. Arlene Lichterman, '53, (212) 988-9471, or Arnold Weiss, '54, (212) 319-4000.

New Mexico Chapter Holiday party. Barbara Rothman Vojta, '57, (505) 771-0143, barbvojta@aol.com.

Northern Metropolitan Chapter Financial seminar. Joan Tartell Stupler, '52, (914) 968-3530, joangeri@optonline.net.

Palm Beach Chapter Distinguished speakers luncheon and others. Hilda Werner Hainer, '49, (561) 738-6439 or (570) 775-6664, hildmar5250@aol.com.

Phoenix Chapter Luncheons. Jordan Richman, '55, (602) 256-2830, jrich@wmconnect.com.

San Diego Chapter Brunch, dinner. David Herskowitz, '61, (760) 942-5167, davidsh@sbcglobal.net.

San Francisco/Northern California Chapter CCNY/BC/Polytech picnic. Arnold Kaufman, '59, (650) 493-5287, arniek@flash.net.

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Southwest Brooklyn Chapter

Walking tour; BC basketball game; theater party; Picasso/Matisse discussion. Connie DiGeronimo, '92, (718) 951-5391, connie@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Tucson Chapter Invisible theater; social; theater party; casino adventure. Irma Schulman Sankman, '50, (520) 877-8283, irmsank@comcast.net.

Accountants Affiliate Edward Shoenthal, '67, (212) 807-8013, edwards@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

BAABC Annual scholarship reception, annual Clearinghouse Expo. Craig Collins, '98, (718) 342-5061, kingboot@hotmail.com. **Former Athletes Affiliate** Dinner in Florida. David Askinasi, '50, (516) 764-5102 or (561) 499-6601, coachA326@aol.com.

BC Managers for the Performing Arts Affiliate Neal Brilliant, '93, (718) 768-4937.

Brooklyn College Latino

Alumni Affiliate Reception. Barbara Pimentel, '96, (718) 926-7117, latinoalumniadvisorycommittee@yahoo.com.

Millennium Alumni Affiliate

Hokey karaoke night; game night. Stacey Backenroth, '02, (718) 951-5065, staceyb@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

School Psychology Alumni

Affiliate Cari Rose-Tomo, '97, (516) 781-9450, carirt@aol.com.



Spotlight on a Faculty Alumnus

Paul Moses, '75, Returns to Brooklyn College

by Helen Zegerman Schwimmer, '69

Associate Professor Paul Moses, the eminent moderator of the Alumni College Day panel on "Freedom of Speech and the Media," spent twenty-six years carving out an illustrious career in journalism that ultimately led to his triumphant return to his alma mater.

After graduating from BC in 1975 with a B.A. in psychology, Moses received his M.F.A. in English in 1978 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Then followed a stint as a reporter for the *Hudson Dispatch* of Union City, N.J. He moved on to the Associated Press and finally to *New York Newsday*, where he spent seventeen exciting years as reporter, religion writer, Brooklyn editor, and City editor.

He covered City Hall during the Koch and Giuliani administrations and the federal court trials of such well-known defendants at Bess Myerson, Leona Helmsley, and Imelda Marcos. The highlight of his career came in

1992 when Moses was the lead writer of the team that was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Reporting for their coverage of the 1991 Union Square Station fatal subway crash.

When BC made him an offer he couldn't refuse, the post of associate professor of English, he left *New York Newsday* in September 2001, after writing his final article, the story of the tragic attack on the World Trade Center.

Regarding the first amendment, Moses emphasizes that as a result of his career in the news media he believes "it's good for the public to know what's going on." He finds that students from other countries are always surprised by the freedom our media has. "The First Amendment is what makes our country different."

Moses and his wife, Maureen, a school nurse, live in Marine Park. Their twenty-four-year-old son, Matthew, also works in the media. Their twenty-year-old daughter, Caitlin, attends the University of Massachusetts.

Letters to the Editor

Who would believe that the *Alumni Newsletter* could bridge a fifty-year gap in seconds! Nevertheless, when Dr. Dennis Ribatsky, '68, saw Miss Rose, his first-grade teacher in 1953, in a newsletter photo, he knew he must contact her. On a very cold Saturday evening in January 2004, Dennis and his lovely wife, Carol, '68, drove two and a half hours from their home in Voorhees, N.J., to meet "Miss Rose" of the Class of 1953 and her husband for dinner in New York. Dennis came bearing a bouquet, a framed picture of the first-grade class, and his old report cards.

We talked for three and a half hours, and my only regret is that I did not give him more satisfactory and outstanding marks on his report cards.

—RRW, '53

...thank you for a most enjoyable alumni news (vol. 5, no. 1). Keep up the good work.

—Shirley (Gittel) Goldwag, '42

We were on a Tauck tour of Oregon this summer and discovered there were six Brooklyn College grads in our group: Rhoda Polakoff Nagler, '57; Les Nagler, '54; Marion Beitel Gold, '54; Greta Soberman Fischer, '54; and us. It is impossible to go anywhere without running into someone from Brooklyn College, which proves that BC folks are constantly on the go, even after retirement. You did a great job at the fiftieth reunion. Hope to see you at some future BC functions.

—Lillian Gulotta Knight, '53,
and George F. Knight, '53

October 25, 2003, was really a gala event. The setting was beautiful and the food was super. Best of all were the alums, gathered from so many classes, who were friendly and interesting. My husband, who did not go to Brooklyn College, also loved the Reunion. We'll be at the next Gala, wherever it is!

—Elaine Kurtzer, '42

Great meeting you at the October 25 Gala Brooklyn College Reunion. 'Twas a wonderful evening for my relatives, friends, and me. Many thanks to all who organized the party.

—Mary E. McWilliams, '49

...Many, many thanks to everyone on the committee for choosing me as one of the Levenson Award recipients. This

grant has given me the opportunity to finish my last year at Brooklyn College, and to make new friends within the BCAA. . . .

—Desi Moreno-Penson, M.F.A., '04

Former and Current Athletes Meet in Florida

by Jerome Tiegel, '50

The alumni meeting of former Brooklyn College athletes is an annual affair. In January eighty-four youthful souls convened at Benvenuto's Restaurant and Catering Hall in Boca Raton. Athletes from the College's early days were present. George Edelman played football from the late thirties into the forties. Sid Roth arrived ready to manage a team of retired basketball players, among them Norm Cole, Mike DiTomasso, Sid Finklestein, Sid Gerchick, Bernie Kirsner, Joe Post, Murray Rosenberg, Don Seigelaub, and Herman Teitler. We considered forming a football squad of "mature" guys, including Arven Aronin, Dave Askinasi, Boomie Bressler, George Edelman, Jerry Edwards, Joe Fallek, Al Fox, Wilbur

Are you a graduate of the Brooklyn College B.A.–M.D. Program? If you are and would like to add your name to our B.A.–M.D. alumni database, please contact Ken Miyano, associate professor and director of the B.A.–M.D. Program, by telephone, 718-951-4857, or via e-mail, kemiyano@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

In addition to your name, please indicate your address, date of graduation, and any professional or personal information you care to share. We would love to hear from you!

Grant, Al Krauser, Sy "Shimmy" Lebenger, and Marv Schrier. I could have caught Marty Silverman or Milt Sirota, both of whom looked ready to pitch.

It was wonderful to share the day with our spouses. Billie Gaglio—a talented swimmer herself—Joyce Hochhauser, and Terry Sonkin attended in honor of their departed husbands. Carol Schlanger Sirota, a gifted former athlete in her own right, and the wives of Jerry Abramowitz, Dave Askinasi, Stu Kessler, Mort Panzer, Irv Pincus, Howie Thompson, and many of the guys that I've already mentioned, my own darling, and others enjoyed the festivities.

The annual get-together is a wonderful way to maintain ties and renew memories. Our initial group of rock-and-sock footballers has expanded to include former players from every sport. Join us on January 25, 2005, for our next feast. If you would like more information, contact Dave Askinasi, (561) 499-6601; Boomie Bressler, (561) 369-0539; or Jerry Tiegel, (516) 433-4059.

Spotlight on a Chapter Palm Beach County

By Hal Schaffer, former chapter president, '56

In 1991 some venerable Palm Beach residents received an invitation to a meeting concerning the revival of their chapter. A feisty group assembled for the promised caucus. Those of us left standing agreed to give it our best shot. This bunch included a classics major; a physics major; a nurse; a lawyer; a naval engineer; a college dean, and several teachers, who unaccountably thought that I should be the president. After the others agreed to chair committees and

participate, I accepted. The biggest fight was over a motion to charge \$10 in annual dues. While most board members were skeptical, seed money was needed.

A modest program of three luncheon meetings—a kickoff, a distinguished speaker, and an annual meeting—plus a couple of dessert-discussions was planned. Within three years, the chapter was able to give \$500 to BC student scholarships.

Because of the creative programming that swells our ranks, the current \$15 yearly fee, income from our activities, and donations made through our registration process, the chapter, now in its thirteenth year, donates at least \$6,000 a year in scholarships.

This year we had four luncheon meetings and finished the year with a popular dessert-discussion that addressed the 2004 Election. Hillary Rodham Clinton wrote, “It takes a village to raise a child.” We believe that it takes an engaged core group, an exciting program, and a cooperative membership to revitalize a chapter:

News Flash: New Chapter

A First for New Jersey

Another branch was added to the BCAA family tree, which now spans the country. Alumni living in East/Central New Jersey are charter members of a new chapter organized on April 22, 2004, at the Library of The Chathams. It looks like it will be a great year for New Jersey alumni, chock-full of activities planned by this vibrant group. Call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (718) 951-5065, for more information.

Post-Fiftieth Luncheon and Awards Ceremony

by Alice Ginsberg Margolis, '43

On September 21, 2003, one of the most eagerly anticipated events on the BCAA calendar took place: the thirteenth annual Post-Fiftieth Luncheon and Awards Ceremony. This year's luncheon paid special tribute to the Classes of 1938, 1943, and 1948. In addition, six extraordinary members of the Class of 1933 celebrated their seventieth anniversary.

Roberta Rose Wallach, '53, BCAA president, spoke of her debt to and affection for Brooklyn College and of her great pride that her four children were also alums. President Christoph M. Kimmich gave a glowing report on the College's current status and its plans. Dr. Robert I. Goldberg, '41, a recipient of the 2002 Milton Fisher, '38, Second Harvest Award, presented the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Awards, with characteristic wit.

While offering the opportunity to renew friendships and make new acquaintances, the Post-Fiftieth Luncheon and Awards Ceremony acknowledges distinguished alumni, many of whom have achieved national and international acclaim in their chosen fields. This year nineteen were recognized with Lifetime Achievement Awards, including Maurice Bleifeld, Minerva Critchlow Bonds, and Robert R. Robertson from the Class of 1933. Beatrice Dubin Rose, '33, was awarded the Milton Fisher, '38, Second Harvest Award, which honors outstanding creative and/or philanthropic accomplishment. The award includes a

\$5,000 grant, which is presented to a Brooklyn College department of the recipient's choice. Rose, a published poet, directed the prize to future bards in the English Department.

Brooklyn College is “Family”

by Roberta Rose Wallach, '53

Attending Brooklyn College is a tradition carried on by generation after generation in many families. The romance doesn't stop there. Many couples meet at Brooklyn College as well. If you would like to see the BC alumni in your family listed in this column, send their names to the Office of Alumni Affairs. Please give us your name, too, and your street and e-mail addresses and telephone number. Contact Stacey Backenroth, '02, at the Office of Alumni Affairs, (718) 951-5065, or by e-mail, Staceyb@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Couples

Sheldon Blumengold, '75, and Marilyn Indig Blumengold, '75

Floyd F. Cumberbatch, '52, and Mary J. Williams Cumberbatch, '53

Michele Resnick Emmer, '72, and Michael Emmer, '70

Phil Fagin, '54, and Judith Benczer Fagin, '55

Donald Forman, '53, and Florence Sporn Forman, '53

Louis Moskowitz, '36, and Dorothy Deutsch Moskowitz, '62

Barry D. Shelkin, '55, and Agnes Mokarry Shelkin, '51

Sam Unterricht, '73, and

Alayne Finkelstein Unterricht, '73

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Hold the date, Saturday, October 16, 2004, for our exciting annual reunion at Tavern on the Green in Central Park. Our theme, "Tracks to Brooklyn," is in honor of the centennial of the New York City subway system. Major junctions will be the twenty-fifth reunion of the Class of 1979 and the fortieth reunion of the Class of 1964. Alumna- and Alumnus-of-the-Year Awards will be presented to Blu Genauer Greenberg, '57, and Justice Ira B. Harkavy, '51.

Blu Greenberg is a widely published author on the contemporary Jewish family, feminism, and orthodoxy. She is the cofounder and the first president of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance and has served on the boards of many organizations,

chairing countless committees. An advocate of interfaith and interethnic enterprises, she lectures at universities and in Jewish communities here and abroad.

The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy is a justice of the State of New York Supreme Court in Kings County and a respected legal scholar, one of the few among his peers to preside over civil, matrimonial, medical malpractice, and criminal parts. President of the BCAA from 1973 through 1983, Harkavy now serves as a board member. He was an active community leader when he was a partner in a Brooklyn-based law firm and is still involved in many local organizations. With twenty-two years on the bench, he continues to work to make Brooklyn even better.

Join us for this gala reunion as we honor our alumni and dine and dance under the stars at Tavern on the Green in Central Park.

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