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Leiz Isakow

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The DARK JEW with the white HEART arrived in South Africa in 1908 IN Cape Town aboard the Mail Ship, The Gascoyne. The journey from Southampton to Cape Town took three weeks at sea. Later in the story I will come to where Isaac got the name Mangit, which meant, “the Black Jew with the White heart”.

The cost of the journey was 10 guineas (one guinea being the sum of one english pound, a gold coin first coined for African trade). That entitled him to open birth accommodation meaning he slept on the deck and was allowed a certain amount of food. He was met by members of the Blumberg family, who were distantly related to the Isakow family, who put him on a train to Johannesburg. On arrival in Johannesburg he was taken to the Blumberg business in Robinson Deep where he started working for 8 pounds (sixteen dollars) for the first three months. He and other newcomers ate in the kitchen and slept on the counters. He then moved to Delmas which was 60 miles away where he worked in the concession store at Witklip for the Blumbergs.

This was a long, long way from the life that ISAAC was used to in LINKUVA, Lithuania. As a teenager growing up on a farm with the name of MAGACHAN with his parents, YEHUDA AND SORAH BASHA (Plein) and four siblings, ISRAEL, JACOB, YENTA, AND MEYRA.

LINKUVA, a small town in Northern Lithuania, situated near the river Musa, was known as an urban settlement since the sixteenth century. Its real development began only in 1915 when the Germans, during world war one, built a railroad close to the town. In 1883 a fire broke out in the town and burnt down the wooden synagogue which was not rebuilt. Prior to world war two, there were three hundred families living in LINKUVA. Their main income was as artisans and agriculture. In 1923, there were six hundred and twenty five Jews in LINKUVA.

ISAAC’S father, Yehuda, was on very good terms with the local Baron and was allowed to farm with flax, and he also had a fruit orchard. He planted wheat and used horses to plow the fields. ISAAC’S parents were traditionally religious and Yehuda had a beard that made him look very distinguished.

Isaac’s grandfather was known as LEIZER TURNOFF and for Lithuania, was relatively well off. He was the one who had befriended the Baron and was one of very few farmers in that part of Lithuania. Because of his influence, he became well known and very popular. As a result, many many members of the family were named after him. As we go along, I will point out how many family members were named LEIZER in the Isakowitz and Lurie families.

The reason Isaac left Lithuania was to avoid conscription into the Lithuanian and Russian armies. Many young people left to try and make their fortune in Africa. Many others left for the USA. These were difficult times for a young man all on his own in a strange country. He did not know the language and had very little money. As soon as he had collected a few pounds, he sent money back home to his parents.

ISAAC was unhappy working in the city. He and IDEL BLUMBERG decided to go and try farming on the Blumberg family farm in Devon East of Springs in the Transvaal. The farm was known as Goedehoop (Good Hope) and was just 2 miles outside Devon. They struggled to get going in the beginning. They traded in cattle and did barter deals with other farmers. They would swap potatoes for corn and that way would have seeds for the following season’s planting. Isaac was happy to be back in agriculture and the partnership thrived. Idel continued to farm for many years on that farm, and in his will, he left his share in the farm to an Israeli charity. Isaac and Idel remained friends for the rest of their lives.

Isaac moved on and leased the farm Hawerklip, also in the Devon district. He was very successful on this farm and lived in a little house just off the road between Devon and Delmas. The HIRSCHOWITZ family who were farmers in the Bethal area in the Eastern Transvaal, later bought this particular piece of ground which had been the foundation of Isaac’s success.

In 1923 Isaac leased the farm Rietkol in the DELMAS district from the GRAAF Family Trust. The farm got its name from an artesian well with a patch of reeds around it. “Rietkol” means a patch of reeds. It was a massive

farm of more than 10,000 acres in size and lay on the north side of the village Eloff. The lawyer for the Graaf family was a former Springbok rugby player, a Mr. D.C. JACKSON who later became a great friend of Isaac.

The farm was too big for him to manage on his own, so he sublet it to tenant farmers. The DU TOIT family and others helped to farm the land. Isaac tilled the land using oxen which he had acquired over the years. His manager was a man by the name of FAAN BOTHA who worked for the family for more than 40 years. FAAN had fought in the Boer War against the British and had an intense dislike towards the English. He used to sit all day on a horse named TOLVRY supervising the workers on the farm!! Sevvie, Sickey and Leiz enjoyed going for rides on this horse. Faan had a family of 11 children. ISAAC and FAAN met every morning before sunrise to discuss the day's work over a cup of coffee in the family kitchen. Isaac had many tenants including the family of TOLLIE POTGIETER. TOLLIE and his children were tenant farmers to ISAAC. Through his successful partnerships with the various tenants, and being an astute businessman, he slowly but surely built up an empire. He sold his Maize to the Delmas Milling Company which later became part of the vast Tiger group of companies. His potatoes, which became famous as the I. I. brand of potatoes, were taken by ox wagon to the station at ELOFF which was on the southern boundary of the farm and then went by rail to the Johannesburg market. His agent on the market was ARCADE LAZARUS of HIGHVELD FARMERS AGENCY who also became a lifelong friend. Isaac's loyalty to his fellow man as well as his high principles made him very popular in the area with both workers and others. His compassion and feelings for the underdog because of his own meager beginnings was the reason black people called him, MANGIT, which directly translates to "the dark man with the white heart".

His first house on the farm Rietkol was a single room built with mud bricks and 18 inches thick walls. Some of those original walls are incorporated into the modern home of today.

In those early days he built up friendships with the farmers BLIEDEN AND CAPLAN, THE BRESGI FAMILY and also many of the AFRIKAANS farmers. He had a very good rapport with KAREL SCHOEMAN whose son HENDRIK later became minister of agriculture in South Africa. There is a letter from KAREL to Isaac requesting him not to resign from the Farmer's Association but to stick together during the difficult times of the 1930's. This letter and the reply from Karel's son from Parliament are documented in this story.

There was a very good relationship between the Farmers and the Jewish businessmen of the town. These businessman financially supported the farmers for a full year till the crops came in. Their names were E. JOFFE, M. LEVINSON AND E. KROSER. Because of a request from all these businessman, Barclays Bank opened a branch in DELMAS, and they were the first 10 customers. The bank later changed its name to First National Bank. The farm and family have their accounts with the bank up to this moment in time.

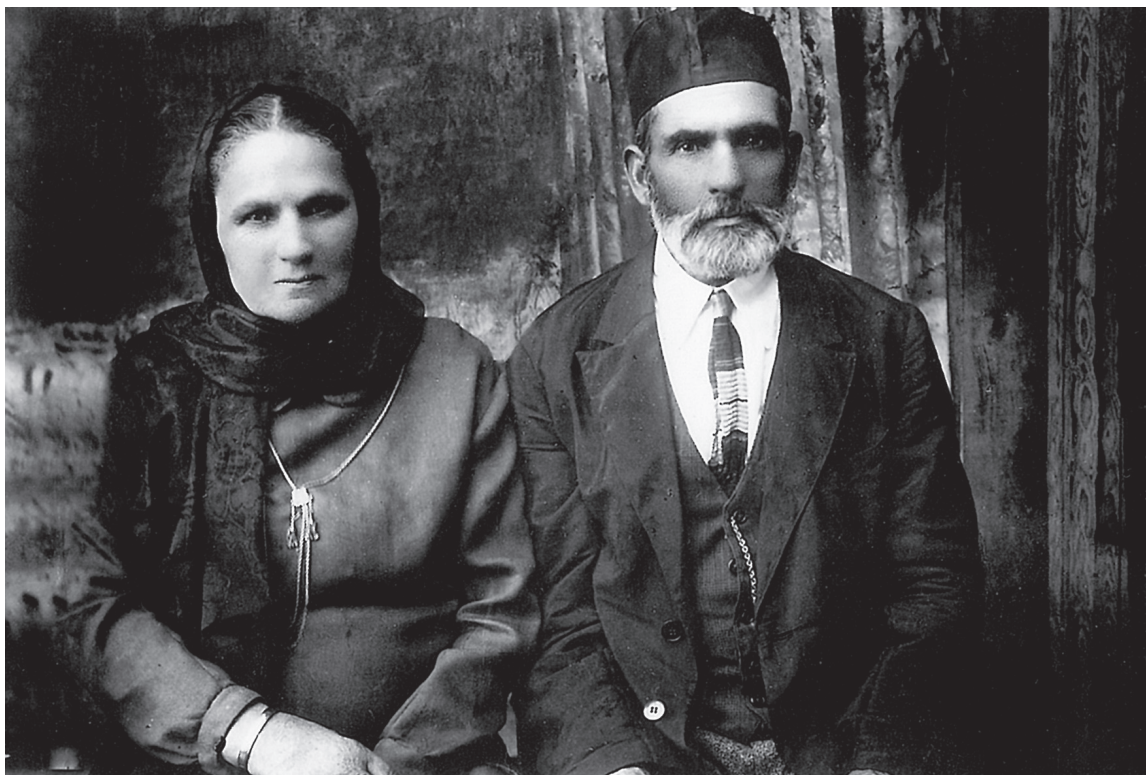
The Bresgis who lived across the railway line on the other side of Eloff became very good friends with Isaac. They had a fire on their farm and all their feed was destroyed. Isaac arrived that morning with a wagon filled with grass to help them through the winter. From this time on they became the best of friends and their grandchildren are still friends of the family. Morris Levinson, who ran the hardware store in Delmas, came to South Africa on the same ship as Isaac. Their friendship continued for many years to their dying days. ELI JOFFE, was an agent for many different products, for example, fertilizer, seed and later for tractors as well. His nephew, Idel Shill, owned the General Motors dealership in Delmas which was known as Harry's Garage, named after Harry Samuels. The Kroser family owned the café and later the timber business and building materials. ISRAEL HIRSCHOWITZ came to farm in Delmas when he took over the FARM HAWERKLIP which is situated 15 miles from Delmas. He was also a very good friend to the Isakow family. In fact, when Isaac passed away at his home in Springs, Israel Hirshowitz sat up the entire night with the "wagter" from the Chevrah Kadisha (Burial Society).

The main form of entertainment in those days was playing cards, mainly Rummy and Poker. Regular Sunday night games took place on the different farms which were gathering places to spend an enjoyable evening and good fun.

Picture taken in 1908 ~ Most perished in Holocaust



Motte	Basha	Pessa	Zuzman	Groom	Bride	Yehuda	Sarah	Hinda	Leizer	Leah
Lurie	Lurie	Glucka	Kalman	Bere	Yenta	Isakowitz	Basha	Tossa	Isakowitz	Isakowitz
	Singer	Lurie	Lurie	Welwe	Isakowitz		Isakowitz	Isakowitz	(Turnoff)	(Fleishman)
				Lurie			(Plein)			



Sarah Bashe & Yehuda Isakowitz



The 3 Isakow brothers Isaac, Israel and Jacob came to South Africa 1908-1920



1937: Four generations of women murdered during the Holocaust



Grand Parents Sarah Basha Isakowitz, Yehuda Isakowitz Meira Broyde, Yauna Braude
2 boys Meyerka Leizer Davidka

Dearest Sheva'le – Hallo

I have received your long letter – many thanks.

I am very happy to hear that you are all well and contented.

I am, thank god feeling well.

As per your request, I am writing to you in Hebrew. This is really a pleasure to read how you wrote with such detail about our relative. I still remember you all very well, the others I know from photographs and letters. Through this I know you very well. Despite the distance between us I am whole heartedly Attached to you and miss you. After all you are all the family I have, my family in Europe was lost, pity as such I am the last living survivor. For your interest I am writing you about the hardships I have endured and a bit of our shared relatives before they sacrificed their souls for the name of god.

To write to you in depth would take thousands of pages. I write to you a few details of certain tragic events that I encountered. I am hoping we meet one day so that you may hear the whole story.

At the beginning of the war, according to the decision of the family, my brother in law Haim(husband of my sister Slava) and I attempted to flee to Russia. My brother ave'le was still young and the others thought that because of "the good goyim" (and we had many) they will survive.

And so, along with a group of young people we started our long journey, nevertheless we did not succeed and were forced to come back. We passed "vaski" where my father's sister Mazal & Shmuel Beker lived with their sweet children. We parted from them with very sad feeling and carried on.

We also passed "Linekwa" we wanted to visit our dear elders but to our great sadness we couldn't make it to town, because over there the people of the place (the Litaim- may god erase their name) were hunting our people. We heard then that most of the Jews were arrested and among them grandmother and grandfather. At long last we have reached our house in "pakra" you can imagine in what state we found everyone(it was 3rd July 1941). We didn't have time to rest and have a bite to eat when the "litaim" arrested us (they took all the young men).

My father became the head of the community, it was very hard on him because the murderers demanded so much of the Jews.

Well, we sat in a seller full of Jewish people.

One day my dear father came to visit us to tell us there is a rumor that a few of the prisoners will be transferred to another jail-house outside our little town, and said he came to part from me. My mother could not come because it's very hard for her and she is having difficult time.

I will never forget my father's face at that time, he became old and weary.

In that short time we did not cry or talked much, he just looked at me, kissed me and said: "be strong, don't lose your confidence and remember us throughout". I kissed my father for the last time, sent my regards to everyone and that was the last time I have seen a member of my family.

We thought we were going to be executed because we left the place at night, we were fortunate that night they did not kill us, only transferred us to a prison in "shabli". (haim was not with me he stayed in prison at "pakra"). I sat about two months in that prison and again I was lucky because most of the people have died.

From there I arrived at ???

(also our relatives) I heard that some of their children have survived.

I'm not writing you about my life at the "Getto" because this on its own is a time of life that can fill hundred of pages. I was at the "getto" for two years and on 5th of November 1943 at the time of big "akziwa" of the elders and the children I decided to escape from there. I found a friend and together we ran to a forest about 35 kilometers from "shabli". Not one Litta person was willing to help us and of course we wouldn't go back.

Without a choice we dug ourselves a "house" inside a cave in the forest, from there we emerged free since the Russian army released us. (This time of my life is also a separate story).

After we were released we visited our town "Pakra" but to my regret there was not even one Jew left alive.

I visited the mutual grave- which was quite dangerous, the "Littaim murderers lurked in the forest.

The town became so distant and I could not stay an hour longer, I felt like running to other side of the world.

It came to my knowledge that my mother –your father's sister – died as a hero. she stood by the open grave turned to the murderers and spoke: "murderers, know, you have killed all the members of my family, your killing all the Jews of our town, now I'm standing in line, but the day will come and brothers

survivors from all over the world will come to see what you have done to us and by god you shall pay for it". she could not finish ... They killed her right there and then.

I left for ever without wishing to see the street of our town ever again.

I was also at "Fonibez" at the house of Marry and yonna and I was sorry to find empty rooms, they were killed along with Reuve'le.

I stayed a while at "fonibez" and then "kovna" and vilna..

I fulfilled part of my mother's will by taking revenge in a lot of the murderers that I knew still walking around different places, (one of them in Berlin).

Well, I have written a lot this time, maybe my first letter will hurt you, please forgive me. I hope that from now on we will be in touch and we might even meet soon I really want to see you all.

Send my regards to my uncle Yizchak and my aunt Chaya, to your brother and all my dearest relatives.

I wish you all the best, many thanks for your beautiful letter write again, I shall answer every time.

All my love to my beloved brother lazer.

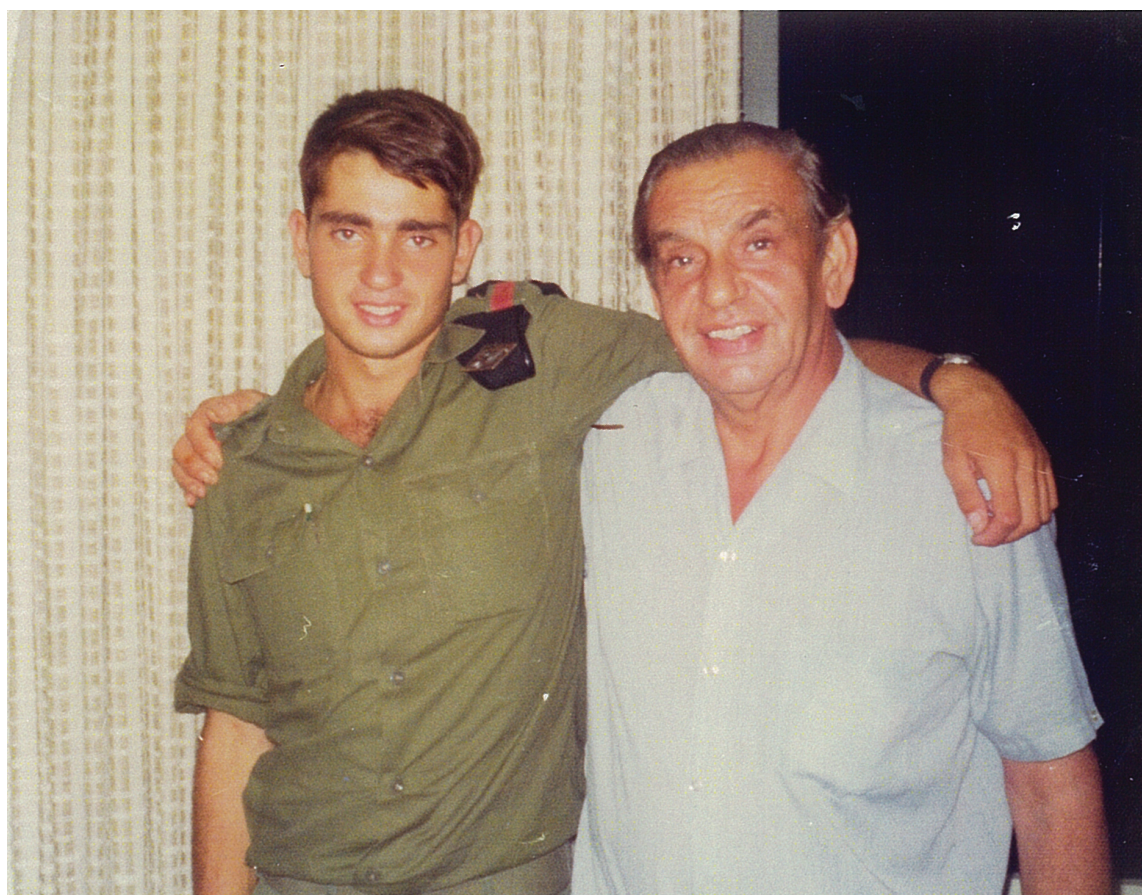
Best wishes to you dearest Sheva'le

Your cousin

Kalman.

Waiting for a letter.

Translation letter from Kalman Lurie
after World War 2 to Sevvie



Kalman & Johnny Lurie just before Yom Kippur War 1973

קול ששון וקול שמחה, קול חתן וקול בלה.

Mrs. I. Abramowitz
Mr & Mrs M. Itkeno

and

Mr & Mrs I. Isakow

Request the pleasure of your

Company on the occasion of the Marriage of

Alma Abramowitz

to

Isaac Isakow

On Sunday 28th February 1926

Ceremony 7 30 p.m.

Reception from 8 to 12

at the

CORONA TEMPLE 8 O'Reilly Road Berea

R.S.V.P. 159 7th Avenue Mayfair

Johannesburg.

Wedding Invitation Chaya & Isaac



Chaya & Isaac Isakow (1926)



Isaac, Chaya, Sevvie, Sickey & Leiz Isakow



Sevvie & Sickey Isakow



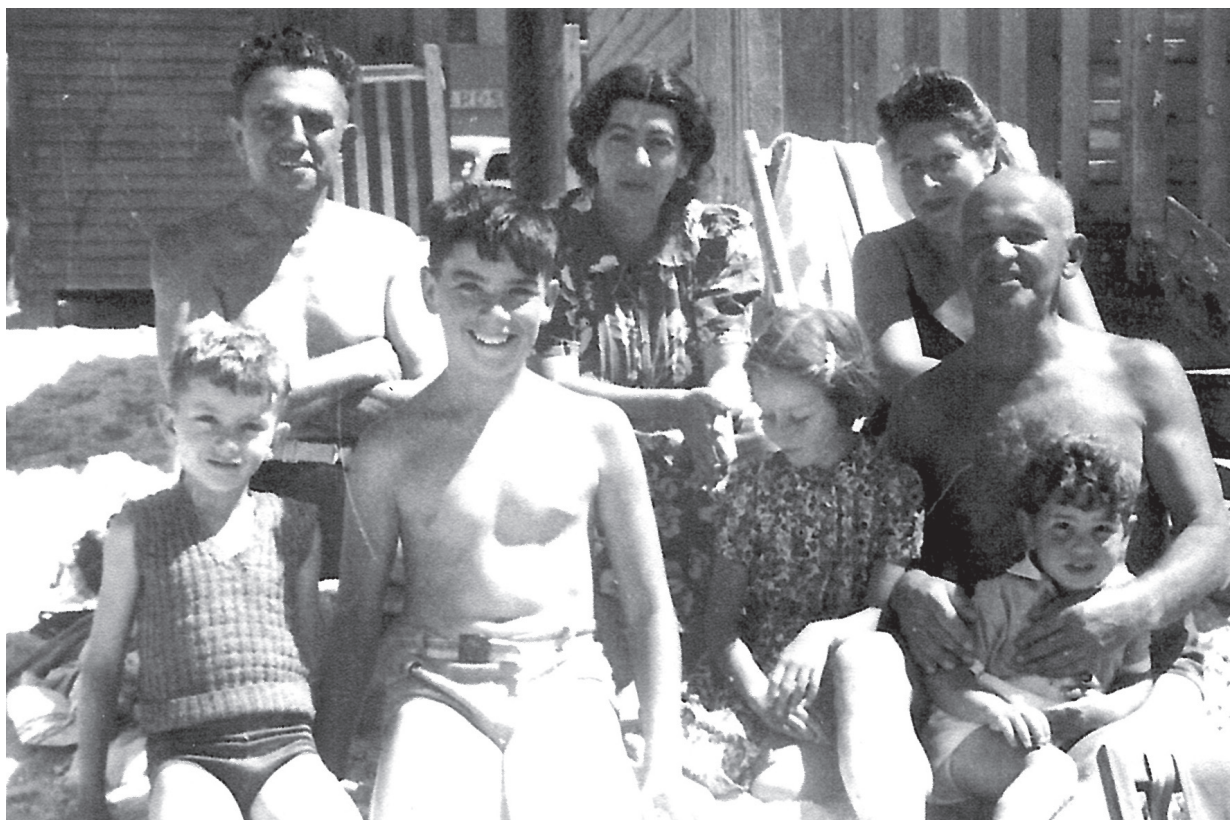
Sevvie 3 years old



Leiz 1 year old



Rae, Israel & Tevel Isakov



The Isakov's
Israel, Rae, Lily, Idel, Tevel, Ivor, Jessel & Michael in Muizenburg

THE HISTORY OF THE CHILDREN AND DESCENDENTS OF YEHUDA AND SARA BASHA ITZIKOWITZ.

In 1923 Isaac received his South African passport and made plans to go and visit his parents in Lithuania. For his entire visit he had JANKEL LURIE, a cousin of his, to take him around on a horse and cart to visit the various family members. He took a tremendous liking to JANKEL and at the end of these visits he offered to bring him to South Africa.

During his visit to ZEIMELUS in LITHUANIA, he was introduced to CHAYA ABRAMOWITZ who was a pharmacist's assistant. Chaya's mother SARAH, was a dairy woman who sold milk to the village. She had four daughters and two sons. She had lost her husband when her youngest child was four years old. When Isaac offered to assist them to go to South Africa, she retorted "the same way you found your way to Africa so I will find my way."

Isaac's parents were struggling financially as it was a difficult time in Lithuania. He wanted to bring them to South Africa but they felt they had to stay with the family. One can understand this because they were in their late 60's and did not want to emigrate. After a long visit with his parents, there was a tearful goodbye. That was the last time that he saw them. Letters took forever and by the time that the reply came three months might have passed. He continued to write regularly and also sent money at every opportunity.

CHAYA and her family arrived in South Africa during 1924. She and Isaac got engaged in 1925 and were married on February 28th 1926. The reception was held at the Corona Temple in Berea, Johannesburg.

MEYER and TZILAH SKIKNA (Chaya's sister and brother-in-law) together with SARAH, were the unterfirers for CHAYA, and JACOB ISAKOW and his wife VERA, were the unterfirers for ISAAC at the wedding. CHAYA'S other 2 sisters, SHAYNA and MOLLY who had come to South Africa at the same time, were in attendance at the wedding. CHAYA'S two brothers, MORRIS and TOM, were already living in South Africa.

An UNTERFIRER is a Yiddish term for the person or persons giving "away" the bride and groom under the CHUPPAH (canopy under which the bride and groom stand during the marriage ceremony).

The young couple moved to the farm RIETKOL into a tiny home built out of raw mud bricks in the same way the Africans build their homes today. The toilets were outside and water was drawn from a well. Isaac promised his bride that he would build her a beautiful home one day. He kept this promise in 1945 when he bought a home in Nigel Road, Selection Park Springs. During the next few years they lived happily on the farm. CHAYA was happy to be able to get kosher meat by rail from Johannesburg. The railway station was two miles from the farm house. Isaac had gotten his driver's license in 1924 in Springs and in the late 1920's he bought his first motor car which was a Ford with a soft roof.

Isaac's brothers, Israel and Jacob, were now also living in South Africa as well as his nephew LEIZER LURIE, YENTA'S son. He and ISRAEL had a business in ROOIBURG near WARMBATHS, north of PRETORIA. They later moved to Pretoria where they opened a business called AFRIKS on PAUL KRUGER street together with Israel's brother-in-law BOETIE MOROSS. It was a grocery store as well as an outfitting business.

When the Isakows arrived in South Africa, their name was "ISAKOWITZ", according to the original Boat ticket and documents from Lithuania. The name was shortened to Isakow which was the name used by Jacob and Isaac. Israel used the name ISAKOV with a V at the end.

Israel had an unhappy marriage to a cousin by the name of Dora Isakov, the daughter of YUDEL AND LIEBA ISAKOV. Yudel was a Rabbi. After a short while they were divorced and she later married DAN COHEN the lawyer from Springs. ISRAEL then met RACHEL RAE MOROSS whom he married a while later. RAE had a

son IVOR from a previous marriage whom Israel adopted. A second son by the name of TERENCE (TEVEL) was born to this marriage. By this time they had moved to Pretoria and lived in a two story house on Charles Street.

Israel was successful in his business AFRIKS in partnership with LEIZER LURIE. LEIZER was still a bachelor and lived with Israel and RAY. He and TEVEL were very close and built up a very good friendship. Israel passed away when TEVEL was 12 years old. He had had an operation for a Hernia but he never recovered from the an-aesthetic. This was a tremendous shock to both RAE and the boys. Isaac could not believe the news and was in a state of shock as well. IVOR later married ESTHER KANGISSER and went to live in Israel. He spent many years on KIBBUTZ TIMMORIM teaching English to the students in a nearby school. He was a very popular teacher and everyone looked up to him. Two of his children Yael and GIORA were born in Israel. IVOR came back to South Africa and lived in BENONI where

RONEN was born. He was named after his grandmother RAE who had suffered from high blood pressure for many years. She had been to the USA for major surgery to try and relieve the high blood pressure. The operation was one of the first of its kind at the time. She was a very intelligent woman and capable in the business AFRICKS.

IVOR & ESTER's daughter, Yael, became a doctor at the University of the Witwatersrand and practiced medicine in the Johannesburg suburb of LINKSFIELD. She married GEORGE KYRIAKAKIS and had three children with him. She later moved to the USA where she continued her medical career in North Carolina. GIORA qualified as an accountant and married LARA JOFFE. They now live in Cleveland Ohio with their children ILAN DAVID, AVIVA JACKIE and JOSHUA SAUL.

RONNEN who married LARA DANZIGER, a pediatrician works at the Cleveland Clinic. They have two children, a girl AVITAL and a boy GAVIN. RONNEN is also an accountant in the same practice as his brother GIORA. Their mother, ESTHER lived in Benoni before emigrating to Cleveland to be close to her children and grandchildren.

TEVEL qualified as a doctor at the University of Pretoria and later went into general practice in the town of BENONI. TEVEL built a thriving practice and was a very popular doctor. He married JOYCE EBANIZER. They have three children, ILANA, RAYMOND AND LEANNE.

TEVEL, JOYCE and the young family moved to Cleveland in the USA. He was very successful in his practice and built up a huge number of patients.

RAYMOND followed in his father's footsteps and became a medical doctor and later a plastic surgeon at the well-known Cleveland Clinic. RAYMOND is married to DANIELE and they have two sons, six year old LIAM and four year old JACOB. The two girls, ILANA AND LEANNE live in Cleveland. ILANA is married to and works for GIORA'S accounting firm. LEANNE has a jewelry business, designing and making the jewelry. TEVEL and JOYCE are very fortunate to have all their family nearby.

JACOB married VERA ARONSON and lived in Benoni. He was also involved in the farming business near Benoni. He and Isaac had a terrible fall out over his not supporting his parents. When Isaac asked him why he had not sent money to his parents, his answer was that he had lost the address. Isaac was disgusted and answered him, "To go and play cards and gamble on the horses you didn't lose the address!"

Isaac had very high morals and was upset by his brother's attitude to his parents who were struggling in Lithuania. Isaac could not forgive him for his disrespectful attitude. As a result of this argument, the two brothers never ever spoke to each other again. When Isaac was critically ill on his deathbed, Jacob wanted to make his peace with him but Isaac refused to see him. It was a pity that the two brothers never got together again because both of them had very fine qualities.

Jacob and Vera had two children. A daughter named MAISIE who married YZEL KRINSKY. They had two sons, HILTON and JULIAN who was named after his grandfather YEHUDA. Julian was an excellent tennis player and later became a well-known coach in the USA. YZEL and MAISIE got divorced and YZEL went to

live in Caesarea in Israel. Jacob had a son by the name of LEIZER (LESLIE) named after his great-grandfather LEIZER TURNOFF. LEIZER and JACOB farmed together for many years. They later sold the farm and went into finance. LEIZER married LILA HERTZ, who became a professor of law at the University of the Witwatersrand. They lived in Milpark near to the University. LILA was a very good tennis player and swam every day of her life for many years. She kept very fit till well into her 80's. Her younger sister MYRNA married NORMAN VIDELEFSKY and lived in Delmas for many, many years. LES and LILA had two children, SELWYN and NORMA-MAY. SELWYN had a degree from the University of the Witwatersrand. He lived in Detroit with his wife Hilary and made a tremendous success of his business there. He then started a private bank and now lives in San Diego where he is the president of the San Diego Private Bank. Both he and Hilary are very involved in Jewish affairs and raise funds for the state of Israel. They have three children CRAIG ,RICHARD and RYAN.

NORMA-MAY studied and qualified as a lawyer at the Witwatersrand University after a successful school career at Park Town Girls High School where she was elected Head Prefect in her final year. She married Edward Abrams who was top of his field in criticare medicine.

They lived in Denver where he was head of the department. Norma-May was a Judge's assistant and did very well in her legal career. They moved to Birmingham, Alabama and then to North Carolina, where EDWARD holds the highest position in his field of ICU and CRITICARE. They have two daughters, ERIN and CLARE. LILA lives close to them in North Carolina.

YEHUDA and SARAH also had two daughters, MEIYRA and YENTA. MEIYRA was married to a YONA BRAUDE. Unfortunately she and all her family perished in the Holocaust during the second world war. YEHUDA and SARAH, both in their eighties, were handed over by the Lithuanians to the Germans and were murdered in July of 1941. All in all, 42 members of the family, the descendents of Yehuda and Sarah, were murdered by the Nazis. The only two members who survived the Holocaust were LEIZER LURIE who was living in South Africa and KALMAN, whose story is on a separate page. They were the only two children of YENTA and BERA WELVA to survive the Holocaust. Please read the letter from KALMAN to SEVVIE which is in the appendix.

This is only part of the story and it was a miracle that he survived through the war years due to his guts and tenacity. On one fateful day when told to go left his intuition told him to go right. It was this decision that saved him because all those that went to the left were shot. All of these family members were murdered by the NAZIS.

When KALMAN escaped from the ghetto, he and a friend named LEIB SCHNEIDER, ran and hid in the forests of Lithuania. They lived in a hole in the ground covered by trees. When it rained, they got covered in mud and when it snowed, they would run naked and roll in the snow. The biggest fear was that the Lithuanians would give them over to the Germans. Towards the end of the war, they linked up with other partisan groups that were hiding in the forests and they managed to take revenge on some of the Germans and Lithuanians in that area. When the Russians moved in at the end of the war they were concerned that they would be shot. They managed to convince the Russians that they were part of the Partisans. KALMAN found the Lithuanian person who had given the Germans all the names of Jewish people living in that area including KALMAN'S parents. They took revenge by reporting this individual and had the satisfaction of knowing that these people were punished by the Russians.

After the war and liberation, KALMAN moved to Paris where he worked in an organization that was assisting survivors o trying to get to Israel (Palestine). He was involved in an organization that was making and forging passports and documents for these homeless people. While he was in Paris he wrote to his brother LEIZER in South Africa as well as his uncle whose address he memorized from writing letters for his grandparents when he was a young man in PAKROIS and also LINKUVA. He had memorized the name of the farm and the town ELOFF from the letters he had written for Yehuda. LEIZER flew to Paris to meet with him and to organize papers allowing him to enter South Africa. The government at the time had a quota and the only way he could get him into South Africa was to say that he was going to work on the farm.

KALMAN eventually arrived in South Africa in 1947. His brother and all the uncles and family were thrilled to see him arrive safely. Within a short time, he was set up in a farming venture near BENONI on the farm VLAK-FONTEIN in PUTFONTEIN.

KALMAN had a flamboyant nature and he thoroughly enjoyed his new life in South Africa. He purchased a new car every year. When someone asked him why he had sold the latest one, he said he liked the smell of new leather. His happy-go-lucky attitude earned him the nickname of “tsotsi” (a young gangster) amongst the black workers. He took to farming like a duck to water maybe because of his uncle’s and grandfather’s experiences in farming. He had an assistant Mr. Prinsloo who only had two fingers on his right hand. He was known by the workers as “pielfinger”!! (literally means penis finger). KALMAN produced excellent crops and made a success of his farming. Israel and Chaya Lurie later lived on the farm when Kalman got married and moved to Benoni.

In 1954 KALMAN married ROCHE LEVITAS, the daughter of Ethel Dreispult, who came from the same town Zeimelus in Lithuania as Chaya Isakow. KALMAN and ROCHE interrupted their honeymoon to go to Cape Town to see his uncle Isaac, who had had a heart attack. This caring for their fellow man was typical of KALMAN and ROCHE. They lived in Lakefield in Benoni till their departure for Israel in 1962. They had three children, Jonathan, Janet and Ilana[Lollo]. KALMAN did not feel that there was a future in South Africa for his family and went to Israel to make a new life. After his experiences during the second world war he felt Israel was the only place for him and his family. He started an Iron and Steel business called KATZ AND LURIE, importing Swedish steel products. They lived in the southern part of Tel Aviv in an upscale suburb known as SAVYON. The family had a dog by the name of Oscar and he ruled the house. LOLLO being a great animal lover knew all the dogs on their street.

In 1973, Jonathan had just started his basic army training when the YOM KIPPUR war broke out. He was called out of the synagogue on Yom Kippur night and told to return to his unit. Roche had washed his uniform when he came home for Yom Kippur and when he was called to return back to his unit she had to put it in the oven to dry it out.

Jonathan completed his three years in the Israeli Army then studied for a number of years getting a financial degree. He later moved to California where he married Susan Schumer. They had two daughters DANIELA and SHELLY. Their marriage unfortunately ended in divorce. Jonathan continued a career in the film industry mainly with the finance and direction of films. He lived near Burbank studios. He later went to join a friend who was in business in Houston, Texas where he now resides.

Janet married a kibbutznick DROR HAUSER and also moved to California. Janet always wanted to be a film star like Liza Minnelli. Janet has two sons, Gili and Ron. They live in LA. Janet works as an Occupational Therapist.

ILANA [LOLLO] married AREIH ROSEN and lives in NAHARIYA in Northern Israel. LOLLO was always a lover of nature and is still an animal lover. Lollo and ARIEH have two children, a son GAL and a daughter LEE. ROCHE also lives in NAHARIYA near her Children and grandchildren. Lollo still teaches at the nearby school.

LEIZER LURIE had arrived in South Africa in the 1920s. He linked up with ISRAEL ISAKOV (SHROLL) and worked in the store that they opened in ROOIBURG north of Pretoria. They later moved to Pretoria where he, Israel and RAE’S brother BOETIE MOROSS, bought AFRICKS. LEIZER married HILDA KANGISSER in 1952. They had four children together. BRIAN, a brilliant student, was due to go to the United Kingdom on a scholarship when he tragically died while jogging in the block around his house. LEIZER passed away a short time later. Their second son, ARNOLD became a medical doctor and went to live in Canada. ARNOLD married

SANDRA TRAUB, originally from Springs. They have two children LISA and DORON and still live in Toronto. The third son, IAN married ELAINE , and they have twin daughters, Leanne and Renee. HILDA and LEIZER also had a daughter ETHNE who married MARK FRIEDMAN. They have two children JOSHUA and ADAM.

LEIZER was a smart dresser, he always wore bowties. He was a keen golfer and foundation member at Wingate Country Club. He was generally a very friendly and popular guy. HILDA was well-liked in PRETORIA and later joined the children in TORONTO where she still lives today.

MEYRA ISAKOWITZ, YEHUDA'S other daughter married a YONA BRAUDE. They had two sons and their entire family perished in the Holocaust in 1941.

We now go to the section of the ISAKOV family who WERE "LEVI". The rest of the family were "YISRAEL". Our family and descendents of YEHUDA ISAKOWITZ were all "YISRAEL". JANKEL LURIE explained this as being because of the call up to the Lithuanian army, when they changed their name which was originally PLEIN, to ISAKOV.

YUDEL and LIEBA ISAKOV, a cousin, had three children. Dora who married DAN COHEN, LEIZER [JOE] who married BLUMIE MORRIS and GOLDA who married WERNER GRUBEL. DORA had three daughters, TAMAR, JUDY and RUTH. JOE, who was a Physical Training instructor in the second world war, farmed together with YANKEL and later with JEFF LURIE near PUTFONTEIN. He and BLUMIE had two children, JULIAN and JEANETTE.

JOSEPH ISAKOV[PLEIN], a first cousin to the other ISAKOWS, married HINDA. JOSEPH and HINDA had three children. Their eldest daughter MARY married SHMUEL KAPLAN. They were the original owners of the Crystal Bakery in Doornfontein Johannesburg, together with YANKEL LURIE. Crystal Bakery was a very popular kosher bakery and deli in a very jewish suburb. IDEL ISAKOV married LILY SIFREN and LEAH ISAKOV married ZELIK AVERBACH. MARY had two sons, DAVID and LOUIS KAPLAN. LOUIS was a well known doctor and superintendant of the Boksburg/Benoni Hospital. LEAH, who married ZELIK AVERBACH, had one son by the name of ISAAC who was a very prominent insurance agent in Johannesburg.

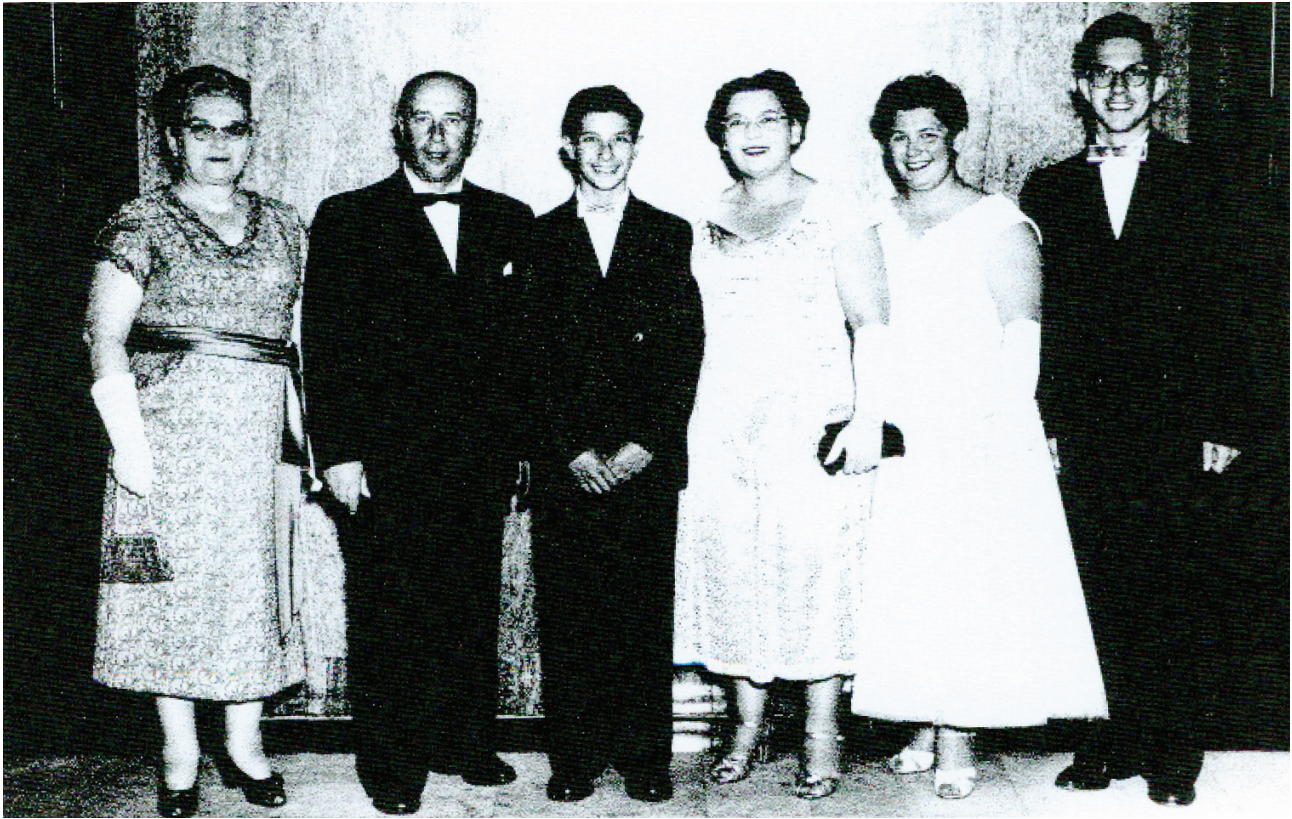
IDEL and LILY lived a large part of their lives in WARMBATHS. IDEL owned the store on "ISAKOV'S CORNER". He also owned a grain mill which the family later sold to BRENNER MILLS, a public milling company in South Africa. IDEL became the mayor of the town and they later moved to Pretoria to give their children a better education. IDEL and LILY were a very popular couple in all the places they lived. They had three children. One was a daughter JESSEL, who married AUBREY MOLIN, a lawyer from Pretoria. They had four sons, RUSSEL, CLIFFORD, NEIL and JONATHAN. CLIFFORD, who was a medical doctor, assisted JULIAN TEVYA to get a post at Mount Sinai Hospital in Cleveland to do his Internal Medicine speciality. At the time, Clifford was in a family medical practice with TEVEL ISAKOV in Cleveland. IDEL and LILY also had two sons, MICHAEL and NISSAN. Michael was an architect by profession and he married JENNIFER HIRSH. They have two children, RACHELLE and JEROME. They were divorced and Michael started a new life in the USA in Philadelphia. NISSAN married MAUREEN ASHBERG and they have three sons, LANCE, GREGORY and ILAN. They have all lived in Philadelphia in the USA for the last 20 odd years. Their mother, LILY, lived to a ripe old age in Philadelphia. A few years ago, before she passed away, she made a memorable videotape with SEVVIE WALT about the PLEIN and ISAKOW families with Patricia PrinS Plein.

YANKEL LURIE was the man who had a profound influence on the affairs of the ISAKOW and LURIE families. YANKEL had arrived in South Africa in the 1920's with five cents in his pocket. His first major task was to bring his mother and family to South Africa. He had two brothers and four sisters. His brother's names were LEIZER and ISRAEL and his sister's were RAE and SORKA who lived in South Africa and another two sisters who went to live in Israel. The oldest sister was STIERA BASSE and she married YEHUDA EFRATI. The

other sister was CHAYKA, she married AVRAM COHEN, she is in her nineties. LEIZER married RIVKA and they had only one child, HERTZL who now lives in RANAANA in Israel. ISRAEL married ETHEL, and they had four children, BETTY, GHITA, JULES and ELI. RAE married ROBERT HOROWITZ and they had two sons, JULES and BARNEY, who were involved in the development of the Johannesburg suburb, BENROSE and started the company Pioneer Holdings, a property company on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. SORKA married LEIBEL BAND and they had a son and a daughter, GIDON and STELLA. JANKEL married FANNY ETIN and lived in Johannesburg at 100 HOUGHTON DRIVE, a prestigious address. JANKEL was known to have helped all his family onto their feet. His first major venture was in the soon to be thriving Crystal Bakery in Doornfontein, Johannesburg, where they worked extremely hard, starting in the early hours of the morning and working sometimes through the night. He was an innovator and was the first Johannesburg baker to deliver fresh bread in Pretoria in the early hours of Sunday morning. In those days, bread was delivered by a horse and cart and he had a change of horses at Halfway House, half way between Johannesburg and Pretoria, known today as MIDRAND.

After a few years in the bakery business, JANKEL started farming at PUTFONTEIN. He was a very successful farmer and a great businessman. He became one of the biggest farmers in South Africa. He farmed on more than 20,000 acres in the area and owned the largest fleet of Volvo tractors in the world. He had 140 Volvo tractors. He was also a big dealer in produce such as beans and potatoes. He had his own market on the farm, selling thousands of bags to market gardeners and stores. A customer once complained about the price of potatoes and his reply was, "You eat your money I'll eat my potatoes." A local farmer who was born in the area approached him and said to him, "You came from overseas with nothing in your pockets and today you are a multimillionaire". Jankel pointed to a donkey standing next to a water trough and said, "You see that donkey standing there? He was also born here!" He had a wonderful sense of humour and was the most outstanding businessman. He later became a director of H. LEWIS, a produce company quoted on the stock exchange. He was a chain smoker and in the later years when Fanny went to a specialist for lung problems, he asked her how many cigarettes she had smoked a day. Her lungs were messed up from being a "passive smoker". They entertained on a large scale and their home was the meeting place for all the youngsters from the surrounding area. Sunday morning breakfasts were a question and answer session on how the previous evening's dates went. Their home was open to all and many business deals were also done at the house on a Sunday morning.

Yankel, as I said before, helped many families who were in trouble. When ISAAC ISAKOW passed away, he was the first one to offer and assist financially, not like some other people who told the family that they knew where they could borrow money. He wrote the check and helped the family with the death duties. He never forgot the good deed that Isaac had done to ensure that he came to South Africa. He and ARCADE LAZARUS would go to the Northern Cape to buy seed potatoes and would spend five days in the area with LEIZ as the official driver. It was always a fun trip with lots and lots of stories and also successful dealings. There was a very good spirit between the Yankel and the farmers of the Northern Cape. YANKEL handed over the business to his sons, JEFF and KALMAN. They ran the business successfully for a few years before they got caught up in the crash of the South African Rand. They and many others suffered big losses and eventually the business went belly up. Fortunately, they did not lose the land because YANKEL had wisely left the land in the names of his grandchildren.



Kalmans Barmitzvah 1955

Mrs. Etin, Jankel Lurie, Kalman Lurie, Fanny Lurie, Judy Lurie & Jeff Lurie

YANKEL and FANNY had three children, JUDY, JEFF and KALMAN.

JUDY married LES BERMAN and they had three children, two sons and a daughter. JUDY and LES are now divorced. Their son MARK married MELISSA and their second son, DARRYL married ATTEA. Their daughter LAURA married JONATHAN TAITZ and they now live in SYDNEY AUSTRALIA.

Kalman married YEHUDIT who was from Israel. They also had two sons ADI and RONNIE and a daughter SHELLEY, who married JEREMY ESAKOW and they now live in Israel. ADI'S wife's name is RENEE and RONNIE is married to ESTI and they all live in Johannesburg.

JEFF married JEANETTE GREENBERG. They lived in Benoni for a number of years and then moved to Dallas with their three children, DAVID, LEORA and BRIAN. Jeanette's mother, ROSE GREENBERG, who is in her 90's at this writing, also lives in Dallas. JEANETTE has two brothers, MELVYN who lives in DALLAS and DEREK who still lives in South Africa. Jeff and Jeanette are fortunate to have all their children and grandchildren and other family members around them in Dallas.

The 3rd LEIZER LURIE, also known as LESTER LURIE, was known around Johannesburg as a playboy and a real fancy guy. His best friend was another bachelor, ABE GLADSTONE and they lived in HILLBROW in two fashionable apartments. They were known as "Walker and Seymour". They never worked for the last 30 years of their lives. They played the stock exchange and attended every race meeting. They later moved to DURBAN where they had an apartment in YARNINGDALE. It was the meeting place before and after race day, with Maisie (their cook) making delicious snacks. They were both very lucky gamblers and great fun guys.

LEIZER had two brothers, LEIB and JOSEF. JOSEF translated the yiddish letters from Lithuania to English. These letters were written by the grandparents in LINKUVA to Isaac in South Africa. He also translated the letter from Paris that came from KALMAN to SEVVIE. He survived the Holocaust and knew the grandparents and family "FUN DER HEIM" (from the old country). He was married to YEHUDIT and they had a son, ZALMAN and daughter, SHULAMIT.

ZALMAN is married to HERMIONE'S cousin, LINDA COOPER. SHULAMIT now lives in Australia.

THE ABROMOWITZ CONNECTION:

SARAH came to South Africa in 1924. She arrived with her four daughters and son-in-law MEYER SKIKNA. He was married to TZILLA the oldest ABROMOWITZ daughter. They arrived with two children who were born in Lithuania, namely SYLVIA and BESSIE. SARAH was a feisty old lady and she lived with MEYER and TZILLA on 7th Ave, MAYFAIR, JOHANNESBURG. At this stage, she did not work and was supported by her two sons who had arrived in South Africa a few years before. The two son's names were MORRIS and TOM. The memories of her are of an old lady who was fiercely independent. Her bedroom always had the smell of linament and Wintergreen. She lived till well into her 80s. When she visited the farm she would walk around and collect all the eggs that were laid by free range chickens. One day, when FAAN BOTHA, the farm manager had annoyed her, she threw some of the eggs at him. She always did her hair up into a bun. She had many arguments with her son-in-law, MEYER SKIKNA, especially about his gambling.

MEYER was a lovable rascal. He was a scrap dealer and used to convert corrugated iron into pots for plants. He enjoyed his drinks as well as gambling on the horses. When he won, he was very generous and dished out the money. He owned a horse by the name of FLOWERBOY who won a number of long-distance races. He had many memorable ups and an equal number of downs.

TZILLA, who had a wonderful sense of humour, also had a roller coaster life. One incident remains very clear in my memory. She was interviewing a cleaning lady who inquired if she had a washing machine, tumble dryer and vacuum cleaner. Not having any of these appliances, she then inquired of the cleaning lady, "Can you play the piano"? When the woman replied in the negative, she said, "Then you are not the lady for me"! She would bake the most wonderful BULKALACH every Friday for shabbes.

One of the ways TZILLA made a living was by taking family members into her home as borders. SEVVIE, SICKEY, SAIKEY and MORRIS DORFAN all stayed with their aunt during their school and university years. SEVVIE was very close to cousins SYLVIA and BESSIE. SYLVIA married FREDDIE WOOLF, a medical Doctor and they had two children, HADLEY and CHERYL. BESSIE married OCKEY GEFFIN, otherwise known as "THE BOOT", a Springbok rugby player who single-handedly kicked South Africa to a four test victory over the New Zealand All Blacks. He was the young cousin's hero! They had two children, RONNIE and MARILYN. Ronnie and Marilyn both live in Australia with their families. RONNIE married SHIRLEY GREK and MARILYN married HYMIE HURWITZ.

MEYER AND TZILLA also had a son NORMAN who was a talented architect and very artistic. The firm he was with was involved in the design and planning of Sun City, one of the most famous holiday and Casino resorts in South Africa. Norman helped with the design and layout of Maxis butchery which we owned in SANDRINGHAM in JOHANNESBURG. He married DORIS LEVIN and they had four children, twin girls, SHELLEY and AVRILLE, and a son MURRAY, named after MEYER, and a daughter CELIA named after her grandmother, TZILLA.

SARAH ABROMOWITZ'S third daughter was SHEINA. She was a beautiful young woman who married a cousin MENDEL BER. They lived on STEIB Street in the then fashionable area of DOORNFONTEIN in JOHANNESBURG. The site where the present ELLIS PARK football stadium is situated. The houses were demolished when the stadium was built. It was a wonderful position on the east side of Johannesburg and was always the last stop before returning to the farm. It was also very convenient to go to football matches in the old stadium before the new stadium was built. SHEINA and MENDEL had three children. A daughter ROSE, married MORRIS ISAACMAN who owned the panel beating business in DOORNFONTEIN.

MORRIE, as he was known, was a hard-working tradesmen who made a big success of his own business in DOORNFONTEIN. ROSE was a housewife and they had two children MELANIE and STANLEY who now both live in AUSTRALIA. SHEINA'S second child was SYDNEY. He was a very tall, big man and tended to be

aggressive. His favorite saying for any problem was “have a bulka”. SYDNEY was a qualified accountant but mainly worked in his own time. He married late in life to LEONE. He died as a fairly young man from complications from diabetes. SHEINA’S third child was LEON, LEIB as he was known. He was a pharmacist and owned a business in Delmas. He was there for about 20 years before he went back to Johannesburg and worked at BARAGWANATH hospital. He married ANN GROER who worked for many years as an assistant in the pharmacy and continued working for many years in the pharmacy trade. They had two boys MARK and ALLEN and two girls SANDY and ILANA. Mark, an accountant and his family Emigrated to Australia and so did Sandy who has lived in Australia for a number of years. ILANA lives in Boston in the USA and ALLEN is still in business in South Africa. He is also an accountant.

SHEINA lost her husband Mendel when he was a young man. She struggled to support her family and managed with the help of her brother-in-law MORRIS BER and also two brothers and brother-in-law Isaac.

Two very funny incidents took place on the farm while we were growing up. All the cousins would come to the farm for the school holidays. Everyone would bring stretches and sleeping bags and there would be as many as ten children sleeping on the farm. ISAAC was very strict and had a little cane to enforce the law. He was loved and respected by all the children. On one occasion, somebody had used a towel in the bathroom instead of toilet paper. Nobody would own up to who had used it, so ISAAC ISAKOW called in the help of a witchdoctor who lived on the farm. The witchdoctor lined them up and went behind the children with the towel and said that SYDNEY was the guilty party. This incident caused a major fight in the family and the parents came from Johannesburg to fetch their little boy. They did not speak to ISAAC and CHAYA for about six months after the event. The second incident was in connection with LEIB. He and SICKEY had been involved in a fight and they could not get LEIB to settle down. He was out of control so some of the staff on the farm, including Chris, tied him up with ropes attached to a plow. He was so furious that he pulled the ox plow a few yards down the road before he calmed down.

The fourth daughter and youngest of the sisters MOLLY, was only four years old when her father JESAIHA passed away in Lithuania. She was a highly intelligent and beautiful young woman. Her school marks were of a very high standard and it is mentioned on the ZEIMELUS website. She married DANIEL DORFAN and later moved to the small town called WHITES, based on a cement factory, which was the main employer for the area. They owned the general dealer store which stocked groceries and clothing. They lived in the house adjoining the store. Daniel passed away when the two boys were still very young. Molly, a young widow, took on a partner, MARK GREEN. They ran a very successful business. The two boys SYDNEY and MORRIS both went to Johannesburg to complete their high school studies and stayed with the SKIKNA family in Mayfair. After graduating from high school Sydney went to Witwatersrand University Dental School where he qualified as a dentist. His first job was with DAVID MORRISON, Sevvie’s brother-in-law, in a practice in BENONI. After a year, he moved to work in the practice of Dr. MORRIE ROBBINS in SPRINGS. This was a great move for both SYDNEY and CHAYA ISAKOW. SYDNEY moved in with the ISAKOWS and shared a room with LEIZ in the sun room of the house on Nigel Road in Selection Park, Springs.

This was in 1957 and SYDNEY, always the perfect gentleman, helped LEIZ with his senior year studies. Sydney lived with his aunt for a number of years until he married ZELMA LAPIDUS. They were introduced to each other by ELJAH JOFFE of Delmas. At this time, Sydney gave up dentistry and decided to go farming in partnership with SICKEY ISAKOW in DAVEL in the EASTERN TRANSVAAL. This partnership grew from strength to strength with SYDNEY buying his own piece of land on the adjoining farm. The farm ZELPHA ESTATES was now over 4000 acres. They produced excellent potatoes and corn. They also built up a superb cow herd of about 400 breeding stock. Originally they lived in an old stone house on the original farm. Over the years, they built a beautiful modern home on the farm.

In 1981 they had an auction and sold both farms and all the cattle and implements. The main reason for this was the political situation in South Africa at the time. The partners then invested the proceeds of the sale in the property in the industrial heart of ALRODE, an industrial township in ALBERTON near Johannesburg. Sydney

managed the property for the mutual benefit of the two families. In his free time, he became very involved in the running of the Sandringham Gardens Old Aged Home which is a nursing home and retirement complex. He was instrumental in the building of Golden Acres Retirement complex adjoining Sandringham Gardens. These were retirement apartments where he was the driving force with GERALD HORWITZ in providing care and safety for the elderly. He became the chairman of this institution and a plaque was erected in his honour for the wonderful work caring for the aged. SYDNEY was loved and respected by all for his selfless devotion and care of the elderly people. He and ZELMA emigrated to Australia for their retirement. Two years later, SYDNEY passed away in Sydney Australia after a short illness. Their two sons LARRY and DARRYL and their families, now both live in Sydney as well as ZELMA and SYDNEY'S sister SHARON FRIEDMAN. LARRY married TESSA UTIAN and they have two daughters, TALIA LANA AND Yael MIGNON. DARRYL married BELINDA FORMAN and they have a son EYAL and a daughter KEREN MISHA.

MOLLY and DANIEL'S second son MORRIS, went into the business in WHITES after completing his studies at Athlone High School. He was successful in business in the ORANGE FREE STATE where there were many gold mines. He later moved to work and own a concession store near WITBANK. MORRIS married DAWN FRIEDMAN and they have three children, a daughter LINDA, who lives in TORONTO CANADA, a son MICHAEL who lives in Johannesburg and a daughter TAMMY who lives at the SELWYN SEGAL HOME. TAMMY is an amazing artist who has overcome her handicap of cerebral palsy. One of her paintings hangs in the home of Nelson Mandela. Some of her other works have been sold for large amounts of money for various charities. Morris and Dawn have been very involved in SELWYN SEGAL and voluntary work for HOSPICE. They have been instrumental in the Hospice store, earning lots of praise for their work as well as raising large amounts of money for the institution. Morris was a single handicap golfer for many years and is now enjoying his retirement in Johannesburg.

MOLLY lived in WHITES and HENNEMAN in the ORANGE FREE STATE for a number of years. She married a cousin of her late husband DANIEL by the name of MEYER DORFAN, a confirmed bachelor. He and MOLLY married in 1950. They had one daughter SHARON who grew up in HENNEMAN, learning to speak English, Afrikaans and Sotho. She was one of the few Jewish girls in the school and many of the Afrikaans children used to tease her saying, "You are a Jew". She replied that Jesus was also a Jew. The ignorant Afrikaans girls said no, "He was a regter (true) Afrikaner". SHARON went to boarding school at Eunice High School in Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State. After completing her studies she went to live in Johannesburg where she met LES FRIEDMAN, an actuary at Liberty Life Insurance Company. This happy couple were real nature lovers and LES was a keen bird watcher. He also loved to cycle. He was cycling in Sydney, where they made their home, when he had a heart attack and died while out on a ride. They have two daughters, LARA and MELANIE. LARA, a very talented young girl, was struck down with a stroke which left her a quadriplegic. She has since written a book on how to deal with patients who are incapacitated like she is. She uses her eyes and expressions to type on a specially modified computer. Being a qualified physiotherapist, her book has been a wonderful motivation to many patients with her condition. She also gives lectures to the profession and patients on caring for people in this state of disability.

MELANIE who has always been an animal lover. She works at Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo which is affiliated to Taronga Zoo. MELANIE works as a caregiver and handler at the zoo.

MORRIS ABROMOWITZ, the oldest brother, was the quietest member of the family. He was in business in a store and eventually went bankrupt. He was helped out of the financial problem by his brother Tom and brother-in-law Isaac Isakow. They helped set him up in a business in SELBY, JOHANNESBURG. There he was very successful in business dealing with a lot of cash. He used to store the money in biscuit (cookie) tins in the ceiling of his house in Orange Grove. He married the "wild" woman of the family, RIVA LEIKA, who was always aggressive. They had one daughter LIBA, who gave them lots of grief before finally getting married to an Israeli, URI ORLANOF. He started a dairy farm in the town of DE DEUR, near Vereeniging. After he had lost most

of Liba's inheritance from his in-laws, he eventually started a pottery business, which they are still involved in today. They have drifted away from the family and hardly communicate. They have four sons, a set of twins and 2 other sons.

TOM ABROMOWITZ was MORRIS'S younger brother. He was always closest to his sister CHAYA ISAKOW. He worked in the concession stores as a shop assistant, but found that standing for long periods of time affected his health and his feet. He then joined forces when ISAAC rented RIETKOL FARM from the GRAAF TRUST. Thanks to his sister CHAYA, he became a one third partner in all the ventures with ISAAC. He lived with them for a number of years and his room was on the east side the farm house. It was known as Tom's room and he was very happy living with them. One piece of furniture, the chest of drawers from his room, is still used in the spare room in MERCED in our home.

Tom loved the farm life and the freedom of being in the open air. He was a very generous uncle to all his nephews and nieces. He drove a two door Buick motor car with what was known as a dickey boot. The trunk opened backwards and there was a seat for two people. The youngsters used to love sitting in that seat. Tom was a great negotiator and would come back to the farm with all kinds of animals, ducks and geese, chickens and turkeys in time for the Passover feast as well as the Jewish New Year. He was very popular with the non-Jewish farmers and very well-liked in the area. TOM was a practical joker and a good natured person.

When he married his wife Nancy, ISAAC felt that it was time that he stood on his own two feet. They negotiated a division of the farm RIETKOL. Tom had first choice on one third of the farm. They also bought the property WALKERS BUILDING in SPRINGS on the same basis which was one third TOM, one third CHAYA and one third ISAAC. They remained very good friends and on good terms.

TOM had a heart attack and passed away at the young age of 53 years, leaving two young boys, Sydney and Danny who were to be cared for by their mother NANCY. In terms of Tom's will, ISAAC was named as an executor and administrator. At one of the first meetings with the lawyer BEN PICKARD, Nancy accused Isaac of lying because he questioned the way she was running the late Tom's affairs to the detriment of the two young children. Isaac was a very highly principled man and no one could ever accuse him of not caring for his nephews or of any dishonesty. As a result, he went to the Master of the Supreme Court and resigned as an executor. He wanted nothing more to do with Nancy. As a result of this rift, there has always been "bad blood" between the two boys and the ISAKOW family. This ended when HERMIONE and LEIZ got engaged in April 1965. Hermione worked in an office on the Stock Exchange with Danny and invited them to the engagement party. Nancy remarried WOLFF KUSNER who had a Salt business and farmed on Tom's farm till the boys grew up. SYDNEY and DANNY had a fall out with their stepfather WOLFF KUSNER and as a result, he and Nancy divorced. The two sons still live in Johannesburg but have little contact with the rest of the family.

Name/Naam SARAH ABROMOWITZ
 Address/Adres 131 BROADWAY NEW YORK

Sex/Geslacht Female

PHOTOGRAPH—PORTRAIT (Full Face—Vols. Gezicht)
 PHOTOGRAPH—PORTRAIT (Profile—Profiel)

Signature of Holder/Handtekening van houder

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 Datum van laaste binnekoms in die Unie

Address of last residence outside Union Litkava
 Adres van laaste woonplek buite die Unie

St. Ziemels, Lithuania

Single or married Widow
 Getroud or ongetroud

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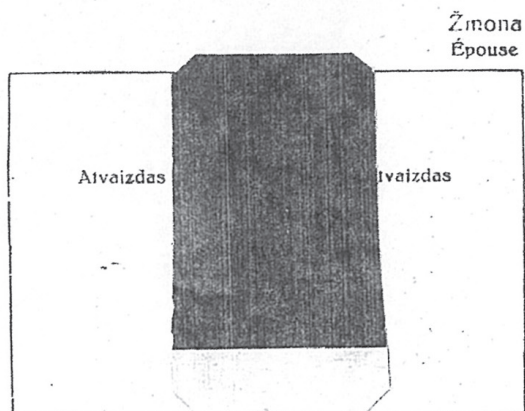
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Sarah & Izilla



Morris, Liba & Rivaleika Abromowitz



Tom Abromowitz



Bessie Geffin, Molly Dorfman, Sheina Ber & Rose Isaacman



Sevvie, Rose, Bessie, Sidney & Sylvia



Leiz & Morris Dorfan



Leiz & Tevel Isakow

CHAYA and ISAAC ISAKOW 1925 to 1945.

From the time that CHAYA and ISAAC got married on 28 February 1926 and lived on the farm RIETKOL, they had a very good marriage. Isaac, who was extremely hard working, made a tremendous success of his farming venture. He always had the backing of his wife who was the solid person in the home. She was an extremely good cook and baker and spent most of her time bringing up their 3 children.

SEVVIE was born on 23 JANUARY 1927. 1930 was a tragic year. CHAYA lost a beautiful little boy named LESLIE, who died from whooping cough when he was six months old. CHAYA battled to get over it. He is buried in the BRIXTON Cemetery in Johannesburg. They were visiting ISRAEL ISAKOW at his home in WARM-BATHS when he took ill. It is strange to go to the cemetery and see a grave with the name LESLIE ISAKOW.

SICKEY (Cyril), was born on 5 November 1931. After a number of miscarriages (LEIZ) LESLIE, was born on 16 July 1939 on the farm. He was named after the departed brother which according to tradition is supposed to be lucky. I won't go into details about the three children at this stage.

CHAYA was very devoted to her sisters and brothers and assisted them when they had difficult times. For example, when Morris got into financial trouble, she and Isaac helped bail him out. When Tom had health problems with his feet and couldn't stand in the store all day, she and Isaac brought him into the farming business and also into their home. When her other sisters had financial or other problems, she would take from her allowance and assist all her sisters financially. CHAYA loved the surrounding area and would go for long walks around the farm. In the early days the house on the farm had no toilet inside. There was a primitive toilet outside beside some giant blue gum trees. Water had to be drawn from a well. There was no electricity in the house. There was a wind charger which charged batteries for an old pilot radio that stood in the living room. Outside in the back yard was an old cooler which had water dripping down over old burnt out coke (similar to coal). When the water evaporated, it cooled down the contents of the cooler. ISAAC did his utmost to make CHAYA happy. They would go to Johannesburg every second week and buy provisions and kosher meat. CHAYA was renowned for her cooking and she made lots of dishes that ISAAC enjoyed, for instance, blintzes, perogen and a variety of herrings and gefilte fish. The dishes were typical of Eastern Europe and dripped of cream and butter. ISAAC and CHAYA produced their own butter, cream and milk from the dairy and eggs from the chickens that ran around the house. They also had a small vegetable garden between the house and office building. CHAYA had help in the house from DAVID SEGONE, a quiet and very intelligent black man. He stayed and worked for the family for 50 years. DAVID'S one failing was that he liked to smoke hashish (marijuana), but derived the energy to ride a bicycle from Springs back to his home on the farm on weekends, a distance of twenty miles. Two of DAVID'S sons worked on the farm. The eldest one became a detective in the South African Police Force. A second son became the town engineer and a third son became the Mayor of Delmas after the 1994 general elections. DAVID was honored with a gold watch for 50 years of service to the family.

While CHAYA was busy making a home and starting a family, ISAAC was busy building up a farming enterprise. He would buy cattle and work with them for three or four years plowing and cultivating his crops. Then he would sell them for slaughter at four or five times the price he had paid originally. At the peak of these endeavors, he would work with 30 spans of 16 oxen. Some of the original yokes are still on the farm. Everything was done with oxen and no tractors. The produce was taken to the nearby station by ox wagon. When it rained, a lot these wagons would often get bogged down. ISAAC and FAAN BOTHA, his manager, built up a wonderful relationship and understanding. In summer, they would start before sunrise and work till dark. Some of the sharecroppers namely, KOOS DU TOIT, TOLLIE POTGIETER and the TAIT FAMILY produced excellent crops and were very willing to give over their share of the crop as a rental.

In the 1930's, there was a terrible drought, and a worldwide recession. This caused a lot of hardship and it was a struggle to survive. Somehow ISAAC survived the recession and came out of it strongly. In 1936, ISAAC pur-

chased the entire farm RIETKOL from the GRAAF TRUST. SIR DAVID GRAAF was a member of Parliament and his son became the leader of the opposition political party in the Houses of Parliament after the 1948 election. ISAAC purchased 4400 Morgan (10,000 acres) for FOUR pounds (eight dollars) a morgan. The total purchase price was 23,000 pounds which is 46,000 dollars. In those days South Africa still used the British monetary system. The GRAAF FAMILY TRUST would not sell the mineral rights to the farm. ISAAC and TOM divided half of the farm and formed a new company, RIETKOL SMALL HOLDINGS in which ISAAC and TOM owned two thirds and the GRAAF TRUST the other third.

The trust was represented by Mr. D.C. JACKSON, a lawyer from Pretoria.

ISAAC wanted to cut the risk of his investment because of the looming second world war. He did not want too much debt if war broke out. The next few years were very profitable for the farmers because the ships would come around the Cape and re-stock with produce. ISAAC produced top-quality potatoes, beans, pumpkins and corn. The period during the war made him a very wealthy man. The estate agent representing the new company was a man by the name of IRVING STEYN. He was known as "SWERVING IRVING" because of the number of political parties that he belonged to.

Despite his political affiliations he became a firm friend of ISAAC'S and TOM'S. His office was in Walker's Building, which ISAAC and TOM had bought a few years previously. He used to hold auctions in DELMAS, DEVON and LESLIE. He and ISAAC got on very, very well and they became close friends. In 1946, ISAAC signed a guarantee for 2000 pounds (four thousand dollars) for IRVING to be able to trade as a stockbroker on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. A copy of this guarantee is attached here as well. An actuary worked out that it would be worth over 6 million Rand (eight hundred thousand dollars) in present times. IRVING had a tickertape machine which gave you the latest stock exchange prices. Isaac would often visit his offices as well as popping into BABS JACKSON'S bucket shop, who ran a betting shop from his outfitting business. Isaac loved to have an occasional bet on the main horse racing events. He had the ISAKOW gambling spirit. A very good friend, VICTOR BRENNER, worked for IRVING and was the agent for Rietkol Small Holdings and sold the house in Nigel Road to ISAAC and CHAYA for IRVING STEYN.

IRVING had three sons. One was killed in a motorcycle accident while still in his teens, another became a judge of the High Court of South Africa, and the third son farmed near Delmas. When IRVING sold his house at 17 Nigel Road to ISAAC and CHAYA in 1945 house, it was the home that ISAAC had promised CHAYA when they first went to live on the farm. The purchase price for the house was 4500 pounds (nine thousand dollars). That included an open stand next door. ISAAC and CHAYA left Rietkol and moved to SPRINGS to start a new chapter of their lives. ISAAC and TOM were foundation members of the Delmas Synagogue and often entertained the Reverend BERNSTEIN who was the minister in Delmas. For the high holy days, they would either go to Johannesburg or to Delmas.

While living on the farm they were friendly with the BLIEDEN and KAPLAN families as well as the BRESGIS, JACOBS, JOFFE, LEVINSON, DR.COHEN, VIDELEVSKY, SHILL, SAMUELS, WIENER, KROSER, and MARGOLIS families to mention some of the Jewish community in the area. They also befriended many of the Afrikaans speaking families in and around ELOFF and Delmas, namely the DU TOITS, SCHOEMAN, ROUS-SOUW AND TAIT families. Mrs. GOOSEN, who used to supply eggs for the high holidays, would always say, "(You mustn't break the "aiges" eggs)" in a very broad Afrikaans accent.

MORRIS GEDDES who lived in SUNDRA on Prosperity Holdings and had a little store there, approached ISAAC for assistance to start an engineering works in Delmas. The stand adjoining the hotel, belonged to MOLLY DORFAN. With their cooperation, MORRIS GEDDES started Delmas Engineering Works which grew from strength to strength to become a multi-million Rand factory. He later manufactured hammers and parts for the mines. He repaired "COCOPANS" (little trucks) which ran on narrow tracks on the mine dumps and carted rocks to the dumps. From this small beginning which started in Delmas, it became a massive factory in Springs. MORRIS never forgot the assistance he had got from Isaac. Many Sunday mornings he would come and visit and have a few drinks of whiskey and a friendly chat with CHAYA.

DR. MICKEY SYMON, a young newly qualified Doctor, who later became a wonderful family friend, cannot forget the first time he met ISAAC. ISAAC walked into his surgery with his driver, CHRIS KOPE, who wasn't feeling well. ISAAC said to MICKEY, "Doctor, please check him for diabetes because he has the same symptoms as I have and for the past few years has been eating exactly the same food as I have!" To his astonishment, ISAAC'S diagnosis was spot on!

Many years later, MICKEY would refer to this event as how he got to know the Isakow family.

The story of how CHRISTOPHER became ISAAC'S driver is even more amazing. ISAAC used to take CHRISTOPHER along when he went to auctions. He went to an auction in BRAKPAN where he started getting severe chest pains. He did not realize that he was having a heart attack. He got into his car but could not drive because of the severe pain. CHRIS who had never driven the car before, got into the driver's seat and told ISAAC that he had watched him drive and could drive. He drove ISAAC back to the farm in ELOFF without incident. Dr. COHEN rushed from Delmas and confirmed that ISAAC had had a heart attack. A few weeks later, ISAAC took CHRIS to the magistrate and told him to give CHRIS a driver's license. Subsequently CHRIS drove for the family for 40 years without ever having an accident. CHRIS could speak a perfect Yiddish and everyone marvelled at his intelligent understanding of kashrut and Jewish holidays. He would drive ISAAC all over and when ISAAC passed away, he drove for CHAYA for a number of years. He was so reliable that he could take the car and drive to Cape Town all on his own. He had a Yiddish sense of humour and was loved by all the family. In the appendix see newspaper cutting when he passed away. He was a smart businessman too and would sell potatoes from his home in the African Township of KWA THEMA. He had his own truck and delivered potatoes to all the stores and people in the Township. He used to refer to CHAYA as BOBBA (grandma). He was honoured with a gold watch for 50 years of service which was presented to his wife MARY since he had already passed away (see pictures). His wife MARY worked as a caregiver to CHAYA after she had fallen and broken her hip. She took wonderful care of CHAYA. MARY went on pension and passed away at the ripe old age of 93. Some of the other workers of note were ZENA who had been SICKEY'S nanny and worked for CHAYA for many years. ZENA was MARY'S sister.

ISAAC SEMAKE worked on the farm as a blacksmith. He was meticulous in seeing that every spanner was in its place on the workshop walls. He was another one of workers that had joined the farm in 1928 and worked for 50 years. He was once asked to number a wee and a turd. He replied that a wee was one and a turd was number two. When questioned what a fart was, he replied one and a half!

The other workers who were outstanding in all the activities on the farm were WOLF and LUKAS MPUFANE, two brothers who were both very hard-working and loyal. WOLF worked as the manager of the tractor drivers and coordinated their activities. He was very willing to get up at all hours and nothing was too much trouble for him. He lived on the other side of the highway and used to cycle to work every day. He was also honored with a gold watch for long service and the land adjoining his house was named after him.

LUKAS in his earlier years was a cattle herder and graduated to become a truck driver. When he got older he became an INDUNA (MANAGER) in his own right. He would be in charge of planting the potatoes and corn and would also oversee all the activities that were going on on the farm. In the planting season, he would be a hard taskmaster even to the owners of the farm. He would wake them at 4.00 a.m. to get the keys of the tractors to start work in planting season. He was one of a kind and also respected by his fellow workers because of his attitude for doing everything that was asked of him. He was extremely tough as a young man and could easily carry a two hundred pound bag of maize on his head. On one occasion he was attacked by a vicious dog at one of the Township houses. The dog bit him so badly that he needed thirty stitches. He killed the dog with his bare hands. His biggest disappointment in life was that he had only four daughters. He had very bad knees and would go for injections at least once a month to DOCTOR KING in DELMAS. When he passed away his family sent a wonderful note of appreciation to the ISAKOW family. A copy is in the appendix.

Another family that worked on the farm for 3 generations, was the PELO family. They were the old man, PIET PELO, his son, JACOBUS PELO, who was known affectionately as “TING” to the children, and his son MOSES. TING’S sister, ROSIE, worked for a number of years for SICKEY and PHYLLIS in SPRINGS.

When CHAYA and ISAAC moved to Springs in 1945, they linked up with old friends... the JOFFE, LEVINSON, RUBIN (Norman’s father) and ISAAC and ROSIE SMIT. The men would play Rummy about four times a week. They used to play for a shilling (ten cents) a card. That was quite a big amount at the time. All the men used to smoke, and it was difficult for ISAAC because he had been a very heavy smoker, smoking up to sixty cigarettes a day. He used to smoke Springbok and Flag cigarettes. He had given up smoking in 1941 when he had his first heart attack.

The area where they lived had many Jewish families, most of them living in NIGEL Road. The TAUROGS, GIRONUN, LEWIS, GALL, STOLLOF, LEVINSON, ROBINS, DIAMOND, KATZ, WOHLMAN, STOCK, JOFFE, BERMAN and BRESGIS all lived within walking distance of each other. The ladies would get together for tea on a Saturday afternoon and the latest gossip was discussed. When the HIRSCHOWITZ family bought the house next door, number 15 Nigel Road, ELJAH JOFFE said to ISAAC, “Your property values have just dropped”! ISRAEL HIRSCHOWITZ was a wonderful man, but his wife ROSIE, who had a terrible stutter, provided many laughs and funny moments.

ISAAC and CHAYA were happy in the community and were happy to have all three children back home. SEVVIE came back to Springs from Johannesburg and SICKEY started the new year at Springs Boys High School. LEIZ started his first full year at SPRINGS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL. He had missed the previous year due to having contracted Malta fever. This came about because of drinking milk from a cow that had aborted and the milk was not pasteurized. He had undulating fevers for seven months. Dr. ABERS cared for him when he had extremely high fevers. SHEINA BER came to the farm to help look after him. She used to sing many YIDDISH melodies which I remember to this day.

During 1950, SEVVIE got engaged to SONNY WALT of CAPE TOWN and ISAAC AND CHAYA organised a big party at the house in SPRINGS. They had a marquee on the lawn of the adjoining stand. The wedding took place on the 3rd September 1950 in the newly built Springs Synagogue. It was the second wedding to take place in Springs. In June of 1951, ISAAC, CHAYA, LEIZ and CHRIS drove down to Cape Town in their CHrysler motorcar. SHARON BERENICE had just been born to SEVVIE and SONNY. They lived in ORANGEZICHT, a suburb of Cape Town. ISAAC was thrilled that they named the baby after his late mother SARAH BASHA. Their son MANFRED JULES was born in December 1952. Many of the family were in Cape Town on holiday at the time. He was named after two grandfathers, SONNY’S father, MOSHE and ISAAC’S father, YEHUDA.

LEIZ celebrated his Barmitzvah on the 19th July 1952 in the Springs Synagogue. REV ALTSCHULER was the teacher and trainer. He gave him a wonderful start to becoming a good and observant JEW.

ISAAC and CHRIS would drive to the farm in ELOFF every day. CHAYA would send a basket of food for their lunch. One day they picked up a hitchhiker who was known as “MAL PIET” a simple man from SUNDRA. By the time they got to the farm MAL PIET had eaten all the fruit in the basket. That was the last time they gave him a lift. He used to drive around SUNDRA with a monkey on the front carrier of his bicycle.

During February 1954 while on holiday in Cape Town, ISAAC had a heart attack and was critically ill for about a week. The cardiologist who treated him was a Dr. ISAACSON. When he recovered from his heart attack he returned to Springs after about six weeks. On his return to Springs, Doctors EFFREN and KUNY looked after him. He became very frail during the next few months, and had to have a prostate operation which also set him back. His health deteriorated as he developed liver and kidney complications till he passed away on 10th November 1955. CHAYA missed him terribly because he had been the main provider for the house and for the family. He was honored by the CHEVRA KADISHA and SHUL committee. It was not common practice for the funeral procession to leave from the house of the departed and in this way they honored him. The corsage left from NI-

GEL Road and went past the Springs Synagogue to the cemetery, where Reverend ALTSCHULER delivered a tribute to the late ISAAC. He had built up a name as a fighter for the underdog and had helped many friends and family along the way. One of his favorite charities was ARCADIA JEWISH ORPHANAGE. He had a standing order on the market for 10 bags of potatoes a week for the orphanage and any other charity that needed potatoes or vegetables. In his will he left money to a number of charities, thus continuing with his love for his fellow man and for the underprivileged. He left bequests for a number of his staff both on the farm and at home. This ended the era of “the black Jew with the white heart.”

CHAYA continued to live in Nigel Road for the next nineteen years. During that time she had a number of boarders staying in the house. The most successful boarder by far was SYDNEY DORFAN When he worked in Benoni and then later in Springs. He was a solid home loving young guy. His advice and guidance was always very good. He set an excellent example with his high morals and honesty. SYDNEY and his wife ZELMA left to go farming in Davel in partnership with SICKEY. After SYDNEY left for the farm, BOBBA CHAYA, as she was affectionately known, had BARNEY LEVITAS board with her and LEIZ. BARNIE had a good heart and could see no bad in anyone. During this time, Chaya built up a pretty good relationship with GERTY FEINSTEIN. She was good company for CHAYA and lived just across the road at 24 Nigel Rd. Her son, MARTIN never married and was very good to both ChAYA and her family. CHAYA was comfortable in her surroundings and DAVID, CHRISTOPHER, MARY and ZENA attended to all her requirements. She would travel to Cape Town and would spend from November to February with SEVVIE, SONNY and the grandchildren, SHARON and MANFRED. Chaya loved the sea in MUIZENBERG. She delighted in being able to have a swim in the warm waters of FALSE BAY and spend time on the beautiful beach. CHAYA also enjoyed long walks on the beachfront in SEA POINT with its clear, fresh, salty air. When she came home she would enjoy days in the sun on the farm. She loved to walk all over the homestead area, and admire the beautiful cattle. She would walk over to the dairy and watch them milking the cows. CHRIS would drive her out to the farm and she spent many days reminiscing and talking about their good days living on the farm. LEIZ and HERMIONE lived with CHAYA in Nigel Road for about a year. This did not work out and they then moved to the farm and lived there happily for the next 25 years. CHAYA was generous with her presents to the children and grandchildren and to all the family. On the 30th of October 1974, tragedy struck when she slipped and fell on the front veranda of her home in Nigel Road and broke her hip. She was taken to the same hospital where Hermione was admitted for WARREN'S birth. Doctor FELIX MACHANICK was the orthopedic surgeon who operated on her doing a hip replacement. The operation was a success but CHAYA lost her confidence to walk on her own again. SICKEY and PHYLLIS built on an extra room at their home in SELCOURT. Their wonderful attention and care in looking after CHAYA with the help of MARY KOPE brought her back to reasonable health. She was looked after superbly till the end of her days when she passed away in March of 1981. RABBI VIGLER delivered a magnificent tribute to the matriarch of the family. The Rabbi assisted the family with the wording linking the two tombstones of ISAAC and CHAYA which read, “Who were beloved and pleasant in their lifetime and in their death were not parted”.

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 Colour of hair } *Black*
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PHOTOGRAPH OF BEARER

WIFE—FEMME.

(Photo.)

CHILDREN.—ENFANTS.

Name. Nom.	Age. Age.	Sex. Sexe.

SIGNATURE OF BEARER.—SIGNATURE DU TITULAIRE.
I. Isakov

NATURE OF WIFE.—ET DE SA FEMME.

Patrick Albert of Connaught,
 Major-General, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the
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**UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.
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NAME OF BEARER:
 NOM DU TITULAIRE:

Mr. Isaac ISAKOW

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 ACCOMPAGNÉ DE SA FEMME (Née):

and by ^{children}
 et de ^{enfants}

NATIONAL STATUS. NATIONALITÉ.

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Passport Isaac Isakov 1923

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1	Mirror to match			
1	3' 6" Chest of Drawers			
1	Monte Beni Bedstead	200	-	
1	Towel Sideboard	10	-	
		210	-	

No Receipt valid except on this Form.
H. SHULMAN & CO.
P.O. Box 7668. Telephone 2085.
ALLIANCE BUILDINGS,
C/o Fox & Rissik Streets (Basement),
Johannesburg, 19-2-1926.

Received from *Miss A. Abramowitz*
the sum of *Two Hundred and Ten* Pounds Shillings
and Pence,
for *in full*

H. SHULMAN & CO.

£ 160: 2: 2

Invoice for Oak dinning room suite
for Isaac & Chaya

vlakplaas,
Delmas.

7th March, 1932.

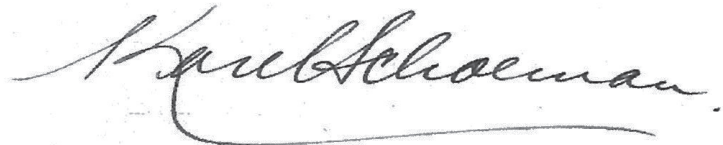
Dear Mr Isakow,

Your letter of the 18th February was read at the Board Meeting on the 29th February, and the Directors noted with regret your intention to resign. Before the final step in the matter is taken however, might I suggest that you attend the Special General Meeting which takes place on the 17th inst at 1.30 p.m. in the Delmas Farmers Hall. Mr Campbell, the Managing Director of the Central Agency will be present.

In my opinion the only hope for maize growers is in Organization and Cooperation, and to nullify the good work that has already been done would be disastrous for the industry. If you have grievances which can be rectified, let us deal with these as business men, and surely the best way to do this is to stand together and consolidate the good work already done.

I am confident I am not asking you in vain to attend the meeting on the 17th, and trust you will afford us helpful criticism.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Karel Schoeman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Letter from Karel Schoeman



MINISTERIE VAN VERVOERWESE, POSBUS 33, KAAPSTAD 8000
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS, P.O. BOX 33, CAPE TOWN 8000

Verw.
Ref.

M5/7

23 Mei 1986

Mnr. L. Isakow
Posbus 22
ELOFF
2211

Geagte Leiz

Ek het die brief wat my vader aan jou vader geskryf het, jare terug toe ek maar vyf jaar oud was, ontvang en het baie hoë waardering vir jou bedagsaamheid.

Ek wonder hoe ons ouers sou voel as hulle kon sien hoe die kinders en kleinkinders vandag die besigheid voortsit en hoedat landbou - en ander toestande in Suid-Afrika verander het.

Nogmaals baie dankie. Dit is 'n waardevolle aandenking en ook 'n insiggewende stuk vir my en my kinders.

Met vriendelike groete

HENDRIK SCHOEMAN

Letter from Hendrik Schoeman, Min. of Transport

Irving Steyn

STOCK AND SHARE BROKER

MEMBER OF THE JOHANNESBURG STOCK EXCHANGE

TELEPHONES : 56-1850
56-4218
56-2868

1 WALKER'S BUILDINGS,
SECOND AVENUE,
SPRINGS,

20th June 1949.

I. Isakow Esq.,
17 Nigel Road,
SPRINGS.

Dear Mr Isakow,

Security Bond Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

In connection with the Security Bond for £2,000/-/-)

(Two thousand pounds) which you were good enough to sign ^{as} surety,
in conjunction with Mr S. Karp, I have pleasure in advising you that
this bond has now been cancelled, and that your suretyship has
therefore ended. The Surety Bond has been returned to me by
the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, and has been filed in my
Stock Exchange Files.

May I express to you my sincere thanks for your extreme kindness
in having signed as surety for me to the Stock Exchange.

Yours faithfully,

Irving Steyn
IRVING STEYN.

Security Bond



J. POPLACK EN KIE.
& CO.

1782

Foon/Phone 4

DEVON, Tvl.

RECEIVED from

15/8/49
I. Isakow

the sum of

five hundred and twenty nine

Pounds

Shillings

Pence

being

a/c TRACTOR

Vir/For J. POPLACK EN KIE./& CO.

a/c poplack

£ 579 = 0 = 0

Phoenix, Jhb. 3508



Receipt for
International 'M' Tractor

PLEASE PRODUCE THIS NOTICE WHEN MAKING PAYMENT.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

I.T. 34.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF:

NORMAL AND SUPER TAXES:

[Assessed in terms of Income Tax Act No. 31 of 1941 (as amended).]

PROVINCIAL TAXES:

[Assessed in terms of the various Provincial Ordinances (see back).]

Reference No.

PAY DIRECT SPRINGS.

D 40/9

District of DELMAS.

Serial Nos. of Assessment.

Normal 94

Super 32

Provincial 124

To

I. Isakow Esq.,
Rietkol,
P.O. ELOFF.

on your own behalf or as Agent (or Public Officer) of
The following assessments have been made upon you for the

YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 19 ⁵⁰

Source of Income.	Amount shown by Taxpayer.	Amount Assessed.	Remarks.
Farming (a)	2796	2796	(a) Livestock 30/6/50£1610
Rents	1102	1102	Less mortality allowance ..£ 114
Directors Fees	420	420	£1496
Interest	8	8	Incomings£21169
Income Apportioned ex Private Company.			£22665
Land Sales			Less: Livestock 1/7/49£1903
(Commerce) (b)	14	14	Outgoings.....£17966
Rents (c)	9	9	£19869
Interest (d)	6	6	£ 2796
			(b) (c) and (d) - ex Prosperity Agricultural Holdings (Pty) Ltd. An additional assessment may be necessary in respect of income to be apportioned from Rietkol Agr. H. (Pty) Ltd.
TAXABLE INCOME.....£	4355	4355	

Dividends (Public Companies).....£	27	27	NON-TAXABLE INCOME.	Pte Coy Div. £167
INCOME SUBJECT TO SUPER TAX.....£	4382	4382	(b)	£

REBATES—NORMAL TAX.

REBATE—SUPER TAX.

No....	Primary.	Children under 18.	Children under 21 but over 18.	Depen- dants.	Total full year.	Proportion for period of days.	Insurance premiums and Benefit Fund Fees.	Total Rebate Deductable. (c)	Primary.	Proportion for period of days.	Total Rebate Deductable. (d)
Value...	31	10			41		4.13.9	45.13.9	210		210

TAXES PAYABLE—SEE NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OVERLEAF.

	NORMAL TAX on (a)	SUPER TAX on (b)	PROVINCIAL TAXES:	DATE OF ISSUE
	19.354	34.9525		
	d. per £1.	d. per £1.		
Tax.....£	351. 3.11	638. 3.6	Personal Tax..... 7.10.0	The DUE DATE
Less	45.13.9	210. 0.0	Provincial Income Tax :-	of this assess-
				ment is:

I.T. 34.

IMPORTANT.

Due to a change in the law with effect from 1st July, 1951, the accompanying assessment is due and payable immediately.

No interest or penalty is payable if payment is made within one month from the due date shown on the assessment.

The rates of interest/penalty shown in Notes 2 and 6 (b) on the back of the assessment form have been substituted by a uniform rate of 1½d. per completed £ per completed month on tax paid after the expiry of the period of one month allowed for payment.

All references on the assessment notice to the period for payment and rates of interest or penalty are superseded by the foregoing.

2% of (e).....61. 2.0
4% of (f).....102.15.2

Tax :-

.....£ 63-12-2

.....d. per £.. 2-10-

£ 171. 7.2

171. 7.2

AMOUNT PAYABLE

£ 1045.19.6

Receiver of Revenue at SPRINGS

106

L.H. COPPENS

for Commissioner for Inland Revenue.

S. Schutz.

Public Accountant and Auditor

Sim Schutz, F.I.A., S.A.

Telephones: Office 61-1246
Resdce 61-1277

P.O. BOX 9.

6, Holze Street,
Roodepoort.

EXPENSES - I. ISAKOW - SEPTEMBER 1953 - JUNE 28th. 1954.

Insurance	116	17	2
Rates	7	3	4
Stationery	5	17	11
Licences	67	12	
Phone	124	4	8
Bank Cahrges	22	16	9
Feeding bought	618	8	4
Seed, Bags &			
Threshing	2038	9	1
Atlantic Oil	1810	5	2
Repairs & Parts	558	2	2
Van's Garage	480	5	10
Labour	2515	2	5
S. M. Botha	400		
J. Bezuidenhout	300		
Fertilizer	1796	9	2
Building	433	9	5
	9995	3	5

C. J. Isakow
10 Months Wages

CATTLE

Stock	1300		
Purchases	1663	12	0
	2963	12	0
Sales	2160	6	1

PRODUCE

Sold for 5614 14 7

June 28.

Cheque from
E. Joffe 3100

8714 14 7
£

Balance Sheet from 1954

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FORM No. 10
11/52.

Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas)

(REGISTERED AS A COMMERCIAL BANK)

WITH WHICH IS AMALGAMATED

The National Bank of South Africa Limited

ALL LETTERS TO BE
ADDRESSED
TO THE MANAGER.

DELMAS, Transvaal.

14th June, 1956.

Dear Sir,

For your information and guidance we
advise you that your account appears to be overdrawn
to the extent of £ 754. 8. 2

~~to which we request the favour of your attention~~

If facilities to this extent are availed of,
we shall require a balance sheet of Rietkol
Estates.

Yours faithfully,


Manager.

Messrs. Rietkol Estates,

P.O. Box 22,

ELOFF.

Letter from Barclays Bank 1956

GWP

WHITE BURIAL FOR 'FAITHFUL' CHRIS

CHRISTOPHER Rachabane Kope, a prominent Kwa Thema Township resident, being buried on a White farm in Delmas today at the request of the farm owners.

And the farm owners are standing the bulk of the funeral expenses. They have also supplied mealie meal and meat for mourners.

Christopher, who died at the Far East Rand Hospital

at the age of 61 last Sunday, worked for the Isakow family, owners of the farm, for most of his life.

Mr. C. J. Isakow (40) said yesterday that Christopher was considered a "family member" and an "all-round faithful employee." He himself, he added, had grown on his lap.

He had grown up on the farm and began working for Mr. Isakow's father when still young.

SHEPHERD

He started work as a shepherd and had been family chauffeur for many years when he retired three years ago.

Christopher, who is survived by his wife and seven children, moved to Kwa Thema township after 48 years on the farm.

At Kwa Thema he became one of the founder members of the Transvaal Bushbucks, a local football club. He was later appointed manager of the club and held the post for eight years.



Christopher Kope

WHITE FAMILY PAY LAST RESPECTS TO AFRICAN EMPLOYEE

The prominent sportsman and founder member of the Transvaal Bush Bucks Football Club, Mr. Christopher Rachabane Kope, 61, who died recently at the F.E.R. Hospital was buried last Saturday afternoon at the Rietkol Estate Farm.

The owners of the farm, the Isakow family, who had employed him, requested that he should be laid to rest on the farm.

It was a multi-racial funeral for the popular Mr. Kope. He was the father of a family of seven which included three well-known teachers. He had lived at Kwa Thema for many years.

CLUB-MEMBERS CHOIR

The funeral started at 9 a.m. at the Kwa Thema Civic Centre. Members of the Bush Bucks F.C. dressed in blue and orange club colours had formed a choir under the leadership of Mr. E. Radebe, a noted official of the club and secretary for the Springs and District Football Association. They sang a touching selection of spirituals.

The Methodist Church choir also added solemnity to the occasion. They voluntarily took part in the service because of the close ties between the Church and the sons of the late Mr. Kope.

IMPRESSIVE CORTEGE

More than 170 cars and nine

buses formed an impressive cortege which left the Civic Centre at about 1 p.m. for the Rietkol farm cemetery.

At Rietkol the mourners were met by the Isakow family, including Miss S. Watt, a niece of the Isakow family who had come from the Cape especially to attend the funeral. A large number of White neighbouring families also attended the funeral.

The Isakow family and other neighbouring Whites served as pall bearers.

A GREAT LOSS

Speaking about the deceased Mr. Kope, the president of the Bush Bucks Club, Mr. J. Dube, told the mourners that Mr. Kope had whole-heartedly served the club.

Three of his sons play for Bush Bucks and two of them also play in the first division.

"The death of Mr. Kope", said Mr. Dube, "is a great loss to the Bucks. His absence will be very noticeable".

Mr. Radebe, another speaker, said that although Mr. Kope had not been an executive member of the S. and D.F.A. he had always come up with good suggestions. He had always been the first to comment when things went wrong. He would be greatly missed.

Mr. J. C. Isakow commented that Mr. Kope had served the family faithfully and loyally for 48 years. Most of the family present had been toddlers when he had first come to work on the farm and he had seen them grow up.

Phillemon Mpufane, David Segone,
Isak Semake, Mary Kope,
Lucas Mpufane and Chaya Isakow.





Jackson Ndlovu & Isak Semake



Lukas Mpufane

To Isakow Family

THE NDLLOU FAMILY WISH TO THANK YOU MOST
SINCERELY FOR YOUR EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY
AND COMFORT DURING OUR BELEAVEMENT

IT WAS COMFORTING TO HAVE YOU
BY OUR SIDE DURING THIS DIFFICULT
TIME WE HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR
CONTRIBUTION AND YOUR PRESENCE
MORE THAN WORDS "CAN SAY"
MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

To: LEIZ Isakow & Family.

We would like to express our
sincere appreciation for having
cared for our parents until
their last days.

Further to the above we wish
to advise that now that our
parents have passed away, to
us, you will remain parents
and it would be appreciated if
you would think of us and
treat us ^{as} your children.

We wish you everything of the
best and may God be with you.

Hope this little card
will show

Your kindness
means more than you know.

From:

The children of the late
Lucas Mpuwane.

Thank you letters from the Kope & Mpuwane families.

THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF CHAYA AND ISAAC ISAKOW.

SYLVIA WALT (ISAKOW)

Known affectionately as SEVVIE to all the family and many friends, was born on 23rd January 1927 in Johannesburg.

Her early years were spent growing up on the farm and spending quality time with her parents. She has happy memories of these days.

SEVVIE started school at ELOFF Primary School which was in a corrugated iron building on the south side of the railway line at ELOFF. The only other Jewish children at the school were two BRESGIS, two BLIEDENS and one CAPLAN. SEVVIE was a beautiful and happy student in ELOFF.

In seventh grade she went to MAYFAIR WEST School in Johannesburg. She boarded with her aunt TZILLA SKIKNA. Sevvie shared a room with her two cousins SYLVIA and BESSIE.

Sevvie attended JEPPE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL in Johannesburg where she excelled at all her academic activities. She was always in the top echelon of her class. She was a very good hockey player and was selected for combined Johannesburg School's hockey team. Her position in the team was Left Back. When she completed her schooling she went to the University of the WITWATERSRAND where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Psychology and Afrikaans. She also represented the University first team in hockey and went on tour with the team. After graduating, Sevvie worked for the National Institute of Personnel Research. One of the places that she worked at was GROOTVLEI Mine near Springs.

SEVVIE was a very attractive and popular young girl and had many admirers. On one occasion I got into trouble for calling the young suitors "TEITRINKERS" (tea drinkers) when they came to visit her at the house in Nigel road.

SEVVIE met her husband ISADORE JACOB (SONNY) WALT, a medical doctor from Cape Town, on a blind date when he came to Johannesburg for a family function. After a short whirlwind romance they got engaged in May 1950. The engagement party was held in a marquee on the stand next door the house in Nigel road.

Their wedding, which was the second wedding to take place in the new Springs synagogue, was on 3rd September 1950.

It was followed by a magnificent reception in the Springs Town Hall. Sevvie and Sonny left for an extended honeymoon in Europe, London and Switzerland.

On their return to Cape Town they lived in Oranjezicht on the slopes of Table Mountain. Sonny's medical practice was in a suburb called Woodstock, which was mainly a blue-collar area. He also worked on the board of the Woodstock Hospital.

Their daughter SHARON BERENICE was born on the 26th June 1951, and my parents and I arrived that day in Cape Town after travelling by car from Springs. The journey took us two days to get to Cape Town. Shortly after SHARON'S birth Sevvie and Sonny moved into a new house on the High Level Road in Sea Point. The double story house had a beautiful view of Table Bay and Robben Island. SHARON was named after SEVVIE'S father ISAAC'S mother, SORRA BASHA. She started walking at about 10 months of age. She was a very lively and active little girl and earned the name of "koggellefel" (busy body). Sharon was a delightful child, good natured and the apple of Bobba Chaya and Isaac's eye.

SEVVIE AND SONNY'S second child MANFRED JULES was named after two grandfathers, MOSHE after SONNY'S father and JULES after ISAAC'S father YEHUDA.

Manfred was born on the 19th December 1952.

SEVVIE and SONNY were extremely well known in Cape Town.

Sonny as a doctor and Sevvie for all her charity work.

They entertained lavishly and their home was an open house to all the visitors from upcountry. Sevvie was very involved with the school and many other charities. She was responsible for starting the Nechama group (a bereavement and counselling organisation) in Cape Town.

She had also been involved for many years with Magen David Adom where she was the South African Chairman. In latter years Sevvie was honoured in Canada by the Ambassador of Israel to Canada. The ambassador Alan Baker in his address praised the wonderful efforts and fifty eight years of service to M.D.A. and her fundraising efforts for ambulances for Israel.

After Sonny and Sharon had passed away Sevvie emigrated to Canada in 1994 where she established a home for all her Diamond grandchildren.

One of SEVVIE'S many attributes is her amazing memory and putting people together. If you mentioned a city she would inevitably know somebody there. Even today in her 80's, she still has a wonderful memory. Her one possible failing is due to her breeding. This is the ISAKOW love of gambling and casinos. On one trip to Las Vegas, she gambled right through the night and did not go to sleep. If you offer to take her to the casino in Niagara in the morning she will be up at the crack of dawn and be the first on the bus.

We love you and all your achievements as listed in your memoirs. As I am writing this SEVVIE is enjoying her 85th birthday. SEVVIE is reaping the naches of her second great grandchild, RAEL and TARYN'S new baby girl SADIE PAIGE. SADIE'S hebrew names are "CHAYA SORRE BASSE" after CHAYA and SHARON. SHANE is thrilled to have a beautiful little sister.

SEVVIE partially lost her sight a number of years ago, but not her spirit and zest for life. She is only happy when she is busy and doing things "HER WAY".

SHARON BERENICE DIAMOND (WALT) spent her childhood and formative years in Cape Town, going to the Weitzman Primary School in Sea Point, and later finished her Schooling at the Herzlia Jewish Day school. SHARON loved coming to Springs for most of the school holidays, which she would spend with her grandmother Chaya, uncles in Springs and on the farm. She was a happy-go-lucky teenager with a lovely friendly nature. She met her husband SAUL DIAMOND at a family barmitzvah. After she had attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cape Town, she came to live in Johannesburg and the romance bloomed. SHARON and SAUL were married at the Schoonder Street Shul in Cape town on 17th February 1974. The young couple lived in an apartment in Strubenvale, Springs for about 18 months and later moved into CHAYA'S house in Nigel Road. Chaya had broken her hip and was not able to stay on her own anymore so she moved into PHYLLIS and SICKEY'S home in Selcourt.

SHARON and SAUL, in true Nigel Road tradition, produced four wonderful sons who I will elaborate on shortly. In the early 90's SHARON and SAUL moved to GLENHAZEL in Johannesburg. SAUL and SHARON really found their niche in this religious community. The boys thrived at King David school. Saul was very comfortable in the community and Sharon was extremely happy in her surroundings. She made many friends and loved the environment. Unfortunately tragedy struck when she developed stomach cancer and passed away in October 1998 after a very difficult three years. During this time SAUL was the most wonderful and caring husband, and I admire him for his love and devotion during this very trying time. SAUL to his credit, raised his four sons, ran his home and continued to educate all of them in a very special way.

The eldest son Ivan who was born on 16th June 1975 is named after SAUL'S father ISSY DIAMOND, has matured into the most outstanding young man. Besides all his academic achievements he has taken care of his grandmother SEVVIE and is the most wonderful and caring grandson. IVAN obtained a medical degree, a bachelor of science honors degree and a PhD. At present he is doing a second speciality in radiology. Ivan is a true "MENSCH" in every sense of the word.

SHARON and SAUL'S second son RAELE is well over 6 feet tall, but every inch a gentleman through and through. He too has taken care of his "BEBBE" and looked after her finances. RAELE was born on 3rd February 1977. His degree is a BBA in Business Administration and works for the company Brookfield Properties in New York where he holds a very senior position and is very highly respected within the company. He married TARYN FRIEDMAN of Johannesburg and they have two beautiful children, a son SHANE and daughter SADIE PAIGE. They live in Manhattan, New York.

GARY, the third of the Diamond boys, was born on 3rd March 1982. GARY has shown outstanding leadership qualities and was elected Head Prefect at King David High School in LINKSFIELD, Johannesburg. SHARON predicted that this honour would be bestowed on Gary. Gary did not disappoint her. Gary was very involved with the Hillel movement at University and completed his degree an HBA,LLB. He felt more at home in the business field and is now involved in the business of recycling computers. With his personality and business acumen I'm sure he will go very far in this field. He is also very involved with the family and with his BEBBE.

MARC DIAMOND, the youngest of the four sons, was born on 29th February 1988. Marc, who had to fend for himself at a very young age when Sharon passed away, has grown into an unbelievably mature young man. He has adapted to the life in Toronto very well and has worked diligently to achieve a Diploma in Construction Engineering Technology. He was fortunate to have three older brothers show him the way but he in his own way has achieved great success. His care for his BEBBE and family is wonderful and much admired.

SHARON would have been very proud of their four sons and what they have all achieved. May SAUL be blessed with many years of good health to enjoy his children and grandchildren.

MANFRED WALT as a little boy loved music. I remember him sitting in the backseat of the car and singing along holding a true tune. His schooling was the same as Sharon's at WEITZMAN PRIMARY and then to HERZLIA JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL. He loved the beach and swims in MUIZENBERG. During the winter holidays he and Sharon would come to the farm and spend wonderful days there. Manfred learned to drive on an old truck during one of these holidays.

After completing his schooling in Cape Town, he did his articles, completed his Bachelor of Commerce degree and qualified as a B.Com CA, chartered accountant at the University of Cape Town.

MANFRED met MICHELLE ODES at the University. She was studying for a Diploma of Radiography and she later practised in Cape Town as a radiographer. Michelle's hometown was Kimberley, which was known in South Africa as the "diamond mining" town. Manfred realized that he had GEM in Michelle, and they were married on 26th February 1978 in the historic synagogue in Kimberley. The foundation stone of the synagogue was laid by the Oppenheimer family in the early 1900's. The Oppenheimer family tried on many occasions to have their names removed from the foundation stone at the entrance to the synagogue as they no longer regarded themselves as Jews. Manfred and Michelle toured America and Canada and finally decided to make their home in Toronto where they have lived for the past 33 years. They have a beautiful home and garden which Manfred gets much pleasure from, being a very keen gardener.

Manfred worked with one of the big four accounting firms before being headhunted by the Bronfman family. He was very successful and moved fairly high up in the Bronfman management team. After a number of years he was again headhunted, this time by the REICHMAN family, where he holds a very high position and influence. Manfred was responsible in assisting Michelle's family and parents to emigrate from South Africa and settle in Toronto and today they are indeed very fortunate to have their entire family living in Toronto. As he has grown older he has become a lot more like his late father Sonny.

MICHELLE has done a great job of raising their family. They have four beautiful children who have also reached very high academic standards in their chosen professions. She is fortunate to have her sisters and brother as well

as her mother and family living close by. MICHELLE sometimes assists her brother Neil and mother Sheila in their store Sedo Snacks which specialises in South Africa products. She has also been a wonderful support for SEVVIE at all times. All in all they are one big happy family. Besides all the activities and running her home, she still finds time to play tennis and keep fit.

MANFRED and MICHELLE'S eldest daughter CARYN (WALT) WEINREB was born on 30th March 1982. She is named after her grandmother CHAYA ISAKOW. CARYN is very bright, good looking and has the most vibrant personality. She has achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors as well as being a qualified CA. She married SHAEL WEINREB, a lawyer with an LLB degree, in October 2011 in a beautiful ceremony and reception. Manfred did a superb rendition of singing the SHEVA BRACHOT (seven blessings) with the TORONTO MALE CHOIR at the wedding ceremony.

LINDSAY, their second daughter, is named after a great aunt LIEFSHA and she has inherited many of the wonderful attributes of the lady she was named after. A quiet and lovable person who could never do enough for everyone. Lindsay was born on 15th March 1984.

Lindsay did a course in Early Childhood Education before changing direction and doing a Diploma in Fashion Merchandising. She is a solid clear thinking young girl with her feet planted firmly on the ground who will go a long way in life.

David, their third child, was born on 8th September 1985 and has always been an outstanding student. He was top of his class when he graduated and was accepted into dentistry. He obviously enjoyed his degree and again came top of his class. He is a handsome and popular young man who has achieved so much in such a short time. He spent three years away from home in Denver where he obtained his speciality as an Orthodontist, again at the very top of his profession. David has been a source of pleasure to his family parents and grandparents. I am enumerating his degrees DDS, MSD, FRCD(C) Orthodontist. David well done and we are very proud of you.

Last but not least is STEVEN who was named after his late grandfather Sonny Walt. STEVEN was born on 28th September 1990 and is a very laid-back and bright young man. He grew up in an age of computers and has a couple of degrees, namely a BESC, HBA Software Engineer and Business honors. Steven is a wizard on computers and I think could give good advice on trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Steven has a large circle of friends and is very popular in his group.

The grandparents of these outstanding people would have been extremely proud of all their achievements.

CYRIL JOSEPH or SICKEY as he was known, was born on the farm RIETKOL on the 5th November 1931. He was named after CHAYA'S father, YESHAIHU ABROMOWITZ. YESHAIHU'S Tombstone can be seen on the ZEIMELUS web site. His was the biggest stone on the cemetery. Both SICKEY AND SAIKEY were named after him. SICKEY'S early years were spent running around on the farm with his father ISAAC and uncle TOM. He started his education at the ELOFF Primary School. His teacher in first grade was a Miss. SWELLNEUS. He later met up with her at the school's 40th year reunion. He and JOHAN DU TOIT became firm friends and got into trouble for spending their saving's money on candy. When ISAAC found out he was punished with the ever present light cane. SICKEY continued his schooling at ELOFF till sixth grade. He then went to live with his aunty TZILLA in Mayfair in Johannesburg. SICKEY went to Mayfair West School for one year and then to Springs Boys High School. During that year in Mayfair, he studied for his barmitzvah. He, NORMAN and SAIKEY became firm friends. When they came to the farm they would build massive six cornered kites. These kites would be six foot tall. On one windy day, they tied the kite to the pram with LEIZ inside and the wind pulled it along at high speed. They would also put flies in a matchbox with a hole through it and the matchbox would go up the string to the very top. The flies would come back dizzy. The cousins also spent much time playing on the corn stacks building castles and throwing cobs at each other.

When the family moved to Springs, SICKEY started his schooling at Springs Boys High School. He was a very good student and was part of the school shooting team. He achieved honours for shooting. He graduated from high school in 1949 with a first class pass. He used to ride a bicycle to school every day and in the afternoon would give LEIZ a lift to CHEDER on the back carrier of his bicycle.

After completing his schooling, SICKEY went to work on the farm with his father ISAAC. At that time SICKEY was driving a GMC truck. He and ARNOLD KAPLAN would regularly race their vans between Springs and the farm. His first motor car was a Ford Cortina. SICKEY would drive at full speed and I think his kids have inherited this from him. It was at this time that ISAAC bought his first FARMALL tractors. SICKEY saw the need to mechanize and it took a while to convince his father. He spent many hours in the workshop and started improving the mechanical functions of the workshop on the farm. The mechanisation from ox drawn implements to tractor drawn took some doing. The tractor could do the work of many spans of oxen. Implements had to be modified and adapted. ISAAC, on the advice of his bookkeeper, a certain Mr. SHUTZ, took SICKEY in as a partner in the farming operation in 1953.

In 1954 SICKEY met PHYLLIS KADISH at a BRIS MILAH (circumcision) for MAISH and YETTA STEIN'S newborn son. PHYLLIS and MAISH were first cousins and YETTA, was SICKEY'S cousin. PHYLLIS was an art student at the Technical College in Johannesburg. They dated for a few months and then got married on 31st October 1954. PHYLLIS'S parents BENNIE and FANNY KADISH were farmers in DAVEL in the Eastern Transvaal. The entire KADISH family were in the farming business. FANNY was a shrewd and tough businesswoman. When she passed away a few years later, the business lost its tight control and was never the same as when she controlled the purse strings. BENNIE was a very likable man and a good farmer.

SICKEY AND PHYLLIS bought a double story house, number 20 Nigel Rd. This was diagonally across from ISAAC and CHAYA. The previous owner was a Mr. GALL. In August of 1955, the first of their four sons RAYMOND ISRAEL was born. He was named after PHYLLIS'S grandfather and SICKEY'S uncle ISRAEL (SHROLL) ISAKOW.

RAYMOND was one of the first pupils at Hillel school in Benoni. He came to work on the farm after three years at University. He never accomplished what he had set out to do at university. He worked at Rietkol farm and Nigel farm for a few years. As a vegetarian, RAYMOND did not enjoy working with the cattle in the feedlot that were going to slaughter.

RAYMOND married HILARY EIDES who is a registered nurse by profession and works for Sun International Hotel Group. They have three sons. Jonathan their eldest son is now a qualified lawyer and admitted to the bar. Brian, their second son obtained a degree in music and hosts a jewish talk show in his spare time. He is also the choir master at the Oxford Shul in Rosebank, Johannesburg. David their youngest son graduated from school a year ago and has spent 12 months on an educational program for students in Israel.

SICKEY and PHYLLIS'S second son ISAAC, was born on the 15th September 1957. He was named after his grandfather ISAAC. He completed a technical matric in Springs and then worked on the mines and became a Fitter and Turner. He started a business in Delmas called Delmas Exhaust, which he ran for about 20 years. ISAAC now has a business manufacturing roofing materials and it is based at TREVOR'S factory in Wadeville Germiston. He married CLAUDINE BERGER, who is a talented artist and school teacher. CLAUDINE operated a very successful pottery business in Glenhazel in Johannesburg. She now teaches art at a religious school in Johannesburg. Their daughter HALEY, has done a degree in psychology and is now reading for her Master's degree. HALEY is engaged to be married to DAVID HIRSHOWITZ later this year. ISAAC and CLAUDINE'S son RUSSEL is studying for a business degree. RUSSEL is a very good tennis player and coached tennis in his spare time.

SICKEY and PHYLLIS'S third son TREVOR was born on the 25th September 1960. He went to SELCOURT Primary School, Springs Boys High School and then completed his studies at Damelin College in Johannesburg.

After graduating from school, he studied for and achieved a Bachelor of Commerce degree by correspondence. He worked for a while at the sheep feedlot KOEGRAS in Balfour, Transvaal and also worked at Diamond Implements in Delmas. TREVOR and his lifelong friend STEVEN FIRER, started a new business in WADEVILLE called Electrical Board manufacturers. This has grown into a very successful and thriving business. TREVOR and STEVEN are a very good team both at work and at play. They have been inseparable since nursery school. TREVOR married ROBYN LEVIN and they have two children DEVIN and ALEX. DEVIN obtained six distinctions when he graduated from school in his final year of study. He is currently studying at the London School of Economics after completing a year in New York studying film production. ALEX has just graduated from high school. She was a very good athlete while at school.

SHAWN, SICKEY and PHYLLIS'S youngest son was born on the 5th August 1966. SHAWN went to SELCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL in Springs, HILLEL SCHOOL in Benoni and then he completed his schooling at DAMELIN College in Johannesburg. SHAWN then went into the South African Army which was compulsory at the time. He did part of his army training as a chef in the Armed Forces. He has been involved in many businesses and today works for Krost Brothers in Johannesburg. SHAWN married BEVERLY ABRAHAM and they have two children, a son EITAN and a daughter FARRON. BEVERLY is a hairdresser and works from a salon in her home.

SICKEY and PHYLLIS were married for fifty six years and lived in four different places during their married life. They started off their married life living in Nigel Road, Selection Park Springs and then moved to Kenton Road in SELCOURT where they lived for a number of years. They then moved to a house in Radcliffe Drive in Gallo Manor Sandton. Their final move was to an apartment in ATHOL. PHYLLIS had not been well for a number of years and passed away in June of 2011. SICKEY subsequently moved into the house with TREVOR and ROBYN. They built an extra suite onto their house for SICKEY. In November Sickey celebrated his 80th birthday with a party at the HOD center with over one hundred guests including most of his children and grandchildren.

During the years in business, SICKEY had a number of business partners. His first partnership was with his father ISAAC, then with CHAYA and LEIZ in the RIETKOL farming operation. He was also one of the founders with SAUL and LEIZ in DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS. SICKEY'S most successful partnership was with SAICKY DORFAN in the DAVEL farming venture. When they eventually sold the farms they invested the money very wisely in a property in ALRODE in Germiston.

During the late sixties and seventies he, LEIZ and CHAYA farmed on late TOM'S farm at ELOFF (deep level as it was known) as well as RIETKOL and BEERLAAGTE in GROOTVLEI. The farm BEERLAAGTE belonged to the BER family. SICKEY and TEUNS MULDER built a magnificent shed and office complex on the farm. This farm was sold after two years to FLIP GROBLER at double the purchase price. FLIP wrote a check for the full purchase price.

SICKEY'S next venture was the farm BANIM (which means sons) in Nigel. PHYLLIS wanted her father and brother LEON to be involved in this venture. This did not go very well for many reasons. Years of drought and inexperienced management in farming in that area, were the reasons that this was not a profitable farming venture. In 1981 when we sold the farm we made a handsome profit on the land but nothing from the farming itself.

In 1972, SICKEY was a partner with LEIZ and JOE and DAVE FEIGIN in RANCH ESTATES FEEDLOT. This partnership lasted for 25 years and was responsible for the formation of MAXI DISCOUNT KOSHER BUTCHERY. SICKEY is still a major shareholder in the butchery. The FEIGIN brothers were eventually bought out of RANCH ESTATES as the business could not carry the expense of four families.

In 2005, SICKEY sold his shares in the farm RIETKOL and the feedlot business to the ICHIKOWITZ family. SICKEY has been retired since then and hopefully will have many more years of good health and enjoy the fruits of his labours in his golden years.



Sevvie & Sonny Walt



Sickey, Sevvie & Leiz



Sevvie receiving M.D.A. Award from Israeli Ambassador.



Sevvie & Espie Santiago (caregiver) outside 17 Nigel Road Springs.



Saul and Sharon Diamond, Manfred and Michelle Walt



The Diamond Family
Back: Rael & Ivan
Front: Marc, Saul, Sharon & Garry



David, Shael, Caryn, Michelle, Manfred, Lindsay and Steven at Caryn Walt's Wedding.



Saul with Diamond boys. Marc, Gary, Shane, Rael & Ivan



Sickey & Phyllis Isakow



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Phyllis & Sickey Isakow and Family 2010.

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THE BLUM AND LURIE FAMILIES

BETTY (BERTHA) LURIE, the third daughter of RACHEL and TEVYA LURIE, and HERMIONE'S mother, was born in Johannesburg on 22nd FEB 1920. RACHEL BECKER, BETTY'S mother was born in 1895 in London, England and married TEVYA LURIE, who was born in 1890 in KURSHAN in Lithuania. These LURIES are not related to the Lurie's from my family. They had a store in LUIPARDSVLEI (Leopard's Valley), a small town near KRUGERSDORP on the West Rand (named after Paul Kruger, the first president of the Union of South Africa).

RACHEL LURIE, HERM'S grandmother and the mother of these four girls was a feisty old lady. RACHEL was born in the UNITED KINGDOM and she had a real "cockney" accent. She had been through tough times in her life. RACHEL worked alongside her husband in the grocery store. Their home was above the store. TEVYA also had a furniture store across the road from the grocery store. They were never able to vacation at the same time and took separate holidays, RACHEL usually taking one of her daughters with her. Apparently she used to make the most delicious ice cream for the store. I remember that she could swear like a trooper. She used to say that the other elderly ladies would cheat at bingo at the retirement complex, OUR PARENTS HOME, where she lived. She was always trying to leave the retirement complex, and when asked why she did not want to stay there, she replied that it was "full of old people"! RACHEL passed away at the ripe old age of ninety four. BETTY would often reminisce about her youth in KRUGERSDORP. She often mentioned that she learnt to play the piano during those early years. Being one of four girls in the family, she had two older sisters, TILLY and FREDa, and one younger sister EILEEN.

TILLY married HAROLD COHEN after his wife had passed away during childbirth. TILLY helped bring up RENEE as if she were her own child. TILLY AND HAROLD were very good to both HERM and BETTY after WALLY had passed away.

RENEE married JONATHAN DELATIZKY and they live in Boston in the USA. They have two children BETHEA and MICHAEL. BETHEA is in finance at Morgan Stanley in Boston and Michael is in marketing at a wine importing company in New York. Renee teaches English at Boston University and runs a very successful program for foreign students. Jon, who was a brilliant student, started off at MIT in Boston and now works for Raytheon, a company in the defense industry.

FREDa married ISAAC (ISSY) BLUMENTHAL and went to live in TARKASTAD near QUEENSTOWN in the Eastern Cape. She had two sons IVAN, who was a pediatrician in Leeds in the UK, and CYRIL who is a businessman in Johannesburg. Ivan has now retired and has moved to Swanland, East Yorkshire to be closer to his children and grandchildren. IVAN is married to LIZ, a nurse by profession and they have two sons, MORRIS and TOBY. CYRIL has a couple of men's outfitting stores, one in the centre of Johannesburg and has also opened a store in Alexandra, a suburb where mainly black people live east of Johannesburg. CYRIL is married to BETTY, they have two daughters, are grandparents and live in Linksfield, in Johannesburg.

EILEEN, the youngest of the four girls married JOCK ISACOWITZ who died of leukemia at a very young age. Eileen was widowed with three young children. TESSA, married JEFF POSEN a pathologist in Johannesburg, ROY married an Israeli girl, DODIK and they have three daughters and live in Israel. STEVEN is a doctor living in Cape Town. Tessa and Jeff emigrated to the USA 11 years ago and lived on Long Island, but the desire to be with their triplet grandchildren drew them back to South Africa. Their daughter JANICE is married to LARRY PEARLMAN and they have the set of triplets, AARON, JOSHUA AND DAVID. JANICE and LARRY and their family live in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg. TESSA and JEFF'S two other children, KEVIN and LAUREN live in LONDON and NEW YORK respectively.

BETTY married WALTER (WALLY) BLUM on 24 October, 1943. During BETTY'S youth growing up in Luipaaardsvlei, she used to do all the baking for her family. WALLY was a medic in the South African Army

and had seen service in North Africa and the Middle East. They first lived in BETHLEHEM in the ORANGE FREE STATE. At the end of the second world war, WALLY was released from the army and they lived in SANDRINGHAM in Johannesburg for a short time while WALLY travelled the country as a sales representative.

DAVID was born in 1945 and HERMIONE was born in 1947.

When HERMIONE was eighteen months old, WALLY and BETTY decided to move to WITBANK, where WALLY joined the WITBANK CASH STORES, a grocery store owned by SAM YOUNG. A few years later he bought DUNBAR and KENLEY, a grocery store, in WITBANK. HERM remembers working in the store during school holidays, weighing packets of sugar and wrapping butter. TERESA was born in 1956, when HERM was nine years old.

Herm would go to her grandmother in Machadadorp for the school holidays. She remembers walking barefoot and playing in the river that ran through the town with her cousins. They would fish in the river and catch tadpoles. The family would often go down to the LOWVELD, NELSPRUIT and WHITE RIVER to where WALLY'S brothers lived. HERM'S love of the Bush came from these visits.

BETTY was well known for her wonderful baking in Witbank. Her "boulkelach" and iced biscuits were famous. In between bringing up her three children, she would help her husband in the business, do charity work and was a keen bowler. She and Wally were involved in a car accident and their car was written off. BETTY suffered a bump on the head and a concussion. A few years later, she and Wally moved to Johannesburg where they lived in an apartment in the building Pontresina in Berea. This was at the time when we got married in 1965. A week after the wedding, while we were on honeymoon, Wally had a heart attack. Betty tended to the family for the next seven years. Wally would travel to the country during the week and come home for weekends. In March 1972, Wally passed away and Betty was forced to go back to work. With the support of Harold Cohen, Lionel Blum and grandma Mary and ourselves, she was able to educate Teresa.

Betty worked at first for a jewelry store in the Carlton Centre and then later worked for the Spitz Shoe Group for a number of years till she went on pension.

The area that BETTY lived in slowly degenerated and she was attacked numerous times while walking to the Library in Hillbrow. A decision was made for her to move to Sandringham Gardens Aged Home in Sandringham. At first she was not happy there, but eventually settled into a routine and was quite comfortable in her environment. She would often get a ride to our house with Isaac on a Friday night for shabbos supper and on most Sundays she would walk across the road to Maxi's butchery to get a ride with me to spend the day with us. She enjoyed spending Sunday at our home and we would take her back to Sandringham Gardens in the evening. She enjoyed a visit to Israel and London with Teresa and also to Canada for Liav's barmitzvah. During her latter years her health was excellent, and she was hardly on any medication virtually till the day she died. She had a major setback when she fell on an escalator at Balfour Park shopping centre. The last three years of her life she was virtually bedridden and she began losing her memory. She passed away at the ripe old age of ninety on the 26th September 2010.

I remember her for never having an argument with Hermione and I and never a bad word to either of us or anyone else. During her stay in Sandringham Gardens, she kept herself occupied with knitting and crochet work and was an avid reader. She, just like her mother Rachel, also loved chocolates!

WALLY (WALTER) BLUM was born in BELFAST in the EASTERN TRANSVAAL on 11 March, 1915. He was the oldest son of HERMAN BLUM and MARY HIMMELHOCH who were married in 1913 in LYDENBERG.

HERMAN was born on 10 March 1883 in Latvia and migrated to South Africa at the beginning of the twentieth century. HERMIONE is named after him as he passed away on 23rd July, 1947, a few months later she was born. He opened a general country store in a small village, Machadadorp, which is in the Eastern Transvaal on



Tevya Lurie



Tilly Cohen, Freda Blumenthal, Rachel Lurie, Eileen Isacowitz and Betty Blum.



Hermione and her brother David Blum



Harold Cohen, Emily Mahamba, Betty Blum, Warren Isakow, Vicki Kahn & Leiz Isakow



Kevin Posen, Jeff Posen, Larry Pearlman,
Tessa Posen, Janice Pearlman, Loren Posen, Aaron, Joshua & David Pearlman



Jonathon and Renee Delatizky



Jonathon, Renee, Bethea & Michael Delatizky

We used to always make a stop in White River to visit MARY on our way down to the Kruger National Park. Hermione would write her a letter, as her hearing was not good, stating the date and time that we would arrive. We made an early start to try and get there in time to have breakfast with her, a trip which took about four hours from the farm in Eloff. On one occasion, we left early and made good time, getting there at six o'clock in the morning. At this stage she was already in her apartment, having given her house to Jeannot and family. When we arrived at her apartment, she was nowhere to be found. The African cleaner told us we could possibly find her at the Butchery. We made our way to the butchery, but she had already left there and they advised us to try the bakery. No luck there either, and they said we should try the green grocer or the bowling green. When we arrived at the bowling green, we found her setting the table for tea. It was her turn to do the teas and she didn't want to disappoint anyone, so she made her rounds very early, got the tea set-up and was making her way back to her apartment where our breakfast table was beautifully set and everything was ready. That is the kind of lady she was, most capable and fiercely independent.

Hermione remembers going with her parents to see MARY at Jan Smuts Airport on her way to America where she had family and travelled extensively with Harold. After he passed away, she travelled on her own. She always travelled with a very elegant hat on her head, beautifully dressed, with a brooch, and a mohair rug draped over her arm. Hermione was her oldest granddaughter and she gave Hermione a beautiful gold and ruby bracelet that was given to her by her parents when she got married. MARY passed away in 1977 and it was her wish to be cremated.

WALLY, the eldest of the four BLUM sons, grew up in Machadadorp and at the age of six was put on a train on his own, bound for Johannesburg. There he attended the Maritz Brothers boarding school. This was an excellent school and he graduated in 1933. He joined the army at the outbreak of the second World War in 1939, and served as a MEDIC in North Africa and Italy. We found some coins that he brought back from PALESTINE, dated 1942. Towards the end of the war he was stationed in BETHLEHEM in the ORANGE FREE STATE. He had married BETTY LURIE in 1943. After the war, he went into business in Witbank as mentioned earlier in this story.

I got to know WALLY after HERMIONE and I got married. He was a decent, clean living guy, with a dry sense of humour, who really enjoyed his first grandchildren. Isaac, Julian and Kevin were born before he passed on. Our son WARREN, is named after WALLY. We have some beautiful films of WALLY and BETTY playing with their grandchildren on the farm. At the time of his death he was working as a Sales Representative for Continental Linen. He suffered from malaria that he had contracted in North Africa and the malaria recurred throughout his life. He was very well liked and had a great sense of humour. He was an outstanding bowler and also belonged to various lodges - the Freemasons, Hebrew Order of David, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. He was President of a number of these institutions. His father, HERMAN, was also a Freemason.

LIONEL, the second son of HERMAN and MARY, was a dentist by profession and very highly respected amongst his peers. He served on the Dental Council for many years and eventually when he retired from practising dentistry, he held the position of "Ombudsman" for the Dental Association in South Africa. He married JOAN ABRAHAMS who was a physician in Johannesburg. They had three children, BRIAN is a lawyer, who lives in Portland, Oregon. BARBARA married MIKE COHEN who was an environmentalist and did his Phd on the "Steenbok" in the Kruger National Park. They now live in Port Elizabeth. ROSEMARY married RONNIE LEVY of Johannesburg and they had one son, KEVIN. ROSEMARY passed away from cancer at a very young age like her mother JOAN. LIONEL remarried THELMA who had been his faithful dental nurse in the practice for many years. They lived very happily in Johannesburg up till the time of his passing.

After the war, MAURICE and JEANNOT returned to the family business and married local country girls, CHARLOTTE and NORMA. MAURICE passed away from a heart condition at a very young age. After MAURICE passed away his wife CHARLOTTE, her daughter LINDA, her son LESLIE, and her eldest son ROY went to live

the main rail route from Johannesburg to Lourenco Marques (now Maputo) in Mozambique. This is a scenically beautiful area of South Africa, now popular for its river trout fishing and proximity to the famed Kruger National Game Park. Hermione has fond memories of the old country store. It was dark, dusty, musty and, in the eyes of a child, contained all sorts of interesting things such as clothing, food, bags of grain, household goods, lanterns, farm implements and kitchen stoves. Herman became Mayor of Machadorp at one stage, a distinctive honour in the eyes of his proud family. He was joined in business by his younger brother LOUIS. HERMAN and LOUIS married two sisters, MARY and BETTY HIMMELHOCH, who were from a neighbouring small village, called Belfast in the Eastern Transvaal.

WALTER'S mother, MARY HIMMELHOCH, was born on the 25th of December, 1893. Her father was JOSEPH YITZCHAK HIMMELHOCH, who was born in January 1849, in SASSMACKEN (Valdemarpils) COURLAND, LATVIA. Joseph died in Belfast in the Eastern Transvaal on the 25th of February, 1917. MARY'S mother, KIELE (CLARA) ISRAELOWITZ, was born in 1863 and died on the 22nd February 1947 in JOHANNESBURG. Mary's grandparents, JANKEL and ROCHE (RACHAEL) were both also born in COURLAND LATVIA, but emigrated to DETROIT, Wayne County, MICHIGAN USA where Jankel died in 1903. There is no other data on Rachael.

MARY and HERMAN BLUM had four sons, WALTER, HERMIONE'S father, LIONEL, MAURICE and JEAN-NOT. During the second World War, Herman and Mary's four sons were all in the Eighth Army and served in North Africa and Italy. Louis Blum's two sons, Jose and Les, also served in the Eighth Army in North Africa and Italy. The first cousins were always very close.

Mary was a hard taskmaster and disciplinarian. I think Hermione has inherited many of her qualities. Hermione loved spending her school holidays with her grandmother and cousins in Machadorp, but she insisted that they rise no later than seven in the morning and, once the beds were made, there was no "sitting" on the beds or playing in the bedroom. They spent their time playing outside and at the river's edge. Their house in Machadorp was a Dutch style home and was the most beautiful home and garden in the town. It is still one of the nicest homes there and is visible today from the highway that runs past Machadorp. Mary's mother and children, including Mary, were interned by the British in a concentration camp during the "Anglo Boer War" of 1899 - 1902. The British army was being trounced by bands of guerilla Boer fighters. They attacked in small bands and disappeared as quickly as they had come. Lord Kitchener, who was the commander of the British forces in South Africa, decided to institute a "scorched earth" policy and had all the Boer farmsteads burned to the ground because the Boer farmers were helping the Boer fighters, sheltering and feeding them and their horses. Lord Kitchener had camps built to house the Boers he rounded up and Ouma's family was among them. All the heirlooms which had been brought from Latvia were looted and Ouma, who was about 9 years old, and her parents and siblings were interred in a camp. That is the reason she hated the British so fiercely and why she felt such a kinship with the Afrikaners. She never forgave the British for taking their home and looting their belongings.

The family is in possession of an "illuminated address" which was given to Mary for her help during the Boer War and the First World War. She was apparently a "Kommandant". When HERMAN died in July 1947, Mary remarried a close friend of theirs, HAROLD KAY.

MARY AND HAROLD moved to WHITE RIVER where they lived in a beautiful home and garden close to her son JEANNOT, his wife NORMA and family.

When HERMIONE and I got engaged, we went down to White River so that I could meet her. Hermione had warned me about not complaining about eggs that were too undercooked or anything else on the plate that was dished up to me. MARY insisted that you eat what was put in front of you, and then she would tell you about all the starving children in Biafra! When I looked at my very soft eggs, I ignored Hermione's advice and asked for the eggs to be redone. And lo and behold, she was most accommodating and quickly took the eggs away to cook them to my liking! Hermione was shocked after all those years of being petrified to stand up to her!

in Pretoria. LINDA and LESLIE are twins. ROY is a psychiatrist in Pretoria.

JEANNOT'S wife NORMA helped him run the business in White River. The business was called Dunn's Outfitters and comprised a men's section as well as a ladies section. It was an extremely successful business and NORMA, who was very talented in the ladies department, had a large following. Sadly, she was killed in the main road in White River when a truck jackknifed onto her motor car.

NORMA and JEANNOT had four children, CAROL, who lives in the Cape, NEVILLE who eventually took over the family outfitting business which is now located in Nelspruit, MOIRA, who lives in Sandton, Johannesburg, and BRYCE with whom we have lost contact.

JEANNOT remarried SUE and they had one daughter who lives in Sandton Johannesburg. After JEANNOT passed away, SUE gave up her beautiful home up on the hill overlooking the Nelspruit valley and now lives in a complex in Nelspruit.

We always used to stop and say hi to them if we were ever in the area. Their home had a most unusual toilet which was fully glassed and looked out over the valley. The sign outside the toilet said "Loo with a view". It always fascinated me. In his last years, we were always amazed at how much JEANNOT resembled his mother MARY.

HERMAN BLUM'S brother LOUIS'S family consisted of JOSE BLUM, LES BLUM and DOREEN BLUM WASSERSTEIN. JOSE was an accountant in Johannesburg, married RUBY JOFFE, and had three children, LEON, NEIL and THERESA. LEON and NEIL both live in Israel with their families. NEIL is married to a Brakpan girl, LYNORE, who teaches ballet in Israel. THERESA emigrated to Alaska and is now married to ROCKY de WITT, and they live in Washington State on a farm which is quite isolated. They have two daughters and a beautiful granddaughter, Amya, and a grandson who is due to be born sometime in May 2012. Thanks to Facebook, we now have contact with Theresa, and Hermione enjoys her facebook posts as well as chatting to her.

LES BLUM married LAENA who was a beauty from Finland. She was a very talented artist and potter. They adopted two daughters, ALISON and MARTIE. ALISON is very talented just like her mother and lives in the UK and makes the most beautiful dolls. MARTIE still lives in South Africa.

LES and JOSIE'S sister, DOREEN, whom HERMIONE remembers with great fondness, married BENNO WASSERSTEIN and they had one son, LEW WASSERSTEIN. Tragically, after arriving in the United States, BENNO was killed in a plane crash and DOREEN and baby LEW had to come back to South Africa. Shortly after that, DOREEN passed away from cancer. After DOREEN passed away, LEW was brought up by his grandmother, BETTY in Pretoria. LEW is married to JENNI and they live with their family in the United Kingdom.

HERMAN BLUM'S sisters, EDITH BERNSTEIN and ESTHER MROST lived in Johannesburg in their latter years. They would often visit BETTY BLUM when she and TERESA lived in Berea. EDITH was a very clever woman and taught German.

We are thankful to RENEE De SAXE (BERNSTEIN) for her memoirs which supplied us with most of the BLUM family history. Shortly after the tragic events of 9/11 that took place in New York, RENEE decided that it was imperative that she get all this information down in writing for the next generations. RENEE wrote her memoirs in 2001 while she lived in IRVINE, California. She was the daughter of HERMAN BLUM'S sister EDITH (BLUM) BERNSTEIN. HERMIONE was very fond of RENEE and we were very fortunate to be able to visit her and her husband BASIL at their home in IRVINE on the University of California campus before she passed away from cancer.

WALLY and BETTY had two other children besides HERMIONE. Their eldest child, DAVID, is married to SHEILA FRANSMAN and together they emigrated to the United Kingdom in the 1970s. They live in Edgeware and they have two sons, DORON and LIOR. DORON and LIOR are both married to British girls. DORON has

two children, a son and a daughter. DORON is a barrister and acting judge.

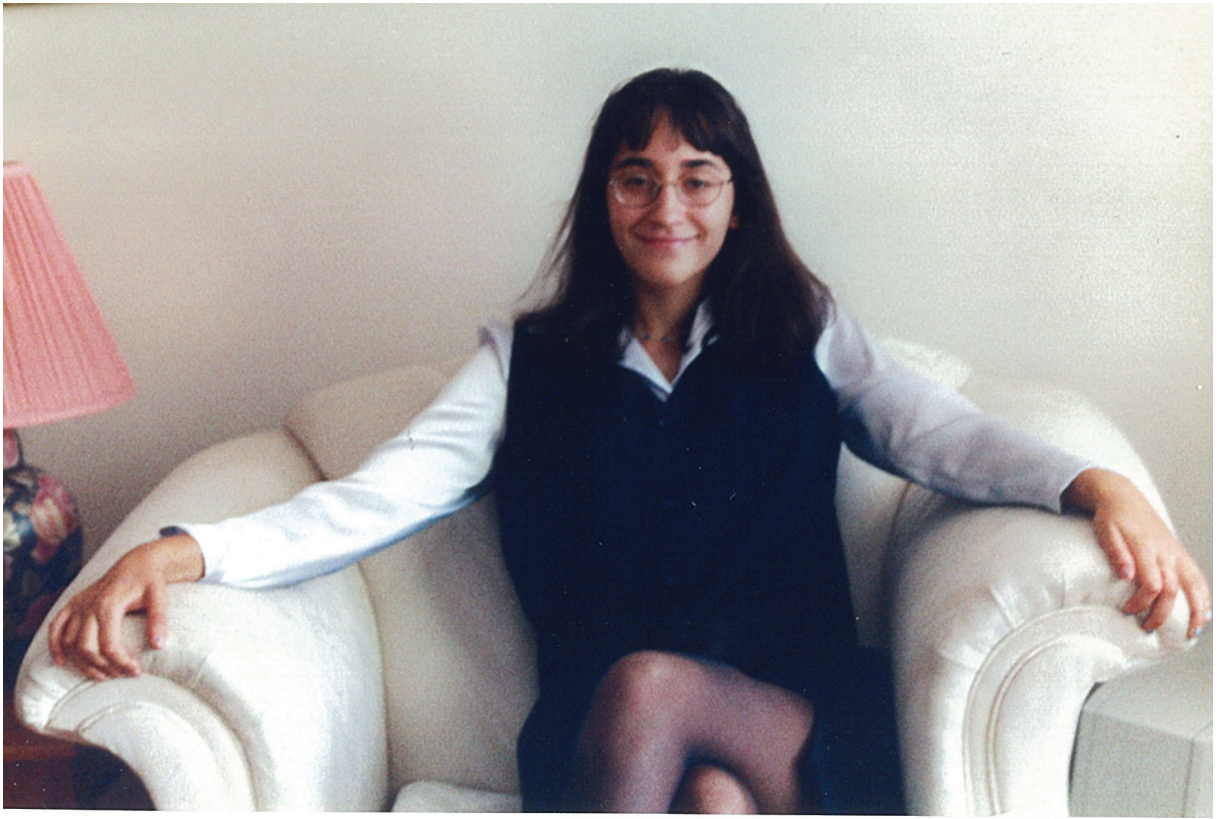
LIOR is married to JODI SHALET who is a nursery school teacher. They have a baby son ETHAN who is a real cutie. DAVID is now retired after working in the Advertising industry.

WALLY and BETTY'S youngest daughter, TERESA, was a "laat lammetjie" born nine years after HERMIONE. HERMIONE and DAVID were both out of the household when she was growing up, and she was only sixteen years of age when WALLY passed away. TERESA attended Barnato Park Girls High School in Berea, but I think it was very lonely for her without siblings in the home. She went on a trip to Israel, really loved the country and felt that this was the place for her. Teresa had not completed her university studies, but she was determined and eventually obtained her BA degree through the University of South Africa. She lived for a while on a kibbutz learning the language and then lived in an apartment in Herzlia Pituach. There she met her husband MENACHEM KOREN who was an electronics engineer. They had one son in Israel, LIAV and then they returned to South Africa for a year where MENACHEM worked for Allied Electrical.

They decided to make a life for themselves in Canada, and moved to Toronto. Their two daughters Yael and ELANA were born in Canada. Tragically Yael passed away when she was fifteen years old from a seizure condition. She was the most warm, affectionate and lovable person. This was a terrible setback for TERESA and MENACHEM and family and was one of the contributing factors in the breakup of their marriage. TERESA lives in Toronto as do her children LIAV and ELANA. LIAV has a Master's degree in architecture and ELANA is finishing off a Masters degree in the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology. Both are very bright young adults. TERESA works for a prominent law firm as a very capable legal assistant. She has had some hard knocks in life, yet is the most positive, resilient person with great moral values. Her writing is both beautiful and sensitive and she would do very well as a professional writer. I have seen some of her letters and they are a delight to read.



Teresa Blum Koren.



Yael Koren



Liav & Elana Koren



Wally & Betty Blum



Wally & Betty Blum



Betty Blum



Hermione & Teresa on holiday in Margate



Hermion, a bright eyed beauty.



Hermion, a beautiful ballet dancer.



Map of Machadodorp, Eastern Transvaal



Esther Mrost, Edith Bernstein,
Betty Richmond,
Sylvia Blum (Schotzie) & Rahlie Bogart.

Agnes Blum, Dorothy Hertzberg, Blum

David Blum, Mary Blum, Aron Blum,
Herman Blum & Louis Blum



Two Grandmothers, Mary Blum Kay & Rachel Lurie



Here is a list of the names as I remember these individuals:

Back row from left to right:

- (1) Charlie Himmelhoch (the youngest of the Himmelhoch siblings, i.e. brother of Betty and Mary (your grandmother)
- (2) --- Karp (Suzy Himmelhoch's husband)
- (3-9) no idea who these individuals are
- (10) Aron Blum (Herman's younger brother)
- (11) Aron Blum's wife Celia
- (12) No idea
- (13) Louis Blum (your grandfather Herman's brother), married to Betty Himmelhoch (your grandmother Mary's sister).
- (14) Jack Israelson (married to Danny Himmelhoch, Mary's sister)

Middle Row, sitting, left to right:

- (1) Ray Schmahan
- (2) Betty with Leslie on her lap
- (3) Herman
- (4) Walter (your dad)
- (5) Mary
- (6) Suzy Himmelhoch-Karp
- (7) Your great- granny Himmelhoch --- she had daughters, Mary, Betty, Dahny, Suzy, Ray, and son Charlie.
- (8) Dahny Himmelhoch-Israelson

Sitting children, from left to right:

- (1) ? Margaret Schmahan
- (2) Doreen Blum, Betty's daughter, married Benno Wasserstein
- (3) Rosalie Blum, Aron's daughter, married Barney Bloch.
- (4) ? Jeannot Blum (Walter's youngest brother)
- (5) Jose Blum, Doreen's brother
- (6) ? Maurice Blum (Walter's brother)
- (7) no idea, ? ? Lionel Blum



Lional Blum, Jeannot Blum, WallyBlum, Mary Blum, Maurice Blum & Herman Blum



Front, Left to Right: Wally Blum, Betty Blum, Doreen Blum Mary Blum & Ruby Blum
Back row: Jose Blum, Joan Blum, Lionel Blum, Harold Kay * Hermin Blum

LEIZ - born 1939.

I was born on the farm RIETKOL in Delmas on the 16th JULY 1939 to ISAAC and CHAYA ISAKOW. My mother was assisted during birth by DR. COHEN, a midwife and Mrs. BASHA BRESGI.

The BRESGI FAMILY were great friends of my parents. They also lived in ELOFF, but on the other side of the railway line. Their friendship lasted for many years. They had five children, three sons and two daughters: HARRY, ALEC and ISSY, SARAH(GINGE) and DORA. SARAH'S daughter, Bernice, named after her grandmother BASHA, married LOUIS ICHIKOWITZ. Louis and I were lifelong friends and business partners for six years until I retired in 2010.

I weighed about eight pounds at birth. My mom CHAYA told me that she saw the fruit trees outside the main bedroom on the farm blossoming for the first time in July as she nursed me. She always felt that this was a good omen. She was thrilled to have a healthy baby boy after having lost a little boy to whooping cough at six months of age as well as having had a number of miscarriages. I am told by friends and family that the BRIS MILAH was a special occasion and celebration with many friends and family. MORRIS LEVINSON, my late father's friend, often told the story of how many turkeys he had carved up for the party. Because I was "a laat lammetjie", (a late baby lamb born quite a number of years after the previous child) I was spoiled by my parents and older brother and sister. SEVVIE was twelve years older than me and SICKEY eight years older.

When I started running at about eighteen months of age, I ran into the corner of the washstand and needed five stitches on my forehead. I still have the mark to this day and the marble washstand is still part of our furniture in our home in Merced. My father Isaac was not told of this incident because he had had a heart attack which I have described in an earlier chapter, and they did not want to upset him further.

I spent the first six years of my life living on the farm with my parents. I had not started school so I spent most of the day with my father and my uncle Tom, going to the fields and going with my father to cattle auctions. I would sit on the rostrum on the opposite side of the auctioneer to my father. IRVING STEYN was the auctioneer. I noticed that Isaac was bidding on a parcel of cattle by pressing his stick on IRVING'S shoe, which prompted me to copy him by pressing on the other shoe. IRVING could not stop laughing and stopped the auction to find out which ISAKOW was buying the cattle. This at four years old, was my introduction to and start of my love for cattle and auctions. Being a naughty and spoiled "fat" little boy, I got up to many antics. For instance, I peed in a soft drink bottle and gave it to JOHN COOK, who was an alcoholic, to drink as a lemonade. On another occasion, I had over-eaten on cooked corn which was meant to be fed to the ducks and geese. My stomach had blown up as the corn had fermented in my stomach. I was given an enema and when I recovered, I was given a good spanking with the cane we called "spank" for good measure. Another occasion when I had been naughty, was when Morris and I put Enos fruit salts (an effervescent antacid like Alka-Seltzer) in the toilet bowls under the beds. When the old aunties used the pots at night, it would bubble over. This resulted in another spanking with the cane.

When I was six years old, I was sent to the ELOFF school in Eloff which was three miles from the farm, but after ten days, I got sick with undulating fever known as Malta fever. I can remember receiving many injections almost on a daily basis and having high fevers. One of my memories was that aunty SHEINA BER came from Johannesburg and would sit for hours wiping me down with cool cloths dipped in vinegar to bring my temperature down. She would teach me YIDDISHE songs which I still remember today. I missed seven months of schooling and only started school the next year when we had moved to Springs. At the time, the doctors said this fever could have been caused by either drinking goats milk or milk from a cow that had aborted. I think the latter was the reason I got sick and also because the milk was not pasteurized. My nanny in those early years was LENA SEMAKE, ISAKS wife. In later years her daughter BELINA was a nanny to two of our children and worked for the family for twenty years.

When the family moved to Springs in 1945 it was just before my sixth birthday. My dad Isaac and AUBREY GIRNUN'S father BARNEY, who knew each other from Lithuania, introduced AUBREY to me for the first time. We have remained good friends for sixty six years. Aubrey remembers me wearing a sailor suit when we first met. On Isaac's trip to South Africa from Lithuania, he had stopped and slept over at the GIRNUN home and had slept in a bed with the four GIRNUN brothers. Little did he realize that one day we would become friends with their children Aubrey and Frank. We all went to SPRINGS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL. In a short while we became friends with the TAUROGS and STOLOFFS who lived across the road from us, the ABERS, LEVYS, THEO TAITZ, the KRAWITZS, GEORGE GARB and CECIL SHEVEL. BARRY TAUROG and I became very, very good friends. Barry had a FILM of his seventh birthday where we were all playing ring around the roses. There was one shot of me crossing my legs because I needed to pee but did not want to miss a minute of the game. On one occasion, COLIN STOLOFF and I had an argument. When he grabbed me I swung around and he fell on a slate in his garden with me on top of him. His face was badly cut and he needed a number of stitches. He still has the mark to this day. Despite all this, we remain good friends. As ten year-olds, we terrorized the area while playing "TOK TOKKIE", a game where we would ring the front doorbell and then run away. This went on for many months until we all got caught by one of the neighbours. We also had a secret society called the "Skeleton Club", and we would whistle a little greeting to each other when we had our meetings. One of the activities of the club was to raid the neighbourhood fruit trees and gardens. We had lots of fun and often got into trouble. While we were picking strawberries at Dr. BAMM'S house, he came out with a shotgun and threatened to shoot us.

During our primary school days, we played a lot of sport. We played tennis and golf at the Springs Country Club which was around the corner from where we lived. At school I played cricket and rugby in the first teams. Three friends and I were selected for special coaching by Tom GRAVENEY who later became an English cricketer and selector. We enjoyed our cricket at school. In one match, I took eight wickets for less than ten runs. This is a very good performance and I was presented with that cricket ball by the school as a memento. We would also play cricket on the lawn of the empty lot next door to my parents house. These games would go on for hours with about ten kids from the area. One day Morris Dorfan bowled to me and I hooked the ball through the kitchen window where David (the cook) was making cheese at the coal stove. The ball landed in the pot of cheese. We were banned from playing cricket on the lawn for six months after that incident.

Some of my cricket buddies from school, namely ROLAND REX, ROGER KEBBLE, and PETER THOMPSON went on to make a name for themselves in many different spheres. ROLAND became a provincial cricketer, Peter became a nephrologist of international repute, and ROGER, a mining magnet and multimillionaire. Unfortunately ROGER and his son BRETT became involved in a massive fraud with J.C.I. shares. ROGER was cleared of the fraud charges but his son BRETT was murdered in an assisted suicide hit that was headline news for about three years. It involved about a hundred million Rand. Roger and I were the two prop forwards of the school rugby team and Aubrey was the hooker. ROGER'S other son GUY played rugby for South Africa as prop forward.

During my last year at primary school I was studying for my barmitzvah in Springs. My barmitzvah portion was "MASSE MATOT". I spent about six months preparing for the big day. REV. ALTSCHULER was my teacher. He was very thorough and encouraged us to become observant and to be able to lead the services. He instilled a love and knowledge of Hebrew in me. I would often lead the Friday night services both before and after my barmitzvah. His son Richard was the choir master and this was the start of my being involved with the choir and my singing in general.

The first girl to catch my eye as a thirteen year old was BRENDA ELIASTAM, a dark eyed beauty who was in my class at school. Her dad THEO was a family friend of my father's. His father and Isaac had bartered produce in the early days of farming, trading corn for potato seed. I had happy years at Springs Boys High School. I did well at school where I was always in the top three in my class. I loved the sport and my circle of friends. We would cycle from Nigel Road to Boys High every day. One day in standard seven, grade nine, a new boy came to the school. His name was GERALD SMITH. I asked him in yiddish if he was a Jew and he replied "yes". We immediately hit it off and became firm friends. He and BERT AKRES lived near each other and the three of us

would ride to school together. Gerald had come from a broken home, and was living with his mother and stepfather. He had a hard life as a youngster and his stepfather was very hard on him. Gerald's loyalty as a friend was unbelievable. His own father lived in Johannesburg and Gerald cycled thirty miles there and thirty miles back on a weekend just to see his father.

During 1955, my father Isaac took ill. Despite the wonderful care of my mother CHAYA and all the family, he passed away on 10 November, 1955. It was a massive blow to the entire family and especially to me as a sixteen year old. My dad had been my hero and had set a wonderful example to me. His body was kept at home till the burial and the funeral left from our home. Some of his good friends, Victor Brenner and Israel HIRCHOWITZ, stayed up all night with the "WAGTER" (the person who watches over a body) as a sign of the respect and admiration of their friend. My friends Gerald, George and Cecil came to be with me that afternoon. This cemented our friendship even more. I felt lost during the period of mourning but found some comfort by going to daily prayers. I went to synagogue just about every morning till I finished writing my matric which is the final year of schooling.

My dad's illness had taken its toll on the business as well. SICKEY had done a good job of running the farm during my dad's illness and also after his death. SICKEY, rightly so, was upset with the bank manager who had sent him a letter saying we were seven hundred and fifty pounds, the currency in those days, in overdraft and to pay it off as soon as possible. With the assistance of YANKEL LURIE these problems were sorted out and shortly after this incident the bank manager was transferred to another branch.

The last two years of my schooling were very satisfying, both from an academic and sporting achievements point of view. In the eleventh grade I was very focused and managed to come second in my class. It was also a very good year for me on the sports field. I played rugby for the school's first team and also soccer during that year. We played most of the rugby matches on a Saturday morning. Our soccer games were played on a Saturday afternoon. STEVE LUSTIG'S father would take us to the games in his car. We had a very good season and won the EASTERN TRANSVAAL LEAGUE. In the summer months I played cricket for the town of Springs first team. I played with some prominent cricketers who had played provincial cricket. The experience was great and shortly afterwards I made the school's first cricket team as an all round batsman and bowler. In my matric year, I was top of the averages in both batting and bowling. I was awarded my colours (honours) for cricket by Mr. STANDER who was the cricket master. Steve Lustig and I both went to trials (tryouts) for the Nuffield week provincial team. Also during that year, I took part in the house athletics for the first time and broke the inter-house record for the shot putt. Two weeks later I represented the school at an inter-school athletics championship where I was fortunate to have three good throws and broke the inter-high school record by three feet. The new record of 43'1" stood for a number of years. After this I was awarded my athletic colours (honours) as well. To round off a most successful year, I passed my matric (graduated from high school) with excellent marks and distinctions in bookkeeping and accountancy. During the last few weeks of school a group of guys would study together in the afternoons. The group included BARRY, COLIN, AUBREY, GERALD, LOUIS and a few others. SAICKY DORFAN, who was living with us at the time, would tease us and say it was always easier for a second time.

Straight after the final exams we all went on holiday to Cape Town. It was a great time of the year to be in the CAPE. We all got our results and everybody had passed. In January, 1958, I started working on the farm for my mom and my brother SICKEY. It was great to be on the farm and I put my heart and soul into the business. RIETKOL was one of the best farms in the area and started producing record crops because of all the new varieties of seed maize and potatoes. I had lots of time on my hands and kept records of rainfall, crop rotation, yields and each individual piece of land on the farm. SICKEY built a number of machines to make work on the farm a lot easier. For example, he built a stacker to load bags which is still working at this writing, and also a potato sorter as well as many of the innovations in the workshop. RAY HOWARD was the mechanic and nothing ever beat him that he could not fix. He worked for the family for twenty five years. His widow still receives a pension. After three years of working on the farm, our accountant, ALEC LURIE, suggested that I be taken into the business

as the third partner in the farming operations. I'm grateful to my mom and SICKEY that I was given this great chance to become a partner in what became a massive farming operation. SICKEY and I farmed together in many ventures till he retired in 2005.

During the summer holidays, CHAYA would go to Cape Town from December to February. Gerald and Frank would come and stay with me and we would party right through the entire summer. Frank and I owned a speed boat which was a massive attraction to all our male and female friends. We would also have parties at the reservoirs on the farm. We would all go to Johannesburg to the movies, parties on the Saturday night and come out to the farm to go horse riding on the Sunday. We had a great time with the boat, waterskiing for the entire weekend at the VAAL RIVER RESORTS, NIGEL DAM and BRONKHORSTSPRUIT DAM. We had a very full life of clean fun and many good laughs. We all were very fit from the skiing and other sport activities. I still played cricket on a Saturday afternoon during the summer months for the Springs Club and was a foundation member of the SPRINGS Old Boys Rugby Club. We started off in the third league and finished playing in the senior reserve League. A photograph of this team still hangs in the bar at the Old Boys Club. If all of this was not enough activity, I enrolled at the Delmas Flying Club as a student pilot. My instructor was RONNIE ROUSSOUW, a Boeing pilot with the airways who was a great guy and quite a sport. I enjoyed learning to fly and after eight hours Ronnie got out of the aircraft and sent me on my first solo flight with the words: "Go out and kill yourself". That was his sense of humour. Fifty years after the event I can still remember the exact route that I flew that day. Just six hours short of getting my Pilot's license, my mother found out about my flying and she clipped my wings. I did not want to go against her wishes. My Solo party at the reservoir was the first time that I had been paraletically drunk. Well, what a party that was. When I was drunk they gave me a mix of different drinks, lined the flight path with candles, and I had to land a plane without burning myself. The plane that I learned to fly on was an Aeronca with the code letters A.X.I. It was a two seater training aeroplane.

On 7 November, 1964 I went with my mom to a barmitzvah in the Leslie Jewish Community Centre which is a nearby town on the East Rand. It was JONATHAN SIFRIN'S Barmitzvah party. They were family friends of my mother and late father. After quite a few drinks to celebrate the end of planting season, I noticed a friend, JACK SANDLER dancing with the most beautiful girl in a black dress with a red flower. I cut in saying to Jack, "She is too beautiful a girl for you to be dancing with". After a few dances, I asked her for her phone number which she gave me. HERMIONE never thought that I was sober enough to remember it or that I would ever remember to call her. The next day, while skiing on Nigel dam, I said to my cousin HERZL, "Last night I met the girl I'm going to marry". On Sunday evening, after we got back from the dam, I phoned HERMIONE and made an arrangement for the following week in WITBANK. The following Saturday we went to a movie in WITBANK, and this was the start of our love affair.

HERMIONE was an excellent student at GENERAL HERTZOG HIGH SCHOOL. She later did a commercial matric at WITBANK TECHNICAL COLLEGE. In her final year of studies she was elected Deputy Head Prefect. She loved playing hockey and was a right wing for the first team. She was a competent hurdler and athlete. Her real forte was ballet and she competed in the Springs Dancing Festival long before she had met me. There is a beautiful picture of her in her ballet outfit in the accompanying photographs. She had developed a magnificent figure and looked great in a two piece swim suit. It was no wonder I fell head over heels for this natural beauty. She would dive into the reservoir, not worrying about her hair like all the Johannesburg KUGELS (JAPS). HERMIONE had heard about me from Frank and Ingrid Girnun when they were on holiday in DURBAN. They had told her lots of good things about me. I was thrilled to hear that she was moving to Johannesburg where she would be starting to work with a stockbroking firm. HERMIONE came to live with uncle HAROLD and Auntie TILLY in CYRILDENE in Johannesburg. We dated regularly as I would come to Johannesburg on Wednesday evenings and then again on Saturday and Sunday. We would often double date with LOUIS and BERNICE. GERALD SMITH would also go out with us on many occasions. He encouraged our relationship because he felt that HERM was the right girl for me.

We started going steady in January of 1965. One Saturday evening, Auntie TILLY walked into the living room in her nightgown while we were sitting smooching on the couch. The next day uncle Harold called me and asked what my intentions were. I told him they were honorable. Harold and I built up a very good friendship after this discussion. He was a very caring and sincere uncle to both Hermione and myself. Harold and Tilly were very good to HERMIONE. She was very close to RENEE and also to MRS. COHEN, HAROLD'S MOTHER. I proposed to HERMIONE during early April below the potato shed at the river on the farm Rietkol which was one of our favorite spots. When I asked if she would marry me she replied that she would love to. I then spoke to her parents WALLY and BETTY, to get the go ahead to get married. We announced our engagement on April 24th, 1965. It was an exciting time for both of us. We all went to DAVEL to Phyllis's parent's farm for the PESACH SEDERS. The next few months flew by like a whirlwind. The wedding would take place on 15 August in Springs.

We were married in the Springs Synagogue by Reverend KAPLAN. The reception for about five hundred people was in the Springs Town Hall. The caterer was NATIE FINE of National Caterers and the Hall decor and food provided was outstanding. AUBREY and HERZL were best man and master of ceremonies. PHYLLIS was the maid of honour, RENEE COHEN (DELATIZKY), TESSA ISACOWITZ (POSEN), SHARON WALT (DIAMOND) and BARBARA BLUM (COHEN) were bridesmaids. SICKEY'S son, ISAAC, and HERM'S sister, TERESA were pageboy and flower girl. The pole holders were HERZL LURIE, DAVID BLUM, BRIAN AND LEON BLUM. The photographer who did the wedding stills was WERNER ISAACS. The video photographer was ALF LEES who got so drunk that he fell off a ladder and only filmed about 5 minutes of the total wedding. HERMIONE made a stunning bride and my memories are of a very beautiful young woman.

We spent the first week of our honeymoon at the newly built BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL in Umhlanga Rocks which had just been built by Sol Kerzner of Sun City fame. We then moved to Durban to the Eden Rock Hotel to be together with AUBREY and ELEANOR GIRNUN who were married a week later and were joining us at the Eden Rock Hotel for their honeymoon. Unfortunately HERMIONE'S father WALLY, suffered a heart attack and we had to cut short our honeymoon to go back to Johannesburg. Luckily he recovered well and lived to see his first three grandchildren.

HERM and I started our married life at 17 Nigel Rd in Springs but it did not work out and about a year later we returned to the farm where we had ISAK TAIT rebuild parts of the original farm house. He was an extremely hard worker but not always precise. We had hot water flushing the toilet and some of his "art" was not pleasing to the eye. We were very comfortable and extremely happy in our own home. We spent twenty five years of our married life living in that house with quite a few alterations over the years. Ten years later we hired GEOFF GUNTER to remodel the entire home to the state that it is in today. HERMIONE was very house proud and designed a beautiful garden. It was a wonderful life living close to nature and having peace and harmony in the home. HERM worked in the farm office for eighteen years in between having children and running the home.

HERMIONE was only eighteen years old when we got married, she was confident and beautiful and made me a very happy husband with my choice of my life partner. She was outstanding as a mother and raised four magnificent boys. She would dress them beautifully and they were our pride and joy. Being a good mother, she instilled all her good qualities in our boys. She was a tough disciplinarian and the "PAP LEPEL" a wooden spoon with an angry face on it, would come into play, but was usually more of a threat. The boys, HERM, and I have only good memories of birthday parties, wonderful cakes, and growing up in a home filled with love and lots of fun.

The boys had go carts, motorbikes, bikes and horses to keep them amused in the holidays. We would often have as many as twelve kids sleeping in the lounge during the school holidays. The cricket and soccer matches were legendary, and boxing gloves sorted out many minor arguments. Growing up in these surroundings, all the boys were good at sport. They spent all their daylight hours playing outdoors. We also had wonderful 21st birthday parties for Isaac, Julian, and Kevin at our home. It was with great reluctance that we left the farm in nineteen

ninety one to move to Johannesburg to make a new home near where our boys were studying.

During the boys' high school education at Hillel School in Benoni, we had a lift scheme (car pool) to and from school together with the SYMON children, and in the earlier years with MAILEY and SANDRA PERKUS'S children. HARRY, ERROL AND JEANETTE SYMON were wonderful examples for our children in their future career paths and studies. All three SYMON children made aliyah to Israel and MICKEY and SADIE followed a few years later.

MICKEY was our house Doctor and a wonderful, sincere friend. He was always cool, calm and collected, and I think all our boys received stitches from Mickey for some or other injury. SADIE took HERMIONE under her wing and was a good guide to Hermione in bringing up the kids. She was a leader in the community and was very popular with young and old, Jew and Gentile, and MICKEY had an enormous medical practice for blacks. MICKEY would see up to sixty patients a day. Many could not pay for his services but no one was turned away without being treated. He would buy antibiotics in bulk and dispense from the surgery. His assistant, JOHANNES x-rayed Isaac's elbow when he dislocated it jumping off the swing on the farm. He was a very good assistant, competent and well-liked.

During the school years at Hillel in Benoni, the lift scheme also included MAX and ROS MILLER'S four children as well at times, the VIDELEFSKY children from DELMAS.

HERM was the best secretary that I ever had. When the business grew we decided that we needed a full time secretary. HERM then went to the EAST RAND BEAUTY COLLEGE for a year and qualified as a Beauty Therapist. She later continued her studies attending the Camelot Beauty College in Johannesburg to obtain the CIDESCO International Certificate in Beauty Therapy. She ran her practice from the farm, and ladies from the surrounding area came to her salon for various treatments. When we moved to Johannesburg she continued doing electrolysis and beauty treatments from home. Some of her regular clients would come all the way from DELMAS to SANDTON, a distance of forty five miles for their treatments. HERM built up a wonderful practice and was very popular with all her clients. She was very efficient in her work and was always fully booked. Everyone raved about her facials and massage. The income from her salon was a great help during difficult times for me, and assisted in educating our children. Being a perfectionist, the record keeping and cleanliness of the salon made it very popular in SANDTON. When we sold the house in Gary Avenue and moved to the town house in Woodburn Place, HERM decided to stop working and sold all the equipment. She had practiced for more than 20 years and deserved to have the free time for herself, and she also wanted more time for her mother Betty who was not well at the time. She had a beautiful garden in Woodburn and we spent four very happy years there until we emigrated to the USA in October, 2010.



Sickey, Leiz in sailor suit & Sevvie



Chaya & Leiz, 4 months



Car in background 1939 Chevy with Dickie Trunk, Nanny Zena, Leiz & Sickey.



Leiz with Dad Isaac in Durban



Leiz, 1 year.



Back Row: Saikey Dorfan (Glasses), Ivor Isakow, Unknown, Sickey Isakow, Morris Dorfan.
Front Row: Middel Jessel, Leiz & Tevel



7th grade 1951.
Teacher, Miss Patton.



Rugby Champion, 1950.
Teacher, Mr. Few.



Caricature of Leiz, 1971.
Farmers weekly magazine.



Captain of cricket.
Teacher: Bruce Coopertwaite.



17th Nigel Rd., Speings, South Africa



Our Home on the farm, 1976-1991.

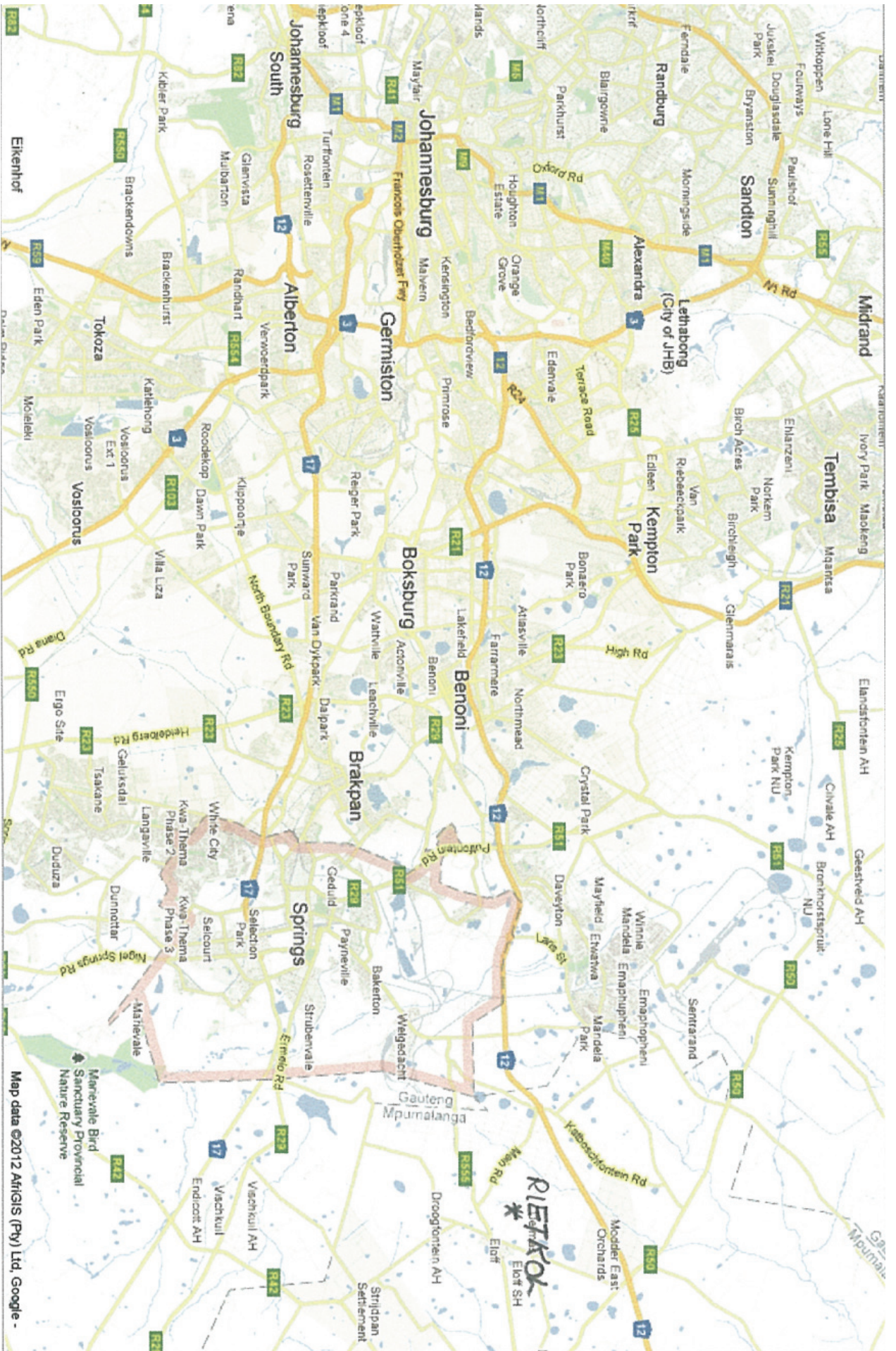


Our home in Sandton

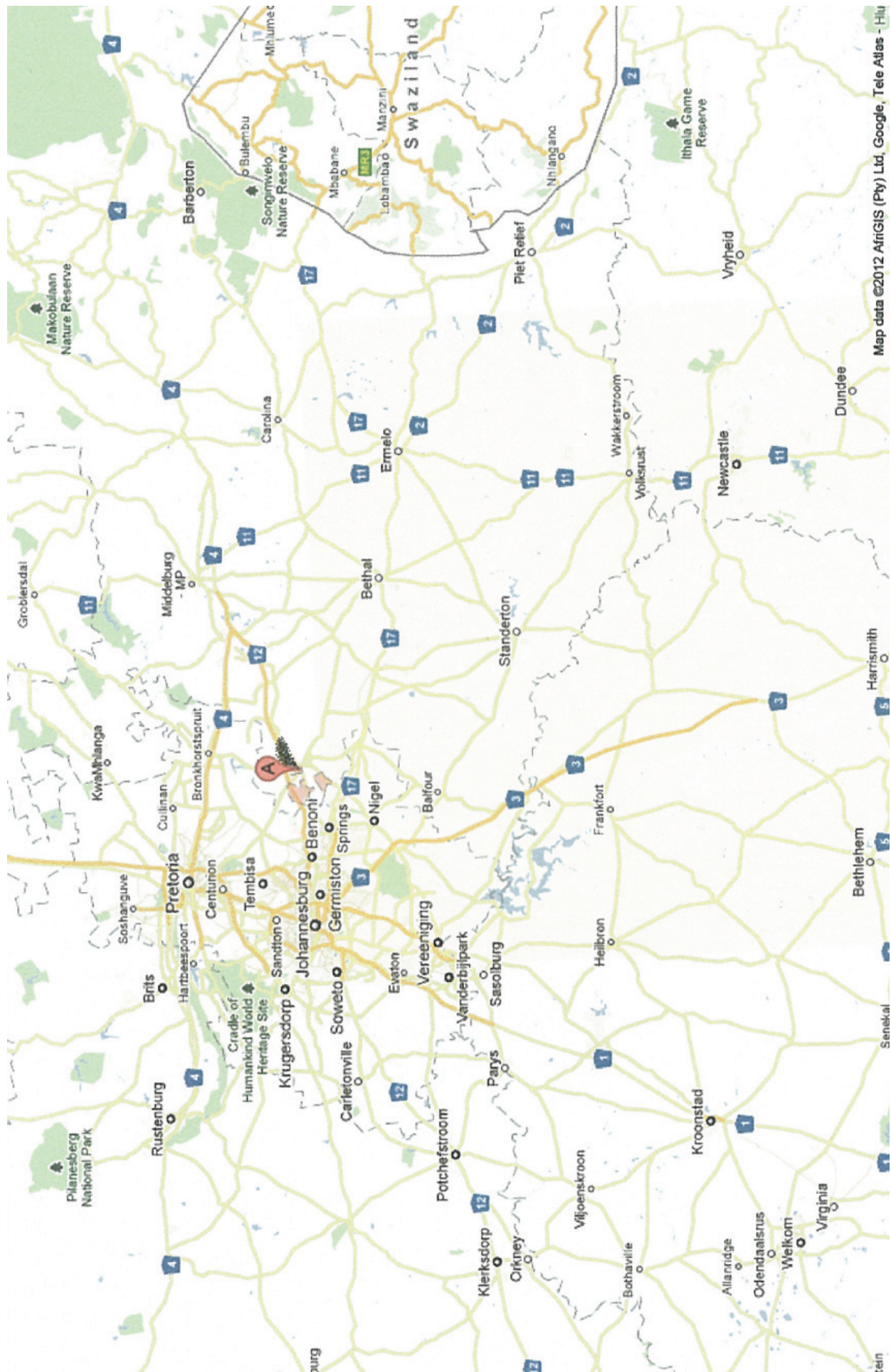




Our home in Merced.



Map showing Rietkol, Delmas Springs & Johannesburg



A = Delmas & Eastern Transvaal



Potatoe Field
Leiz & Sickey Isakow
Rietkol Farm 1976



Potatoes on Rietkol Farm 1940
Government Official (Inspector)
Isaac Isakow, Tom Abromowitz & Faan Botha



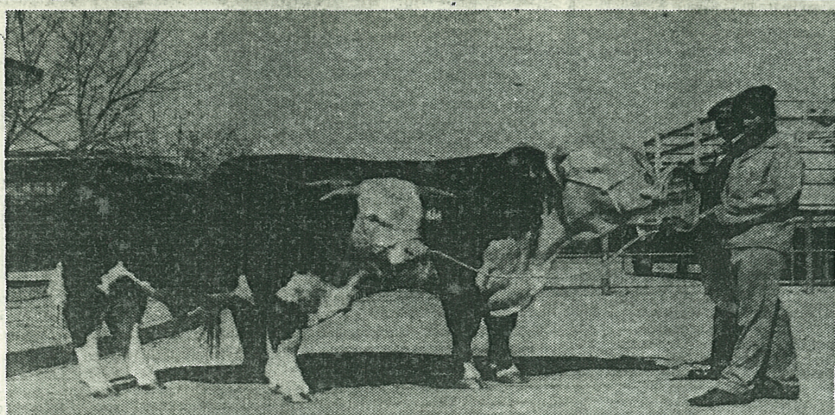
Maize board inspector standing in some corn on Rietkol.



Windimuir LAD, S.A. Champion, 1983
Steve Lesser, Harold Kramer, Leiz & John Hay (Canada)



Carcass Champion
Leiz with Arthur Hamley



● Windemuir LAD (back) with another Hereford bull (in the foreground) which were purchased by Kanhyim Estates and Rietkol Farming. The smaller bull was acquired at only R25 000, costing the two shareholders R91 000 for both.

Most expensive imported Hereford bull for Kanhyim

A Horn Hereford bull which was bought and imported to South Africa for an amount of R66 000 after a month at the quarantine station at Jan Smuts Airport handed over to the owners, Kanhyim Estates, Middelburg Transvaal, and the Rietkol Farming Company, Eloff also in the Transvaal

This Hereford bull, Windemuir 560 LAD, is not only the most expensive Hereford bull ever to be imported to South Africa, but is also as far as could be established the most expensive single animal of all cattle breeds to arrive in the country. This animal was sold to the South Africans at the Calgary Spring Show Auction in Alberta, Canada, and was beaten in price by only two other bulls.

The champion was sold for 280 000 dollars, 'a new Canadian record! "Windemuir 560 LAD" was much sought after by cattle breeders all over the world and since his arrival in South Africa the owners have been approached to sell semen back to Canada.

This bull will extensively be used in artificial

insemination programmes.

Mr. Bryan Melville, Manager: Cattle Breeding of Kanhyim Estates said that this Hereford combines all the attributes in order to meet the requirements of the new grading system, which was announced by the Meat Board recently, namely, that South Africa must breed cattle, which can

attain maximum frame size at an early age, with a maximum amount of meat and a minimum of waste fat.

"It is the opinion of all concerned that this is indeed a bull of world class that should have a great influence on the beef industry in South Africa," Mr. Melville said.

ween the accused and another man last November.

He's some bull—at R66 000

Citizen Reporter

THE most expensive bull ever imported to South Africa from Canada was handed to its new owners after a month in quarantine at Jan Smuts Airport. It cost R66 000.

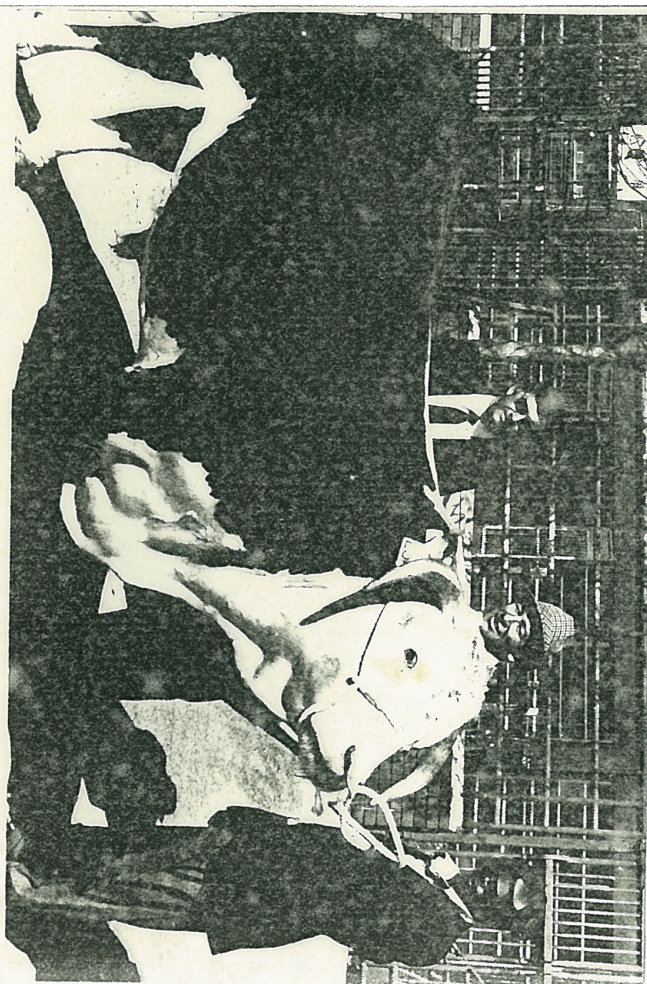
The Hereford, Windemuir 560 LAD, belongs to a Transvaal consortium, Kanhyim Estates of Middelburg and Rietkol Farming Company of Eloff.

They bought the bull at the Calgary (Alberta) spring show auction.

According to Mr Bryan Melville, manager, cattle breeding, of Kanhyim Estates, Windemuir 560 LAD has a combination of all attributes necessary to meet requirements of the new grading system announced by the Meat Board recently.

Windemuir was imported by the consortium for extensive artificial insemination programmes and it is believed that the world-class bull will have a great influence in future on the beef industry.

The bull achieved the third-highest price at the show auction and was much





PHR Domino
Champion at Rand Show



PHR Domino at the Farm Eloff
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Bryan Melville & Lad at Kanhym Stud



Cattle at feedlot, Ranch Estates Eloff



Farmer Day at Ranch, 1980



Ranch feedlot Eloff

THE PARTNERSHIPS OF MY LIFE

Since leaving school in 1957 I have been fortunate to have had many successful partnerships. The most rewarding has been my marriage to HERMIONE for the past forty seven years. Much of my success in business and other matters has been due to her unwaivering support, guidance and confidence in me, from the early days on the farm till the present time.

My very first partnership was with my mother CHAYA and my brother SICKEY, in RIETKOL FARMING COMPANY. Four years after leaving school I was taken into the partnership. After my mother passed away in 1981, SICKEY and I farmed together until he retired in 2005.

During the 1960's we farmed very successfully on RIETKOL, planting corn, potatoes, beans, sweetcorn, pumpkins and feeding a few cattle. SICKEY and I were a very good team. He took care of the mechanical side and loved to tinker in the workshop. He built a number of implements which we used for many years.

My love was for the cattle and the crops. During that time we started using a non-plow method called the "soil master" system. This method chopped up the maize stalks with a disk harrow and then the soil was ripped twice in a crisscross direction to a depth of twelve inches. This revolutionary method resulted in us producing our biggest maize crop ever, over four tons to the hectare. We changed our International tractors for Massey Ferguson and Volvo tractors. The Massey Ferguson tractors were used mainly for cultivating potatoes and also to dig the potatoes out of the ground. Rietkol was a SHOW farm with beautifully kept roads and weed-free crops. Because of the successful farming we looked to expand our business, and in 1966 we rented late Tom's farm next door. The first year was a disaster because of the previous farmer's poor weed control. One piece of land was given the name of "heartbreak" because of all the weeds and the poor crop. The next two years were both very good and we produced excellent crops.

We spent a fortune building up the soil with lime and fertilizer only to be told by SYDNEY and DANNY ABROMOWITZ that they would not renew our lease. This was very disappointing and led to a break up again with our cousins. Because we had expanded our farming fleet and there was no land available in our area, we purchased the farm "BEERLAAGTE" from the BER family. SICKEY and TEUNS MULDER built a beautiful shed and an office on the farm which was in GROOTVLEI about sixty five miles from RIETKOL. The farm was given the name "MAGACHAN" to remember the birthplace of our father Isaac, in Lithuania. This farm had very sandy soil and was easy to work. We produced a bumper potato crop and sent potatoes by rail to the Johannesburg Market as well as to PIETERMARITZBURG, DURBAN and VEREENIGING. Two of our loyal workers, LUKAS MPUFANE and JOHN MABIZELA and a pensioner, Mr. BARNARD, ran the farm, while SICKEY and I alternated on a daily basis. After two years of farming we had a buyer, PHILIP GROBLER, approach us. We gave him the price which was double what we had paid for it, he accepted and wrote a check which he handed to our attorney CHARLES SHERMAN. He could not believe that the deal was done so easily.

In 1972 we rented Mrs. LUNTZ'S farm to help AUBREY GIRNUN who had just bought his own farm near OGIES and could not manage both farms. We planted potatoes and that year was a record production year. There was an over supply of potatoes and we could not sell the bags for thirty five cents so we left them in the ground till August of that year. But the soil was too hard and we couldn't dig them out. After some winter rain we started to dig again and sold third grade potatoes for a record three Rand per bag. We finished up with a handsome profit from what looked like a disaster, but that is farming.

Our next adventure after farming in LESLIE was to buy the farm MARIEVALE from the mining group UNION CORPORATION, which owned a number of GOLD mines in the area. The farm was massive, approximately five thousand acres. The only condition was that the adjoining farm was to be donated by the mine as a bird sanctuary in a wetland, and we had to promise that we would respect these rights. The man that we dealt with was the estate manager MR. WILL. He was a good friend of HAROLD JUDD who was a neighbor at ELOFF and also a great friend of my father. He assisted us in dealing with the mining group.

We paid one hundred Rand an acre which was an absolute bargain. PHYLLIS requested that we take her father BENNIE and brother LEON KADISH into the deal. The farm was in two portions. The one found within the municipal boundary of NIGEL was called HERMAPHYL HOLDINGS, the other portion was called AGDUT

(PEACE) HOLDINGS. The farming operations company was called BANIM FARMING after all the boys in the family. BANIM means sons in Hebrew. After the first disastrous year of trying to farm in a terrible drought, we decided to sell HERMAPHYL to a local successful businessman, JAAP SMANT. He was the owner of a combine and implement business in Nigel. The portion that we sold paid for the balance of the entire farm. This was a very neat deal at the time. JOHAN UYS and RAYMOND ISAKOW were the managers with both SICKEY and I spending a lot of time with them. The farm could be divided into three-sections: The south side which was excellent soil, the middle section which was poor soil, and the north which was also very good soil. We made a mistake by trying to work the midsection with crops. What we should have done was to plant grass for cattle feed. We would have done a lot better by not planting this section. After nine years we made the decision to sell the land and cut back our farming operation. After all this time we had only made ninety thousand Rand in accumulated profits. We were running a fleet of forty tractors on the two farms, at that time mainly VOLVO tractors. We held a massive auction and sold our excess equipment. We sold the farm to a stooge of TEUNS BESTER HOMES, for a profit of one point two million rand. We had to go to the Supreme Court to finally get our pay-out judgment and interest. One of the memories of the Nigel farm was the day JOHAN UYS and RAYMOND tried to get rid of a flock of SPERWING geese that were eating the corn as it was emerging. The truck they were in smashed into the flock, one goose came through the windscreen and another one through the radiator. Fortunately none of the humans was injured.

In 1971 we bought our first Hereford cows from the QUINTON- SMITHS of the VAL area which was about 100 miles south of Rietkol at Eloff. These were fairly old cows with calves at foot. I had built up a friendship with BRYAN MELVILLE who had beautiful cattle and farmed at NOTTINGHAM ROAD in the NATAL MIDLANDS. I bought a few heifers as well as the bull "MURISON DEBONAIR" to be used as the herd sire. On the way home, SAUL DIAMOND, who had kept me company on the trip, and I stopped at the FEIGIN'S house in VREDE for the evening. I will continue with this part of the story when I deal with RANCH. I also bought a bull from the famous MOORCROFT Hereford stud, which turned out to be a dud. When BRYAN MELVILLE became stud manager at KANHYM FARMING, I started buying bulls from him. We also used semen imported from the USA. At this time we had built up a herd of over one hundred registered females. In 1981 HERM and I, with the Melvilles, went to the UK and Canada to try and buy two bulls. The animals in the UK were very disappointing. We drove through the English countryside, through Nottingham and Herefordshire, and visited many famous herds, but could not find what we were looking for. It was wet and freezing in England. From London we flew to Calgary in Alberta. There we were met by the Canadian Hereford Association. They organized a fellow by the name of JOHN YELLOW-LEES to take us to visit many breeders. An agent by the name of JOHN HAY took us to the testing stations and then on to the CALGARY SHOW. After spending two days walking through the barns, we settled on one bull. He was what we were looking for to change the breed back home in South Africa. The next day at the auction we started bidding at twenty thousand Canadian dollars and finished up paying seventy thousand Canadian dollars which was equivalent to forty thousand Rand as the Rand rate was one hundred and sixty to the Canadian dollar. This was the most expensive animal brought into South Africa at that time. The bull's name was WINDIMUIR LAD. We bought a second bull, PHR DOMINO from the PARKER family for ten thousand Canadian dollars. This bull was for our exclusive use at RIETKOL. We bought a semen share in LAD and used it extensively in our herd. As co-owners, we won the South African championships in BLOEMFONTEIN with LAD. DOMINO was Supreme Champion in 1983 and 1984 at the Rand Show in Johannesburg. Both animals were unbeaten in the show ring.

We managed to sell ten thousand semen straws from Domino to Commonwealth Development Corporation for the improvement of cattle in BOTSWANA after DOMINO was placed third in the Gold cup in 1983. We would sell about thirty of his offspring every year. The first year when the bulls arrived it snowed for the first time in twenty years in South Africa. Both animals went crazy enjoying the snow. It must have felt to them as if they were back home in Canada. Domino lived for eleven years on RIETKOL and at his peak he weighed fourteen hundred pounds. There Were many tears when he was eventually put down. He had been a magnificent animal and wonderful return on investment. Many of his offspring won prizes both in the show ring and also in the National Carcass Competition. One of the breeders, FLIP VOGEL of WARDEN in the Orange Free State bought at least five of DOMINO'S sons every year for crossbreeding. His cattle would win the Carcass Competition just about every year. FLIP was the most loyal supplier of weaner calves to RANCH FEEDLOT which I write about below. The ISAKVALE HEREFORD STUD was eventually sold in 2005. The main reason for selling the animals was stock theft in the ELOFF area. We had been targeted twelve times over the previous few months. The females of the stud were sold to GROESBEEK FARMING in the NIGEL- ENDICOTT area.

THE FEIGEN/RANCH/MAXI PARTNERSHIP:

RANCH ESTATES FEEDLOT started operations in 1972. It was named RANCH ESTATES after the estate agency of the same name. When SAUL DIAMOND and I stopped in VREDE on the way back from Nottingham Road that evening after finishing a bottle of Chivas Regal whiskey in JOE FEIGIN'S home, the future partnership between JOE and DAVE FEIGIN and SICKEY and I was cemented. It was extremely cold in VREDE that evening. The supper was as usual a rump steak with onion and tomato cooked by the ever present GATEBE, with slices of rye bread. Breakfast the following morning was more of the same. This was the menu three times a day, the only change being lamb chops for breakfast occasionally. JOE was a heavy smoker of KING EDWARD cigars, and smoked all day long. NATIE NATHANSON who bought cattle for KANHYM ESTATES and market cattle for Joe was also present at the time.

We started building kraals (feeding pens) at RIETKOL and steadily built the herd up to five thousand head. We purchased our first cattle truck, a HINO truck tractor, with a forty foot trailer. The driver who drove the truck, ABSOLOM SHABALALA, drove for Joe for many years. Joe and Dave spent the whole week in VREDE buying hundreds of cattle and sending them to RIETKOL. They knew that area very well and at one stage Joe had eleven farms with thousands of sheep and hundreds of cattle. When the cattle arrived at ELOFF we would vaccinate them and start feeding them for the nearby market in SPRINGS and the CITY DEEP abattoir in Johannesburg. We would use a lot of our own ingredients, grass and corn, to feed the cattle. This was an excellent arrangement and very profitable because Joe and Dave were knowledgeable buyers and we did a very good job of feeding and marketing the cattle. It worked very well for about ten years. After that Joe gave up the house in VREDE and both JOE and DAVE moved to Johannesburg. In 1983 we expanded the business by buying a farm with a sheep feedlot in BALFOUR. We bought the farm KOEGRAS from a friend of Joe's, JAAP REINEIKE. We bought the entire unit lock stock and barrel, including a slaughtering facility in the town of LESLIE. The manager who came with the deal, KOBIE ROETS, turned out to be very dishonest. We noticed that the cattle were getting smaller and smaller, but every time we checked, the numbers was spot on. It turns out he was substituting small calves for big cattle. He used to walk around with the Bible in one hand and yet cheated us at every turn.

TREVOR ISAKOW had a short stint on the farm KOEGRAS, but that didn't work out, so JOE'S brother-in-law, MORRIS LEVINSON joined KOEGRAS and ran the abattoir and sheep feedlot. We lost a lot of sheep and the feedlot was a disaster. We were forced to close it down. Morris was chasing turnover and he had a clash of interest with RANCH. Morris brought in a partner, KOOS STRAUSS who took over our interest in the abattoir and wholesale part of the business. We sold the feedlot and farm in BALFOUR to the neighbor, MIKE MAREE, at a fair profit, and the mineral rights to QUARTZ rock used in the making of steel, to ISCOR, the South African iron and steel Corporation.

In 1983 we took offshore loans on bad advice from our banker, STANDARD BANK. We had no experience in this field and it seemed to be too good to be true. In each of our companies, for every dollar that we borrowed, we suddenly owed three times as much in Rand. When we took the offshore loans the rand and the dollar were almost equal. This was the biggest loss we had experienced in over thirty years of farming. In RANCH it took about eight years to recover from this loss. In RIETKOL we nearly went bust and decided then and there to give up crop farming and concentrate on the cattle only. We were fortunate to get an excellent tenant in HENDRIK SCHOEMAN (the Minister of Agriculture) at four hundred Rand a hectare for the arable land. We sold all the excess equipment and concentrated on the feedlot. After six years, the SCHOEMANS did not continue leasing the land and a new tenant CHRIS ROSSOUW farmed the land. In the year 2000, because of the threat of land redistribution by the government and unsubstantiated claims on the ownership on the land, we sold off seven hundred hectare to CHRIS ROSSOUW at six thousand Rand per hectare. In retrospect this was a major mistake and we should never have sold the land.

In 1994, RANCH teamed up with MAXI KLASS to form MAXI DISCOUNT KOSHER BUTCHERY. This

was an excellent move at the time because the whole meat industry was being deregulated and we could market our own cattle from Ranch straight to our own kosher butchery. Because we had our own cattle, we were able to come in cheaper than all the other butchers and a market share grew. At one stage we had thirty per cent of the lucrative kosher market. MAXIS BUTCHERY premises are on George Avenue in SANDRINGHAM. This was a very good investment for Ranch and for the four partners.

In 1997, SICKEY and I paid the FEIGIN BROTHERS out of RANCH but they remained as partners in Maxis. RANCH had two shocking years in 1995 and 1996 and the business could not carry four families any longer. MAXI KLASS, an experienced blockman and butcher, had been in the game all his life. He ran a good business and we all benefitted from Maxis. When Joe passed away his shares were taken up by the other partners. Joe had a wonderful sense of humor and I would often visit with him on a Saturday morning after shul. His wife MOLLY passed away from a heart attack one month before Joe died. She was a wonderful person and an absolute perfectionist in all that she did. She was also an accomplished artist. JOE was an unbelievable judge of cattle and could judge live cattle to within one kg of their mass. His generosity to both black and white people was a legend in the FREE STATE where he had been in business all his life. He always had a bottle of Chivas Regal Whisky in the trunk of his car. We would question why he had the liquor, and his answer would always be, in case somebody was sick. On one occasion the nursing sister in the Morningside Clinic stopped him taking a bottle of whiskey to JOHAN NEL who had had a heart attack. Joe said he wanted to put it into the drip. On a trip to an auction in STANDERTON he had a heart attack in my car. We rushed him to the local hospital where he was treated before being taken by ambulance to the Morningside Clinic. I respected his integrity and knowledge, and his moral standards were exemplary. I've always looked up to him as a father figure and the gentleman of the cattle industry. DAVE was a good guy but did not have the flair and personality that JOE had. His wife ESTHER was the perfect lady and a lovely person, and they were both keen bridge players.

DAVE sold his shares to SICKEY and MAXI in 2011. When I went back to South Africa in July 2011, I sold my remaining shares to TREVOR WAINER. This ended a long saga of my involvement in Maxi's and the Jewish kosher community of Johannesburg.

Unfortunately my last year in the business was not a happy one because of major theft by Dennis, a trusted employee, over a period of time, and an unscrupulous customer, BURGER BOX, which defaulted and defrauded the business. Hopefully the new management will be able to turn the business around and be successful again. I enjoyed working every Sunday morning and got to know a lot of good people in the community.

DAVE COMMINGS, our manager at RANCH ESTATES, left to go and work in Tanzania and I was fortunate to hear about a certain JOHAN CRONJE, who was looking for employment. He had been trained by WIMPIE WETHMAR and was an excellent prospect. Fourteen years later (at this writing) he is still with the company and has purchased ten per cent of the shares in Ranch Estate in a special deal.

JOHAN CRONJE started at Ranch in February 1997, a hard-working knowledgeable feedlot manager, and in my opinion one of the very best in the industry. He introduced many new systems, for example bringing silage into the system and developing a slick bunk management programme. The first year we saved three per cent of our feed bill. The system involved feeding thirty per cent in the morning and seventy per cent in the afternoon. He also rebuilt all the camps as well as adding new ones so that our standing capacity was increased to nine thousand head. He introduced electric fencing in the various grazing camps and built troughs so that at any given time we could hold up to eleven thousand cattle. Together with ALBERT MEINTJIES and HYLTON TREGENZA they developed an identification system, feed bunk system and electronic ear tags. JOHAN was very strict about discipline and systems. We installed a brand-new stationery mixer, driven by electricity, and used our old mixers for feeding. We converted the old potato shed into a modern processing and sorting facility. The building that we used was built in 1940 by a contractor for my father, ISAAC ISAKOW, and converted in 2000. JOHAN has been an outstanding partner in the business. MONIKA, JOHAN'S wife started a riding school on the farm and added another facet to RIETKOL. She has done outstanding work with kids with disabilities, using the horses to

improve their sense of balance. She and JOHAN produced two outstanding twin boys, KAREL and KONRAD. For many years the two were like my own South African grandchildren. Both of them are bright and well behaved young men, and I predict a great future for both of them.

During the 90's, RANCH had an excellent relationship with AUBREY GERNUN and HARRY BAUER. We would sell one hundred fifty cattle a week to the PK abattoir in DEVON. HARRY, (SNIFFELS) as he was known, would buy hundreds of calves for us till he emigrated to SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

KATRYN VAN EEDEN, our bookkeeper, came to work on the farm in 1990. She is both a loyal and super efficient secretary. She spends many hours of overtime sorting out problems and finishing off some work that has not been completed. To her and all the other staff, I say a big thank you for contributing to a happy environment and workplace.

In October 2004, on the way to the final CURRIE CUP match at LOFTUS sports grounds in PRETORIA, with LOUIS ICHIKOWITZ, I happened to mention that we wanted to sell the feedlot. LOUIS replied that he thought his son IVOR ICHIKOWITZ may be interested. Shortly after that we negotiated a deal whereby SICKEY would sell his fifty per cent interest in the feedlot and also in the land to ARELCO (African Resources Company). The shareholders in this company were the ICHIKOWITZ FAMILY and MOELETSI MBEKI. His brother THABO MBEKI was the state president of South Africa at the time. MOELETSI, a highly intelligent man, was made chairman, and he would run the board meetings in future. Unfortunately he never really contributed very much to the running of or to the financing of the operation. I heard that he is totally out of ARELCO and has nothing more to do with Ranch. JOHAN accompanied MOELETSI to Sudan on three occasions to explore the meat industry there. It was a fruitless exercise and just a waste of time and money.

IVOR owned a diamond mine ROODEPAN in VENTERSDORP, which was running at a loss. A decision was taken to close the mine, establish a feedlot on the old mine working area and rehabilitate the land. We designed a feedlot, a processing and sorting area, and planted grass on all the other areas so that a closure certificate could be obtained from the Department of Mines. The rest of the farm was divided into eighteen camps, each with its own water trough and electric fences. In 2009 the adjoining farm, RYDALE, came up at public auction and I purchased it on behalf of TRANSAFRICA CAPITAL (ICHIKOWITZ FAMILY) for four million Rand. This farm was also subdivided into fourteen camps. The two farms combined equal about four thousand acres. This is now one of the finest cattle and backgrounding (putting mass on the cattle on grass) farms in the country.

In 2006 we started RANCH GRAIN FED BEEF in DEVON thirty miles from ELOFF. This turned out to be a disaster due to theft and our premises not being entirely suitable. This project was restarted in 2011 in CLAYVILLE near HALFWAY HOUSE between JOHANNESBURG and PRETORIA with DEREK BRESGI in charge. The new facility will be used to promote top quality beef for the restaurant and hotel industry. The idea is that all the feedlot production will eventually be processed and sold through RANCH GRAIN FED BEEF. I am sure this will become a very successful sub-section of the meat industry.

From the time of SICKEY selling his shares and retiring, I worked very closely with LENNY KARPES, who was the chief financial officer of ARELCO and high up in the ICHIKOWITZ organization. LENNY and I worked on the budgets and projections and we built up an excellent friendship during the course of the many days and evenings spent working together. The first time I met him was at the attorney's office signing for the sale of SICKEY'S shares. I took an instant liking to LENNY because of his smiling face and friendly nature. LENNY, his wife MERLE, HERM and I have enjoyed many a pleasant evening together. We built up a very strong friendship and I am just sorry that he has had a tough time with Standard Charter Bank in South Africa and the management there. We still communicate regularly and I count him as a true and sincere friend.

When I retired at the end of 2010 it had been fifty two years since I left school. It has been a wonderful ride with

many ups and downs. As the KATZENJAMMER KIDS in the comic strip say: “You get too soon old and too late smart”. I have been fortunate to have enjoyed all these years and have fond memories of all the people who were with me on this life journey.

MY PARTNERSHIP WITH SAUL DIAMOND started in 1971 when SAUL started working on the farm. SAUL was married to my niece SHARON and both SICKEY and I wanted to assist him in becoming established. SAUL’s expertise was in the spare parts business. He took charge of ordering spares for the workshop and around the welding shop. We were trading in second hand implements and trailers. SAUL got his first big break when THEO ELIASTAM gave up farming and sold tractors and trucks to Saul at very good prices. This was the start that he needed. He also bought a whole lot of Massey Ferguson tractors from BLIEDEN and KAPLAN. These he sold quickly and slowly but surely he made a name for himself in the second hand implement business.

In 1977 I led a farmers’ tour to the AGRITEC agricultural show in ISRAEL. During the show I built up a friendship with ARI LEVY of LACHISH INDUSTRIES. They built the R.M.H. Cattle feed mixers which I knew could enhance our cattle feeding business. We imported the first two model 300s for Ranch Estates. The machines were an immediate success, and we negotiated an exclusive contract with R.M.H. ARI came to South Africa and we were given the sole rights to sell the machines in South Africa. The Rand to Dollar rate was very favorable at that time. We imported complete machines and the final assembly and touch-up was done on the farm. The system worked fantastically till 1984 when the rand collapsed.

In 1981 we started exhibiting the machines at the NAMPO agricultural show in BOTHAVILLE in the ORANGE FREE STATE. At that stage we were selling approximately thirty units per year. Saul had built up an excellent business but it had outgrown the facilities that were on the farm. We built a brand new factory in OUD Street in Delmas. The property company was named BARBERGH properties. An outstanding brand-new factory was now in operation. SICKEY’S son Isaac used part of the premises to start his business Delmas Exhaust. After about a year Isaac moved his business into town proper because he felt that he was too far out to get any passing trade.

DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS was struggling because of the dollar/rand rate and the collapse of the rand. The factory in Israel gave us permission to build part of the machines in South Africa and we imported all the technological and small parts from Israel. We also had to pay a royalty, but by building the machines locally, we managed to stay competitive and make good profits. Because of disagreements in the way that the business was going and dissension amongst the partners, I made SICKEY an offer to buy his shares in DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS and BARBERGH to bring my shareholding and SAUL’S to an equal 50-50 percent in the business. The first thing SAUL did was to cut expenses by leasing the BARBERGH premises to CASE INTERNATIONAL, a tractor company, at a very good rental. And he leased SKYMON premises for DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS to use at a fraction of the previous rental. Business started picking up, we made up all the earlier losses, and turned the business around. SAUL kept a very tight control over all the expenses and the business started to grow again.

At this stage Diamond Implements joined forces with the RUBIN brothers and a new company called DISCOUNT IMPLEMENTS was established. The Rubins had gotten out of farming and this was a new start for them. The shares were held in trust until they had sorted out all their farming losses. This business did exceptionally well, with COLIN and LES RUBIN doing the buying and selling, and SAUL, controlling the expenses. In 1991 Saul bought my interest in DISCOUNT IMPLEMENTS. HERM and I had decided to move to Johannesburg and I needed the money to buy a house. The second reason was that I could not get along with the RUBINS. I had warned SAUL that these guys would push him out of his own business one day. This eventually happened in 2010.

In 1991 after my son ISAAC had completed his Bachelor in Agriculture degree and finished doing his compul-

sory Army training, he came to join SAUL in DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS. SAUL gave him a free hand and he set about selling feed mixers. At that stage PETER MORRIS of NUFFIELD ENGINEERING was building the frames and many parts of the feed mixers which were then assembled at the Delmas factory with a team of guys consisting of DANIE DEBRUIN, BASKOM BANDA, MAROELA and a few other workers. In Isaac's second year, he sold about one hundred machines and our accountant ALAN NARUNSKY turned around and suggested making him a partner, "or you will lose him". He thought that Isaac was quite brilliant in his selling capability and general knowledge of the feedmixers and the business. I transferred half of my shares in the business to him and the following year he sold one hundred and thirty machines. The DIAMOND/ISAKOW partnership grew from strength to strength with all our investments being on a fifty/fifty percent share.

In 1995 the adjoining property, belonging to RAINBOW CHICKENS came up for sale by public auction. SAUL and ISAAC saw the potential of converting this chicken abattoir into an industrial park. I was nervous because of the change in government and felt we could use the money in a better way. I must admit I was totally wrong as this investment has been one of the best in my lifetime. Firstly we bought it at a very good price. We then stripped all the inside workings out of the premises and sold it to other chicken producers in the surrounding area. This paid for almost half of the investment. ISAAC then did a deal with Spring Valley Farms to use the refrigeration to blast freeze guacamole for export. The first year, with a number of teething problems, we processed six hundred tons of guacamole, the second year we processed one thousand tons of guacamole. This was done at a huge profit and the whole project was fully paid for.

At this time we started importing vertical mixers. We manufactured small machines to start with, and being the first to have such machines they sold like hot cakes. The businesses were flying and we were doing very well.

Unfortunately SAUL'S darling wife SHARON took ill with stomach cancer. After she had a massive operation, SAUL did his utmost to try to nurse her back to health. He was the most wonderful husband and father to his children. SHARON passed away after a long illness in 1998. She was a gentle and loving young woman and she would be so proud of their four sons and what they have achieved.

In 1999 Isaac was head hunted by LACHISH INDUSTRIES from Israel to run their American operation in Merced, California. This was a blow to our South African operation but an opportunity for him to get into the United States. I will deal with Isaac's career later in the story.

ILAN RUBIN came across from Discount Implements to work for Saul at DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS. He was a good salesman but could not control the expenses well. SAUL then employed his cousin MARTIN FRIEDMAN to run DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS. This has continued till the present time (2010). In 2010 SAUL split ways with the Rubins and spends all his time at Diamond Implements. This has been good for the business and it has shown good results for the past two years. SAUL found his niche in rebuilding the old chicken abattoir into an industrial and factory complex. The refrigeration part came to the end of the road but with other developments in the Delmas area I am sure that the space will be utilized. Saul remodeled and rebuilt the old premises into a modern factory and office complex, where the Diamond Feedmixers are being built. DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS has become a household name on Feedlots, Dairies and farms in South Africa.

During my seventy years in South Africa I lived a very full life with many activities in various fields. I grew up on the farm, moved to a big city, and spent the last twenty years living in Johannesburg. Of the many activities that I was involved in, my favorite was the music and singing in the choir, first as a little boy in the Springs Synagogue choir and culminating in my being a member of Johannesburg Jewish Male Choir. I started singing in the shul choir as a ten year old which then led to conducting the Friday night services and becoming the choir master in Springs. The most famous of all our choir boys was STEVEN LEAS, today the world renowned Cantor living in London. STEVEN had a beautiful voice as a 10 year old and was encouraged by JACKIE KRAWITZ and myself to do the solos on the high holy days. My own solo was SEU SHEARIM which was sung during weddings and also on YOM TOV.

Isakow receives Greenstein award

MR LEIZ Isakow, IUA chairman of the country areas which include Vryburg, Bethlehem and Petersburg, recently received the Max Greenstein Award for his outstanding community involvement.

Mr Isakow, who is a farmer by profession, became involved with the community during the Six Day war in 1967. This year, as a result of the Gulf crisis, he expended his efforts throughout the outlying country districts — Bloemfontein, Krugersdorp, Klerksdorp, Welkom — in an intensive two weeks away from home.

His sympathy for the underprivileged led him to campaigns for the UCF, schools, various PTAs etc.

On receiving the award, Mr Isakow said, "I feel honoured to be in the same category as



L-R: Mr Isaac Joffe and Mr Leiz Isakow

Mendel Kaplan, Kenny Katz, Eric Sampson, Gerald Leisner" some former recipients of the award.

The Max Greenstein

Award was created for those honorary officers who have given outstanding service to the community. Originally it was for work done for

the UCF but it now also encompasses involvement and personal contribution in all spheres of Jewish community service.

I loved singing and went for lessons on Wednesday evenings with Mrs. KELLETTI in Johannesburg in the early 1960's. She was a refugee from Hungary and her husband HUGO, was an impresario who put on shows and talent contests in South Africa. Mrs. KELLETTI was quite a character, but she was an outstanding voice trainer. Their daughter, EVE BOSWELL, was a world renowned singer and had a hit, SUGARBUSH, which went to the top of the world hit parade. I enjoyed the Wednesday evening classes and the progress that I made with her.

When we moved to Johannesburg in 1991 I auditioned and joined the JJMC (Johannesburg Jewish Male Choir), then under the baton of GUS LEVY. The choir at that stage was magnificent with fifty voices and it was a honor and privilege to be part of it. We went on two concert tours to Australia, and one to the USA doing five concerts all over America. I also sang with the SANDTON SHUL CHOIR for twenty years singing every Friday night and on the high holy days as well as singing at weddings and occasionally doing concerts for the various old age homes in Johannesburg. The JJMC coach and pianist was EVELYN GREEN a wonderful accompanist for the Sandton Shul Choir, and our choir master was my good friend MAISH PRESKOW. We had lots of fun singing every weekend and sang at about thirty weddings a year. Our final Shabbath in Sandton was a very emotional one for both Hermione and myself. The choir gave us a beautiful CHANNUKIAH as a farwell gift. The portion that week in the Torah was LECH LE CHAH, when Abraham was told to get up and go find new pastures, quite appropriate!

During the years I served on many committees. JOE FEIGIN gave me the nickname of "VOORSITTER", chairman. I served on various farming committees, such as the FEEDLOT ASSOCIATION and the HEREFORD BREED SOCIETY where I was chairman and treasurer for a number of years. I was also chairman of the SPRINGS SYNAGOGUE for two years in 1981 and 1982, and vice-chairman for four years.

HERMIONE and I were in Israel when the YOM KIPPUR war broke out in 1973. We were able to witness the young soldiers being called out of synagogue on YOM KIPPUR, and this inspired me to become involved in working for the ISRAEL UNITED APPEAL. I became chairman of the country communities committee and worked closely with GADI DROR for a number of years, visiting all the smaller communities and collecting funds for a number of projects in Israel. The people in the smaller towns were remarkable in their support of Israel. One of our projects was the wheelchair tennis project. On one occasion I spent two weeks, during the first Gulf war, collecting funds from twelve different communities. As a result of these efforts, I was awarded THE MAX GREENSTEIN AWARD for community service. HERMIONE and I went on a number of I.U.A. (Israeli United Appeal) missions to Vienna, Paris, Budapest, Austria and the MATTHAUSEN concentration camp. These were all unbelievably meaningful experiences. Our visit into Beirut with an army escort was the day before GEMAYEL, the Lebanese President was assassinated and all hell broke loose. We had sat on the steps of his palace eating boxed lunches and the next thing we flew back from Beirut to Jerusalem on an ARKIA flight, the first and last commercial flight between Beirut and Jerusalem. On these missions we met many fantastic people, both from South Africa and overseas. We met with Baron de Rothschild and also SIMON WIESENTHAL. We also went on a flight from Budapest to Tel Aviv with a group of Russian immigrants, with their violins, chickens and gold teeth! On our tour we met and formed lasting friendships with BASIL AND CYNTHIA WUNSH, MENDEL AND JILL KAPLAN, DAVID and CLAIRE ELLMAN, BERTY AND JACKIE WOOLF, friendships that have endured until today.

HERM and I made lots of friends during our lives in South Africa. Amongst them are some very special people. Jack and the late MILLY KRAWITZ, SAM and PHYLLIS HYMAN, a fellow feedlotter, farmer and good friend. GEORGE and SHIRLEY GARB from way back to my childhood days, LES and ROY COHEN, AUBREY and ELEANOR GIRNUN, MAX (my partner in Maxi's butchery) and RENA KLASS, MARTIN and ANNE DANNHEISER, MERVYN and MOLLY AIRES, JEFF AND ETHEL GUTTENBURG, MERVYN and ESTHER TANKELOWITZ, SELWYN and SHEILA LEAS, MATI and JULIUS GLUCH, MAISH and GLENDA PRESKOW our choir master and friend from SANDTON SHUL, GERRY and RUTH SIMON, my tenor 2 buddy

and joker, ALLAN AND LAMA KLOTNICK, as well as JONATHON and SHELLEY KLOTNICK, our DOCTOR for the past three years. Also, DOREEN and ARNIE SAKS whom HERM got to know well through water aerobics, HERTZIE and DENISE SANDLER, MARILYN and JACK SANDLER, JEANETTE and IAN FREEMAN and ALAN and ROSANNE NARUNSKY, our accountant for many years, DAVID and SHIRLEY NATHAN. DAVID was a great help in handling our emigration and taxes. BARRY and BETTY BLUMENFELD, who was nicknamed, SPUIKER, because he was so tall, came from the BRAKPAN area and their children Howard, Rodney, and Susan who were friendly and attended the same school as our four boys. I mention RODNEY because he was like our fifth son and a very good friend to Isaac.

Two couples that we spent a lot of time with on Friday nights and some of the high holy days, as well as learning bridge and often going out for meals, were ARTHUR and JENNY RESNIK and JOHN and MYRNA SUTTNER. Friendships like these are hard to make in a new country. We miss their company, conversations and sincere friendship as well as their parents, "THE ALTINKAS" (the aged ones) PHIL, HAROLD and EDNA.

MYRNA and ROY REISEN, our best game reserve buddies and good friends. Also our neighbours on the farm, MARGARET and SYD REID with whom we spent some wonderful time in the KRUGER NATIONAL PARK together. SYD AND I go all the way back to OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB in the late 1950s.

There were many of our dear friends who were brave enough to emigrate years and years ago. FRANK and MERLE GIRNUN and their three sons ARNIE, GEOFFREY and RALPH, were very close to our children and spent many days on the farm with us. They left in the 1970's, first for Israel and then America. We have regular contact with them today and feel just as close to them as when they were in Springs. They were, in fact, the first visitors to Merced, the day after we had moved into our new home.

A couple that we miss terribly, is the late BARRY and LYNN TAUROG. They passed away long before their time and we treasure the time that we spent with them at their home in Dallas/Fort Worth before they both passed away.

It is great that we have been able to establish contact again with COLLIE and JENNIFER STOLOFF in Portland, Oregon.

We enjoyed our visit to Portland in 2011, and it was just like old times, picking up where we left off nearly thirty years ago.

Unfortunately on Saturday 19th May 2012, we heard the very sad news that COLIN had passed away in New York. We flew to Portland, Oregon on Monday morning to be with JENNIFER, KIM and BARRY ROSEN, and MARILYN RUBIN.

The funeral was held in Portland on Tuesday 22nd at 12:00p.m. There were two hundred people in the chapel at the Beth Israel cemetery. Rabbi Rose, a lifelong friend of the family led the service and delivered a tribute to COLIN that was both moving and sincere. BARRY, COLIN'S son-in-law and best friend spoke from the heart and paid tribute to their wonderful friendship.

RABBI KIM ROSEN, COLIN and JEN'S daughter then delivered the most magnificent moving eulogy, the theme being "TIME". She described the wonderful, exciting and happy times they had spent since COLIN'S diagnosis of cancer eighteen months ago. In all my years, I have never heard a more fitting and beautiful tribute to a father. She described his last words that were uttered on this earth. During the Friday night service which his loved ones held at his hospital bed, they had just sung the "SHMA YISRAEL ADONAI ECHAD, HEAR OF ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD THE LORD IS ONE". These were COLIN'S last words on this earth.

FRANK GIRNUN, COLIN'S loyal and closest friend for many years paid tribute to COLIN'S memory in a moving address, ending with a beautiful poem written to COLIN that I am including in this chapter.

My involvement with COLIN began in NIGEL Road Springs, when we moved there in 1945. We were both six

years old and it continued through our entire school career and life for sixty five years until he passed away on Saturday 19th May, 2012.

COLIN could face death with confidence and no fear because he never harmed a single person in his life.

Goodbye my friend.

Poem written by Frank Girnun which he read at Colin's memorial service:

*Hashem saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered
Come to me.*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
And felt you pass away
And although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
Hashem broke our hearts, to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

We have regular contact with PHIL and YVONNE GOMPERTS who live in Los Angeles and are so lucky to have all their children and grandchildren living in the Los Angeles area as well. We are also pleased to be able to keep in touch more frequently now with JEFF and JEANETTE LURIE who live in the Dallas area close to their children and grandchildren.

When we visit Atlanta, we enjoy seeing our ex-Delmas friends, NORMAN and MYRNA VIDELEFSKY, who live in Atlanta surrounded by their extended family. Some of our good friends emigrated to Australia, HAROLD and SHELI JANKELOWITZ, but we have regular contact with them on this wonderful invention called "SKYPE".

We also have contact with BERT and EVE AKRES, I grew up with Bert in Springs. They live in Sydney Australia.

Last but not least, is the "MAYORESS OF SANDTON" BARBARA WACHSBERGER, SAUL'S girlfriend, who is always full of fun and good for a laugh. BARBARA is a very talented gardener and landscaper and helped Hermione with our garden in Woodburn Villas in Sandton. All these people mentioned made our lives special and memorable.

CYNTHIA and MANNY JACOBS ARE our very dear friends who live in BENONI. He has been our lawyer and adviser for the last few years. They had a terrible 2011, losing two aunts, an uncle, a nephew and their precious son MARC who passed away in NOVEMBER, 2011. We hope that 2012 will be a new year of strength and happiness for MANNY, CYNTHIA, PAUL, LEANNE, OLIVIA, RUSSEL, ESTELLE, and her children, DANIEL, TYLER AND ZACK.

OF all our friends one couple stands out above all others. BERNICE and LOUIS ICHIKOWITZ have been more than just friends but more like family. From the time that our children left South Africa, ten years ago in 2000,

we had never been left alone on Friday night or on any of the high holy days. From our earliest days in primary school we have always been in close contact, BERNICE at Springs West and LOUIS at GEDULD PRIMARY SCHOOL. we played sports against each other through our high school careers. As I've mentioned before, there has always been a very close relationship between the BRESGI family as well as the ZILIBOWITZ and ICHIKOWITZ families.

After we matriculated and LOUIS had completed his accountancy studies, he started working at Federated Timbers as an accountant. ISSY BRESGI and RUBY ZILIBOWITZ (Bernice's father) were instrumental in getting LOUIS, BERNICE and I involved in the SPRINGS JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB. We worked as a team and ran a massive youth club for the entire EAST RAND. We would hold functions every Sunday night and people would come from as far afield as Johannesburg. When HERMIONE and I, LOUIS and BERNICE got engaged we then passed the reins to the next generation. BERNICE and LOUIS got married in June of 1965 and HERMIONE and I got married in August of the same year. During our courtship we went out on many occasions together. In the early years of our marriages and while our children were babies, we went on many holidays together to the KRUGER PARK, PLETTENBURG BAY, MUIZENBURG and the coast. All four of the ICHIKOWITZ boys and our four sons were born within six months of each other. They spent many of the school holidays on the farm with our children, went to the same schools, and generally got along very well.

LOUIS, a very intense and astute businessman and a jovial fellow, who enjoys a Black Label with me when we get together, has had tremendous success in the last seventeen years. BERNICE runs a very successful dental business of her own. All of the children have had outstanding successes and yet this has not changed them in any way. The grandchildren are also very well behaved and loving and affectionate to both HERM and I. The respect and love shown to the late zeida CHARLIE and to GINGE ZILIBOWITZ was to be admired. We miss the Friday nights and Yom Tovim with Ivor, Debbie, Rodney, Shana, Eric, Anna-Marie, Stanley and Rosanne and all their wonderful children. We always looked forward to these evenings spent together with the entire Ichikowitz, Bresgi and Guttenberg families.

Thanks to the deal done with IVOR AND LOUIS by buying out SICKEY'S share in the feedlot and farm in 2005, I was able to plan my exit out of the farm and South Africa and was able to join our children in the USA. It was a pleasure to deal with them and I feel that a fair deal was done all around. I wish them every success in the ventures at both ELOFF and VENTERSDORP.

Leaving your place of business and place of birth, is very traumatic, emotional and heart wrenching. At our farewell on the farm, listening to JOHAN reading the four letters from our children, many a tear was shed. It takes a lot of guts to leave everything that you know so well as well as your friends, and start a new life in the unknown of the small town of MERCED in the central valley of California. We wanted to be nearer to our children and grandchildren. One of the main reasons we chose California was because of the weather and not wanting to live in a big city. I love the countryside and the farming in this area is amazing. We also derive much pleasure from watching Isaac's business grow from strength to strength. I enjoy visiting some of his dairy customers and look forward to the agricultural shows coming up. The Friday fish lunches at "JOSI'S Restaurant" are the highlight of the week. I have only lost my way once since being here. We have bought a beautiful home, in a secure neighbourhood, and feel very happy and comfortable here in California. I go with HERM to Water Aerobics three or four times a week for an hour each time. I look forward to keeping up my fitness and have been feeling great. Our greatest joy is to see our grandchildren on a regular basis both here in Merced, as well as in ATLANTA, ST LOUIS and TORONTO.

HERE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM MAGACHAN TO MERCED ENDS.



Louis Ichikowitz, Leiz, Ivor Ichikowitz & Isaac Isakow at Isaac's Wedding.



Joe Feigin, Molly Feigin, Ester Feigin & Dave Feigin.



Mickey Symon & Leiz, Netanya 2012.



Sadie Symon.



Frank Girnun, Aubrey Girnun, Leiz, Colin Stoloff, Harvey Berlin & Jeff Lurie.



Bernice & Louis Ichikowitz and Family, 2012



Frank & Merle Girnun and family, 2012.



Gerald Smith.



Hermion, Jennifer Resnik & Myrna Suttner.



Issy Bresgi, Michael Sher, Hilton Kort, Chippy Levinson, Frank Girnun.
 Louis Ichikowitz, Henry Geddes, Ted Levin
 Front Row: Ros Levinson, Leiz Isakow, Bernice Zilibowitz & Jennifer Rubin.

THE FOUR ACES AND A QUEEN

In poker one of the best hands would be four aces and a queen. The four aces would be our four SONS and HERMIONE would be the queen. This is a very powerful hand in a card game and to have four great sons, each a leader in his field is outstanding. The queen compliments the four aces by bringing everything into perspective.

The first ace, ISAAC, was born on the 12th of January 1967 at the St. Mary's Maternity Home in SPRINGS just after midnight. Weighing in at eight pounds and eight ounces, he looked like a giant compared to the other babies in the nursery. Sister MARY MARTIN told us he was going to be a big, strong fella. As a baby, during the day he was great, but at night he would not sleep. HERM took him to see numerous specialist pediatricians who turned around and said, just look at him, he is fine, healthy and happy, it's just the parents that are not getting enough sleep. When Isaac was about nine months old we would put him in his car seat in the truck with a bottle of milk and I would take him with me to the fields. This would give HERM about an hour of sleep and Isaac would fall asleep in the car seat. He was a bonny baby and started walking when he was one year old. At his first birthday HERM wanted to show everyone that he could walk but he stood rooted to the ground with his new red shoes on, yet when she took off his shoes he walked quite happily. He was just not used to wearing shoes on the farm. When he was three years old, he started at the Delmas Nursery School. He loved the company of the other kids there. He had no fear of water and on one vacation the life guard warned us to watch him carefully. He had lots of fun on the trampoline, merry-go-round and playing on the farm with all the farm workers children who just adored him. When he was four years old, while riding on the back of a motorbike, he put his foot into the back wheel. The chain cut his shoe in half but fortunately his foot was only bruised and some of the skin taken off. When he was seven, he jumped off the swing and dislocated his elbow. We rushed him to MICKEY'S surgery and SADIE took HERM away for a walk around the block. You could hear him screaming from a block away. He also had stitches for a cut on his forehead. ISAAC started his school career at SELCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL. During the school sports day he ran in the flat races and was running second all the way with very little effort. After the race I asked him why he hadn't passed the other athlete and he replied that you cannot overtake on a solid white line!

When ISAAC was twelve years old he could drive the truck. One Saturday evening, we were on our way home from Benoni when we saw that there was a glow of fire in the direction of the farm. When we got to the farm we saw tractors with disk harrows making firebreaks and putting out the fire. Isaac had taken the truck and organized the drivers and tractors in order to put out the fire.

ISAAC learnt his BARMITZVAH portion in exactly six weeks. He had been taught the incorrect portion by the previous RABBI, and when RABBI VIGLER took up his post in SPRINGS he taught him his portion in the December holidays. He performed beautifully and did his portion from the TORAH extremely well. We had a wonderful BARMITZVAH luncheon in the new Springs Town Hall.

ISAAC could ride a horse, shoot a rifle, ride go-carts and motorbikes, and generally enjoyed himself on the farm. He was an outstanding cricketer and was chosen for the EAST RAND under 15 CRICKET team.

He was a very popular boy at school and was also chosen to be Deputy Head Prefect at Hillel Jewish School in Benoni.

After completing his schooling at Hillel, he started studying for a BA Agricultural Management degree at the University of NATAL in Pietermaritzburg. On the sports side, he played for the first cricket team in the senior league.

When we took him to Pietermaritzburg for the first semester he stayed in the University residence. His room was so tiny that he did not have place for his cricket gear and you could touch both walls with outstretched hands. HERM cried all the way home because this was the first "chick" to leave the nest and the comfort of home. ISAAC did very well in his first year of university and at the end of that year he went to the USA to do a six-week practical course which was required for his course. I felt that it would be more beneficial for him to work at some place other than our farm and wanted him to gain experience in the field of cattle ranching. He worked at C.K.

RANCH in KANSAS. He worked on the farm in the middle of winter for no remuneration but this trip was an excellent experience for him and he matured significantly. He impressed the owners of the ranch and they gave him the opportunity to join the other ranchers herding cattle to sales and a show across the midwest.

After his first year he moved into student “digs” with six other fellows in Scottsville, very near to the racecourse. Isaac’s friends MATHEW and NIGEL, who were from ZIMBABWE, said that Isaac was brilliant because he knew just when to start cramming for the final exams and did enough work to do well. He never failed a subject during all the time he was a student there and graduated with sufficient grades to be able to be accepted to do an extra year for an honours degree. When we came to Pietermaritzburg for his graduation we were looking for the house where he stayed and identified it by the large number of empty beer crates on the front porch. I must say he obtained a very well-rounded education in Pietermaritzburg.

During the following eighteen months Isaac did his basic compulsory military training in the South African Defense Force, rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the counter-insurgency department. During his training he completed a ninety km hike with full pack over the three days. He was supposed to serve two years but Army cut it back to eighteen months. During the remaining six months he and FARREL KRAMER did a backpack tour through Europe. They had a lot of fun and he came back to South Africa ready to start working. The six months were well spent and gave him the opportunity to experience Europe and Israel. ISAAC shared a house with ROB GRADIDGE in EDENVALE and later with KEITH FALKE. ROB had been at University with ISAAC. There were many parties and they had lots of fun. KEITH’S mother came to one party with a walking stick and after a few whiskys, she was dancing like a teenager and had thrown away the walking stick.

The many visits to CAESAR’S PALACE and TURFONTEIN RACE COURSE were memorable and some were very profitable, like the time they won a “PICK 6” for R96,000 between six of us. At any rate, the turnovers were massive and unbelievable. ISAAC, KEITH and friends would hunt guinea fowl and duck on the farm. After one hunt we had two CAT loaders, 3 tractors and a truck stuck in the mud and out of action on the Monday morning. I was “thrilled” as you can imagine. He had to buy me a new pair of shoes to replace the ones that were ruined during the recovery of the machinery.

In January 1991 Isaac started with DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS. I have mentioned this part in my story about my partnershipS in DIAMOND IMPLEMENTS so I will not repeat it and move on to when he joined LAIRD in MERCED, CALIFORNIA in September 1999. The Israelis, who owned LACHISH INDUSTRIES who manufactured the RMH Feedmixers, wanted Isaac to be involved with the four partners of LAIRD MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

R M H bought a fifty per cent interest in Laird. Shortly after Isaac started, TONY REGALO (one of the four original partners) took ill and offered his twelve and a half percent share to Isaac. Isaac purchased the shares with a bit of money that he had brought from South Africa, and the balance he paid over a few years. LACHISH RMH from Israel brought the wrong type of machines to California. They were not suitable for the dairy industry and too light for the big Californian dairies. ISAAC, LEE CANSLER and MIKE HEINMULLER purchased thirty acres adjoining the factory to be able to expand. Shortly after they obtained industrial rights for the property, a developer approached them and offered them six times the original purchase price. With this deal they now had the capital to pay out the Israeli company as well as the one original partner, Warren, who wanted out. MIKE, LEE and ISAAC continued growing the business and started building better, more sturdy machines. MIKE battled with ill health and decided to retire to IDAHO. LEE and ISAAC continued on a fifty/fifty basis. They had a tough time during the recession of 2008/2009 but fortunately 2010 saw a turnaround and 2011 was a record year. In 2010 they were awarded, at farm and city banquet, the AGRIC BUSINESS OF THE YEAR award. 2011 was an extremely busy year and the business had outgrown its present premises. They were going to build a new factory but managed to find an existing building in an industrial area which would be suitable for the future expansion. As I write this they now have ten dealers/agents all over the USA and the quality of their machines is becoming very well known and today their machines are regarded as one of the best in the mixer industry today.

Isaac is very popular in the business and golfing community and is now playing to a nine handicap. He has just been elected a director of the Merced Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of Boosters, a young businessman's organization. He has been successful in business but this has not changed his kind and generous nature. HERM and I are very proud of his achievements. During a recent visit to Arizona I was thrilled to witness the confident and knowledgeable manner in the way he handled and impressed his potential customers. He was generous and outgoing and created an atmosphere conducive to selling his machines. His knowledge of his product and the industry is superb. We are both so thankful and appreciative for the help both he and Jennifer have given us in setting up our new home in Merced.

Isaac met Jennifer by chance when he lived in Queens Circle when he first moved to Merced. The day he moved into his home I noticed Jennifer and her son Jon Michael, who was a toddler, also moving into the complex. I told Isaac that he had a "hot number" living next door. Isaac and Jennifer started dating, and when they came on a visit to South Africa we saw that Isaac was happy.

JENNIFER LYNN HOYT (ISAKOW) was born on the 2nd of December 1970 in Merced, CA. She attended the Merced High School and graduated in 1989. JENNIFER then attended the Hills Business College in Fresno. Her ten year career in Banking started with the Traders Financial Mortgage Company as a bookkeeper. JENNIFER worked her way up the banking system to become the Loan Service Supervisor with County Bank in Merced. She stopped working with the birth of Hannah and has been a busy mother to their three beautiful children Jon Michael, Hannah and Aaron. Her experience in the bookkeeping system has served her well and today she is the bookkeeper for St. Paul's Lutheran School which the children attend. JENNIFER has been an outstanding fundraiser for the school, organising the school's annual auction event which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the school. She is also on the fundraising committee of the Children's Hospital in Fresno. JENNIFER is an excellent hostess, especially at the houseboat on Lake McClure where she organises everything from the food to the handling of the launching of the speedboat! She is an outstanding mother to their three children and has contributed to our happy transition from South Africa to Merced, California.

ISAAC and JENNIFER HOYT were married on June 16th 2002, in the beautiful garden of MIKE and BETTY HOYT, JENNIFER'S parents. Isaac's speech that day brought tears to our eyes and also to the eyes of the many guests at the wedding. He spoke from his heart and everyone remarked what a decent human being he is. Jennifer looked radiant and was a beautiful bride. MIKE and BETTY, JEN'S parents, have shown us true and sincere friendship and have included us in all their celebrations. We have enjoyed being part of their Thanksgiving and other celebrations by really making us feel part of the family. MIKE is a keen golfer, a wonderful grandfather and all round good guy. Betty is a great gardener, superb hostess and super granny to her six grandchildren.

Now for the best part, our grandchildren. Jon, the real teenager now, is learning to drive and growing up very quickly. He is a handsome six footer and great big brother to both HANNAH and AARON. He is extremely talented as a drummer, has discovered Facebook, and we enjoy reading his posts.

HANNAH ROSE, our beautiful blonde and blue-eyed granddaughter, is a good sportswoman, clever and has a lovely nature. She is popular with her school friends and teachers alike and has the potential to be a leader in her group. HANNAH is an outstanding basketball player and shows unbelievable consideration for her fellow team players on and off the sportsground. We look forward to watching her play baseball this season where I am sure she will "shine" again. HANNAH loves the water and we have had great fun at the houseboat on Lake McClure. She is always eager to help and takes great delight in helping Herm in the kitchen. Her skills on the iPad are amazing and I am sure we will look to her soon for help on the computer.

AARON WILLARD (miniature Isaac) is a very bright, lovable young man. He is doing great at school, loves all sports and is only happy when he has a bat and ball in hand. I love watching him play at all his sports. When he comes to visit he is always busy with HERMS iPad and cell phone. They have downloaded all sorts of games

on these gadgets and we are constantly amazed at their knowledge of how these things work. It is our greatest joy when our grandchildren come to sleep over. AARON has very good powers of concentration and loves doing puzzles and math.

Our second ace and son JULIAN TEVYA was born on August 15th 1968, on our third anniversary. He was named after two illustrious grandfathers, YEHUDA OF MAGACHAN, from the ISAKOW side and TEVYA after BETTY'S father. He weighed in at 7lbs. 11oz. JULIAN was a very content, good baby. From the time we brought him home with Sister MARKS, he started sleeping through the night when he was only ten days old. At that stage ISAAC was still not sleeping through. HERMIONE was a very confident mother with her second child. JULIAN'S first six months were absolutely trouble-free. At six months of age he suddenly developed an intolerance to milk and milk products, an allergy which he has to watch to this day. With solids and soy milk he thrived and grew remarkably well. JULIAN was a lot quieter than his older brother ISAAC. When he was about two years old his hair was absolutely white. The workers on the farm would call him "OUBAAS" (old man) because of the color of his hair. He loved to run around the farm playing with the little steenbuck, similar to a deer that we had rescued from the fields on the farm and bottle-raised, and with the puppies which were always around the house. We have a wonderful video of JULIAN playing with the pups. He also went to DELMAS Nursery School for about six months before we moved him to Springs where he went to the HENRIETTA TZOLD Nursery School in SELCOURT. He was a happy and carefree child who loved books and stories. After nursery school he started his first grade at SELCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL with a wonderful teacher, Mrs. FINKE. JULIAN was an excellent student and very good soccer player amongst all the first graders. The only naughty thing I remember him doing was when he and KEVIN almost set the whole farm alight playing with matches at the haystacks. The rules were no playing outside till you had finished your homework. This rule was applied very strictly by the "Queen" and enforced with a wooden spoon. The following year JULIAN joined ISAAC at the Hillel school in Benoni. He thrived in the wonderful atmosphere at the school and was always placed in the first three in his class. It was between him, GRAEME MINDEL and ADRIENNE LANDAU, right through their school careers to see who came first in class.

JULIAN'S Barmitzvah was to be held on ROSH CHODESH, a Sunday, in the Springs Synagogue followed by a luncheon in the marquee on the farm on August 31st 1971. RABBI VIGLER taught JULIAN the entire service including the reading of the Torah. He was outstanding and everyone predicted and commented that he had a bright future ahead of him. We had unusually heavy rain for that time of the year and the marquee was under strain. SICKEY saved the day by erecting a system of gutters to drain the water away. HADASSAH VIGLER, the Rabbi's wife, got drenched when one part of the tent gave way. When we look at the video of JULIAN'S bar mitzvah, there are so many friends and family who have passed on.

The benefit of having the Barmitzvah on a Sunday, was that we were able to take photos and a video. It is very amusing listening to the speeches with the chickens and roosters crowing in the background.

When JULIAN was sixteen years old he went on ULPAN with the school for three months to Israel. He enjoyed the experience and came back to finish off his schooling at Hillel. He was elected HEAD PREFECT and his cousin LEORA LURIE was elected HEAD GIRL. They were a very good team and got on extremely well. JULIAN passed his matric with four A and two B symbols with an aggregate of over 80%. He also received his honors for academic achievement, swimming, and was the Maccabi Scholar of the year. With all these achievements he was accepted to do medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He also went for interviews to become an actuary, he was accepted and offered a scholarship, but finally decided he wanted to be a doctor.

JULIAN began his medical studies at the University of the Witwatersrand and stayed in the residence named after ERNEST OPENHEIMER. He made many friends and still has contact with a few of them in the medical field. He met up with some of them when he last visited South Africa. During his second year he was the top student and obtained the prize for anatomy. His name is still on the honors board to this day. He was always one of the top three students in his class. For his 21st birthday we held a party on the farm in the barn. He doesn't remember much of his party, because it was the first and last time that he got drunk. He was asleep and in his bed by 9.30p.m.

At the start of his second year of study JULIAN moved into an apartment in LINKSFIELD PLACE, in the same building as TILLY and HAROLD. He was later joined by his younger brother WARREN who had started at KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL in Linksfield. The two boys coped wonderfully and did their own cooking and cleaning with a little bit of help from mom and BELINA.

JULIAN qualified as a doctor with a Bachelor of Science degree, MBBCH. He then did his housemanship as an intern at the Johannesburg General Hospital. He spent an extra six months working at the hospital and doing locum stints at various hospitals and emergency rooms before leaving on a research scholarship to Mount Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland. He had applied to get into the program, which was being run by a cousin of ours, CLIFFORD MOLIN, who is the grandchild of IDEL ISAKOV. At the time of this application, JULIAN was not aware that Clifford was in charge of the program. TEVEL ISAKOV assisted and guided him in his new position. JULIAN lived with CLIFFORD and GERRY, for about two months before moving into his own apartment. Everyone was so welcoming and helpful which made this big adjustment a lot easier. After four years training at Mount Sinai, JULIAN became chief resident for an extra year. TEVEL once remarked that JULIAN was a real star in the way he had settled in and gone about becoming a physician. JULIAN'S academic career continued and he was accepted into the cardiology speciality at Vanderbilt University in NASHVILLE TENNESSEE. He made many friends in Nashville, both in the community and at the hospital. He graduated as a cardiologist from Vanderbilt University and was then awarded a Fellowship to study Nuclear and Echo Cardiology at Harvard Medical School. He has always been a workaholic but his hard work has been rewarded. On many occasions we would remark that there was more to life than just medicine, advice which he did not put into practice. JULIAN has been so highly thought of at every city and academic institution where he has worked, and we are so proud of all his achievements.

In 2003 JULIAN joined a twelve partner cardiology practice in Atlanta. He was offered the opportunity to become a partner after three years. The practice thrived and grew and the group sold the practice to the WELLSTAR hospital group. They now work under contract out of three hospitals with forty four cardiologists in the practice. He has always been a perfectionist and his home as a bachelor was always immaculate. No matter how late or how busy his day would be, he would always find the time to pray and put on his TEFFILLIN every morning. He has honored his grandparents by generously donating in their memory to the CHABAD Synagogue of Atlanta. He is admired and respected in the community.

During 2008, JULIAN was introduced to DEBORAH TAM by his longtime friend PAUL ZOLTY. Paul had been JULIAN'S neighbor in Cleveland and they had become firm friends. In Atlanta PAUL was dating DEBORAH'S sister, ANDRA and thought that they would be a good match. After a number of dates with the dark eyed beauty, JULIAN clearly hit it off with DEBORAH. They got engaged and later married on November 2nd 2008. Their wedding at the Intercontinental Hotel in Buckhead was a beautiful and joyous occasion. Many guests came from all over the USA and Canada. One of JULIAN'S friends TREVOR SHEVEL, came all the way from South Africa for the wedding. DEBORAH made a beautiful bride and it was a magnificent wedding. We were happy that SICKEY, PHYLLIS and SAUL came from South Africa and could also be present at this simcha. DEBORAH'S academic career has also been exemplary and the path that she has chosen is helping others by teaching Autistic children.

DEBORAH has a very sensitive nature which makes her an excellent fit for this particular profession. She is kind, affectionate and has a sympathetic ear, always considering the next person.

DEBORAH was born on the October 18th, 1976 in Dotham, Alabama. The family were only there a few years and then moved to Atlanta when she was two years of age. DEBORAH'S father started a synagogue in Atlanta called Temple Emanuel. In 1986 when DEBORAH was nine years old, the family moved to Ottawa in Canada. They returned to Atlanta the following year in 1987. She has grown up in Atlanta, Georgia where she completed her schooling. DEBORAH received her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in 1999, graduating cum laude and she was in the Honors program at UGA. She spent half of her junior year of college at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in a study's abroad program. After graduating she went directly on to obtain a

Masters degree in Speech Pathology which was a Masters of Arts degree at the University of Cincinnati. DEBORAH wanted a program that was geared towards the medical environment, not the schools or education, and this was such a program.

DEBORAH'S father, RABBI DONALD TAM, officiated at the wedding which was very special for DEBORAH. DONALD is a retired Rabbi who is still very involved in the community in Atlanta. He is a jovial and well-liked Rabbi and is still very traditional in his Jewishness. He enjoys going to the CHABAD Synagogue services with both JULIAN and myself when I am visiting. He is a wonderful father and grandfather and JULIAN treasures his advice and guidance. DEBORAH'S mother, MARILYN, is a sweet, quiet and efficient lady who is a strong support for JULIAN and DEBORAH. She works in a dental practice and is always available to babysit and help all her children and grandchildren.

Shortly before CHLOE TESSA was born on September 8th, 2010 JULIAN and DEBORAH moved into a beautiful home on High Point Rd. Their home is in a lovely neighborhood with lots of trees and their property has a large garden with grass for Chloe to play on. She is a very happy baby, always smiling and just loves playing in water. She is also very cute and extremely photogenic with her black hair. Everyone thinks that their grandchildren are clever, but I think CHLOE is very sharp and picks things up very quickly. She is now running around and a real handful and has become very vocal. We would love to be able to spend more time with her to get to really know our precious little granddaughter.

Ace number three is KEVIN or "STOUT GAT", the naughty one. He was given this name by people on the farm who got to know him well as a kid. He was the lightest of our four children at birth with a much smaller frame than the other three. When he was a baby he did not enjoy being left on his own and would cry if he saw his older brothers going away. When KEVIN was about eighteen months old he was accidentally poisoned with a spray that we used to kill the flies around the homestead. He was playing outside while they were spraying and he must have consumed some of the poison that was on the grass. Fortunately we realized what had happened and our friend and doctor MICKEY SYMON gave him an antidote which neutralized the poison. After a few hours he was back to normal and thank goodness with no after effects. MICKEY sat with him till two o'clock in the morning to make sure he was okay.

KEVIN was fortunate to have two older brothers show him the ropes as far as soccer, cricket and tennis were concerned. He would always keep up with the older boys despite being much younger. When ever we would take a photograph of him, his mischievous nature would show and he would stick out his tongue at the camera. Proof of this is on the video of the children growing up. KEVIN was a very bright student and got on very well with all his classmates. I think his best sport was tennis and he reached the finals of the school tennis championships. He played a lot of sport left-handed and also wrote with his left hand. He and RONEN ISAKOV were big buddies right through school. If I would ask KEVIN how he had done that day, he would say "brilliantly," and when I asked him how many runs he had scored, he would reply, "four". He was always a confident young man.

RABBI VIGLER taught him his Barmitzvah portion "BO" which means "get up and come". In 1984 Kevin followed in Julian's footsteps and did most of the shabbat service on his barmitzvah. We had a wonderful Barmitzvah Dinner/Dance to celebrate. This was held in Johannesburg in a hall called "THE TERRACE" in Orange Grove belonging to the caterer FRANCESCO.

KEVIN looked great in a light colored suit that HERM bought from her cousin CYRIL'S store. HERM looked stunningly beautiful in a turquoise outfit made for her by GRETA ABRAHAMSON, a top designer in Johannesburg. The orthodontist who straightened out KEVIN'S teeth, DOCTOR HURWITZ, predicted that the treatment would be finished in time for his wedding but thank goodness his dental bands came off in time for the Barmitzvah.

KEVIN did very well in his primary and high school career. In the last year of primary school, Std. 5 (7th grade), he was a PREFECT and was awarded the ROTARY FELLOWSHIP AWARD for service, leadership, scholastic ability, popularity in school and sportsmanship.

In KEVIN'S sporting career, he was chosen for Benoni under 13 and under 15 Cricket Teams, the first Tennis Team and also for the MACCABI NORTHERN TRANSVAAL under 16 SOCCER TEAM.

In grade ten, KEVIN received the SOUTH AFRICAN MACCABI AWARD for outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership and Sportsmanship.

KEVIN'S will and determination to succeed in sport and school, despite wearing a brace around his mid-section due to scoliosis, for a couple of uncomfortable years, was evident in the fact that when he played his cricket matches, his coach was not even aware of the fact that he was wearing this restrictive gear. He was the conductor and member of the Hillel School Choir and a member of the Springs Shul Choir.

The Sunday after KEVIN'S Barmitzvah, with the entire family present, we donated a TORAH to the Springs Synagogue in memory of ISAAC and CHAYA ISAKOW. This was a super way of completing KEVIN'S Barmitzvah celebratory weekend. The TORAH is now in the care of the SANDTON community. We felt that this was a wonderful way of honoring our parents. In 10th grade KEVIN went on ULPAN for a three month stint in Israel. Being very active in all the programs on ULPAN influenced him to become more religious.

The following year KEVIN was selected to represent South African Jewish youth on a study/educational tour with a group which went to POLAND and took part in the "March of the Living". The group visited AUSCHWITZ concentration camp. While the group was saying Kaddish it was snowing and suddenly the sun broke through the clouds. This was a very moving experience for all the participants but especially KEVIN who had lost many members of his family in the Holocaust.

On his return, he concentrated on his schoolwork and did extremely well in his final matric year, obtaining 4 distinctions in these final exams. At one point he was thinking of doing law but on good advice he decided to do a Veterinary Science degree.

During his first year he lived in an apartment in Hatfield Pretoria and he would come home for weekends. From the second year on he was based at ONDERSTEPOORT VETERINARY SCHOOL. He and YONA BERKOWITZ shared an apartment in Pretoria North which was a short distance from the vet school. The vet students were very different from JULIAN'S medical friends, as was evident at KEVIN'S 21st birthday party which was held in a marquee on the farm. Some of the students were smoking pot and Herm, in her naive way, couldn't understand what the funny "smell" was. It was a good party all round as it was our last function while living on the farm. KEVIN was never happy that we were leaving the farm to live in Johannesburg.

Over the next five years of his course he worked very hard and graduated with the BSC VETERINARY SCIENCE degree in 1995. During the second year of his studies he brought home a "TROMMEL", a steel suitcase full of different kinds of bones. Our dog SKIPPY, a miniature Doberman Pinscher, was very interested in what was in the case, and we had to keep him away from the bones. KEVIN, on the other hand, had to learn and identify the bones of five different species of animals.

After qualifying he applied for a job as a vet in Sandton with doctor JOHN WELTON. This was a practice in a very upmarket area and some of his patients were brought to the surgery for treatment in a limosine with the gardener in attendance. After a year KEVIN decided to move on as he wanted to further his knowledge and to become a specialist surgeon. He worked in the UNITED KINGDOM for a few months earning a very good salary but not enjoying the dark and dreary English winter. He travelled between Europe and Holland and then headed to Purdue University in Indiana in the USA where he was granted a "courtesy internship" for a year. This meant working for a year for no monetary remuneration. The competition to gain a place in a Veterinary School in the

United States was very difficult and in order to be considered and accepted, one had to work in the system for a number of years. He learnt a lot during this year and then he was able to apply to a number of places to do a surgery speciality.

KEVIN was accepted at the Weston University Veterinary School in SASKATOON, CANADA. KEVIN spent four years learning to become a specialist surgeon on small animals and there he obtained his Masters of Veterinary Science degree. He worked closely with Professor FOWLER and had some papers published. He has numerous publications and has given lectures at the Annual American College of Veterinary Surgeons Conference, Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine, Georgian Bay Veterinary Association and was a guest on News Talk 10/10, a phone-in radio program. In 2005, KEVIN was honoured with the title of Adjunct Professor of the Ontario Veterinary College.

After completing his surgery degree in Saskatoon, HERM spent three days travelling by car with KEVIN during his relocation from Saskatoon to his new position in Guelph Ontario. During the year at Guelph he finished his surgery course and became a Diplomat in Surgery. KEVIN has practised as a small animal surgeon in private practice in Toronto since 2002.

KEVIN got to know JOANNE also a veterinarian, in his last year in Saskatoon. JOANNE MARIE FAGNOU was born on the August 2nd 1977. JOANNE is a graduate of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, SK. In practice, she realized the limitations often encountered with the management of chronic pain using drug therapy. As a result, JOANNE developed an interest in the fields of physical rehabilitation and acupuncture. In 2004 JOANNE completed extensive training in veterinary rehabilitation at the University of Tennessee. In 2006, she completed the certification to earn her "CCRP" (Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner) designation. She furthered her skills in the field of veterinary acupuncture and became a member of the Association of Veterinary Acupuncturists of Canada (AVAC) as well as IVAS, which is an International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. She is also a member of the American Canine Sports Medicine Association. JOANNE is a member of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM). In addition to running the rehabilitation at the 404 Referral Veterinary Hospital, she is a partner in both the rehab and surgery practices and has performed the practice management duties as well.

KEVIN and JOANNE got married on June 2nd 2002 in the garden of her parents home. The Rabbi of Saskatoon performed the chuppah and ceremony. JOANNE'S parents, RAYMOND and DOLORES FAGNOU, had a beautiful home on the banks of the river. Her dad Raymond was a medical doctor working at the hospital in Saskatoon, but now retired. After the ceremony everyone went to the Country Club which was situated near a lake in beautiful surroundings for a delicious luncheon.

KEVIN started working for a surgery practice in downtown Toronto. His boss made certain promises which he did not keep and KEVIN was disappointed not to be taken into the practice as promised. He then decided to go it alone and started a surgery practice in the premises of an emergency clinic in Aurora Ontario. JOANNE worked for the SPCA and also worked for a veterinary practice in Newmarket.

The two of them, with the Emergency Clinic, built a brand-new facility four years ago. This facility, which is just off the 404 Highway at Newmarket and called the 404 Referral Clinic, does all types of small animal surgery, hip replacements, and also rehabilitation done by JOANNE in the physical Rehabilitation Clinic. This facility offers an underwater treadmill, plunge pools and general rehab facilities in the most modern and state of the art surroundings. In addition the practice has a cardiologist, neurologist, dermatologist, ophthalmologist and an MRI machine on the premises. Today they have a staff of over twenty people. Their practice has appeared on radio and television and was featured in an article in Maclean's magazine. The article stressed the fact that animals are being treated better and faster than humans on the national health plan in Canada.

Two years ago KEVIN and JOANNE sold their home on a golf estate and bought five acres of prime land ad-

joining a forest. They built a beautiful stable for their two horses, Ben and Jerry, and have recently completed a wooden fence all around the property. JOANNE and her father have done a magnificent job of fencing in the property. KEVIN bought a small Massey Ferguson tractor with a post hole digger, blade and bucket, which they use to move the manure and compost. They have a beautiful pool adjoining the house and have regular deer visitors that live in the forest and come to eat the grass near the pool. They also have a brown Labrador dog by the name of Bailey and a black cat called Raisin to keep them busy.

During 2010 KEVIN and JOANNE trained like crazy to get fit to be able to do triathlons. After months of training they decided to do the "Escape from Alcatraz" triathlon, which involved a swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco, a 50km bike ride and 21km run. JOANNE decided not to take part in the race because of the water being very cold. KEVIN was phenomenal and did it in an excellent time. This achievement was a tribute to his fitness and determination. Both he and JOANNE have taken part in various other Triathlons with great success.

This is their way of life, living in the country and being close to nature. They love the outdoors and JOANNE has great pleasure riding her horses through the forest adjoining their property. The extreme weather in winter is not pleasant when you have to go outside to feed the horses, but they wouldn't change it for anything. HERM and I enjoy our visits to them and it reminds us of the farm that we left behind in ELOFF in South Africa.

WARREN, the fourth ace dealt to us, had a tough time being born into this world on October 24th 1974. HERMIONE'S gynaecologist, Dr. LES ALLEN, started the induction at the St. Mary's maternity home in SPRINGS at six o'clock in the morning. He had checked on her periodically during the course of the morning and everything seemed fine. He went home only to return at about 1:30p.m. because he had an uneasy feeling that something was not right. He examined her and said the fetal heartbeat was getting weaker and that he would have to do an emergency caesarean operation. Unfortunately, both theaters in the St. Mary's maternity home were occupied, so Dr. ALLEN bundled HERM in his car and rushed us to the FAR EAST RAND HOSPITAL. On the way we were stopped by a police officer for speeding but Dr. ALLEN explained the problem and suddenly we had a traffic escort to the nearby hospital. Dr. ALLEN told me to contact a pediatrician urgently. TEVEL ISAKOV who was in practice in Benoni, contacted Dr. WALTER HATCHUEL who immediately came to Springs. WARREN was delivered by caesarean section at 4:30p.m. The umbilical cord had wrapped around his head and one arm. As the nurse carried him out of the theater I immediately saw that our fourth ace had arrived. Thankfully everything went well and I then proceeded back to the farm to tell the other boys that they had a new brother and also to phone all the family. When I got back to the hospital that evening I could not find HERM in the maternity ward. The sister on duty told me that she had been moved to a private ward because she was crying and it was upsetting the other mothers. My heart dropped because earlier I had requested a private ward and was told that it was only for woman who had lost their babies. Fortunately our little boy was doing fine and it was just that HERM had been through so much with the delivery and subsequent surgery that she was a bit emotional. While HERM and the baby were still in the hospital, my mom BOBBA CHAYA fell and broke her hip. So there were now 3 ISAKOWS in the FAR EAST RAND hospital.

Warren was a happy and bright little boy. He was a very good baby and we were thankful that he was normal and well. He grew up very quickly with three older brothers to teach him all the ropes. He would join in all the games and he and Isaac were very close.

When he was four years old, while following the older boys around the farm, he fell into the sewerage pit. Thank g-d for JACOB PELO who heard his cries for help. He pulled him out and saved his life. JACOB immediately threw up from the stench and HERMIONE came running with a hosepipe to hose him down before she would allow him into the house. WARREN could memorize stories word for word and could read before he actually went to school. His nursery school teacher in Benoni, Mrs. OMNIA NOCK, could not believe her eyes when WARREN insisted on "reading" the class a story. He also memorized the KIDDUSH for Friday night and sang it perfectly, standing on a chair, in the Springs Synagogue the weekend of JULIAN'S Barmitzvah. As far as I can remember he never received a B grade for anything throughout his entire school career. In sixth grade he was

chosen for the EAST RAND SCHOOLS CRICKET team. The following two years he was also selected for the team. He was an outstanding bowler and very competent batsman. As a 13 year-old, WARREN played for the Springs High School Old Boys team in the second division and his team mates were on average ten years older than him. On one occasion, he played against the South African Police team, and took five wickets for 13 runs playing against adults. He was chosen for the EAST RAND Schools under 15 team where he acquitted himself very well.

The following year, in his ninth grade, he attended KING DAVID LINKSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL in Johannesburg where he continued his brilliant school career. At the end of the 11th grade his principal Mr. WOLF informed us that he would be the next year's HEAD PREFECT. This was quite an achievement as he had only been at the school for three years. Here we must thank CYRIL LINDE from the Board of Education for allowing him to finish his schooling in Johannesburg. Students were required at that time to attend a school in the zone where they actually lived but when we informed the school board of his outstanding academic and sporting achievements, they allowed him to attend the school in Linksfield. The student numbers at Hillel School in Benoni were dwindling and sooner or later, most of the students had to move over to the King David School in Johannesburg.

During this time WARREN was sharing an apartment with his older brother JULIAN in Linksfield Place in Johannesburg. In the December holidays of that year he dislocated his shoulder while surfing on Clifton beach in Cape Town. That messed up his sporting career for his last year at school. During that year we moved house to Johannesburg and he had many school functions which he had to attend. The Head Girl for that year was JOANNE JOWELL. The two of them both obtained excellent matric results with six distinctions each. He was the first of our boys to get a "full house" (a distinction for every subject that they took).

The following year WARREN enrolled at the UNIVERSITY of the WITWATERSRAND MEDICAL SCHOOL. He thrived in the surroundings and in the second year emulated his brother JULIAN by excelling in anatomy. He was the top student throughout his university career and received many prizes for his academic studies, and I have therefore attached his Resume which is outstanding. At the end of his first year he went on a month long tour to Israel. During this vacation he met VICKI KAHN who was on a Bnei Brith Youth tour, in a bar in Jerusalem. VICKI at times also led tours in America and Israel on behalf of the BBY. This romance blossomed over a number of years. The first time Vicki visited South Africa she came from the heat of Israel to a freezing cold South African winter, arriving in shorts and sandals. We could soon see the attraction between her and WARREN. During the time that she was with us, WARREN and a crowd of young people went off to the Kruger National Park with Vicki being the only girl in the group. On her seventh visit to South Africa, the officer at passport control asked if she liked South Africa as he could see from the stamps in her passport that she had been so many times. I imagine she replied "very much"! VICKI visited with us when WARREN graduated with a Bachelor of Medical Science degree, MBBCH, in 1998. At his graduation ball, they made a beautiful couple, VICKI in a magnificent red dress, and he in a dress suit.

WARREN did his housemanship at the Johannesburg General Hospital. It was very interesting and also a good experience for a young doctor just out of university. The following year he eventually popped the question, egged on by late uncle HAROLD COHEN who was living with us at the time and who insisted that WARREN must put a ring on her finger before she went back to the USA. Off they went to SANDTON CITY to buy a ring just hours before VICKI got on the plane to fly back to the USA. A few months later WARREN bought a beautiful diamond from RAYMOND MERWITZ and we held a lovely engagement party for them in the Sandton Shul hall.

WARREN and VICKI got married on June 18th 2000 in New Jersey USA. It was a most beautiful wedding superbly organized by BARBARA and BOB KAHN. It started off with a wonderful Friday night dinner, followed by a Saturday night get together for the two families to meet and finally the wedding on the Sunday evening. The chuppah was in the Shul and the Dinner Dance was in the ballroom of the Radisson hotel. JOHNATHAN KLOTNICK was WARREN'S best man, with his brothers acting as poleholders. VICKI'S sister, JAMIE, was

her maid of honor and a few of her University friends were the bridesmaids. VICKI'S parents, BARBARA and BOB are two very likable and easygoing people. BARBARA'S attention to detail was outstanding and every aspect of the wedding was fantastically organized. BOB, who is now retired, is very talented with his hands and can fix just about anything around the house. BARBARA has been a special education teacher for many years and their daughter JAMIE is also a teacher.

VICKI BETH KAHN (ISAKOW) was born on August 20th 1973 and lived in Wayne, New Jersey. After completing her schooling in Wayne, she studied at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Education. This was a double major in Elementary Education and Deaf Education. VICKI then worked in the public school system in Patterson, New Jersey teaching deaf and hard of hearing children. In 1998 and 1999 VICKI then completed her studies at GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY in Washington where she obtained her Masters Degree in Deaf Education. VICKI was awarded the Presidential Scholar Award. VICKI also appears in the book "WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES" in the year 2000. VICKI was very active in the Bnei Brith Youth Organisation leading groups of students on tours throughout the United States and Israel.

The young couple moved to St. Louis Missouri in 2000 where Warren started his internship at Barnes Jewish Hospital to become a Specialist Physician. They rented an apartment for the first year and later purchased a home in University City, a very religious Orthodox area. In his second year WARREN received the KNOWLTON AWARD at a prestigious dinner. He was starting to make his mark in the Barnes Washington University community. After completing his Internal Medicine stint he did Pulmonology and Criticare as his speciality. He and three other doctors co-authored a book on how to deal with patients in the ICU. Since then he has co-authored many articles and books. Warren became an associate professor at the age of 34, much to the delight of his family and especially his parents.

I have included WARREN'S resume in the appendix which list all of his outstanding achievements in his medical career. During this time Vicki taught deaf children in a resource room at the public school in St. Louis. She also became very involved in the religious community, and in many charities. She is extremely well known in the community and loved by all. VICKI is an outstanding fundraiser, besides being a great cook, baker and a wonderful mother and wife to her four children and husband. She has a mountain of knowledge and people often call to get her opinion and advice on various subjects.

DAVID ARIEH (DOVI) was born on November 30th, 2004 and named after VICKI'S two grandfathers. I was given the honor of being Sandig at his Bris Milah. I remember that we lit Chanukah lights shortly after his BRIS. DOVI is an extremely bright child with lots of energy and a desire to learn things. His big brown eyes light up when you read him a story. At six years old he can tell you everything about the Parsha of the week. He is very active and loves soccer and basketball. DOVI just loves building objects with his LEGOS. His intelligence shows when you have a conversation with him on any number of topics.

ADIRA NECHAMA (my sheina meidele is my nickname for her) was born on July 22nd, 2007. She is a beautiful darkeyed little girl who is full of fun and like all their other children very active. She is very supple and loves gymnastics. She is very brave for a four year old who sleeps on her own on the other side of the house. ADIRA is like a teenager in many of her ways. Her room is bright and colorful and she is very independent for her age. She loves school and we enjoy her songs sung with her Israeli accent that she has picked up from her Israeli teacher. Her "du du" blanket is named "tiny dog" and G-d help you if it gets lost for some reason.

LIORA HADASSA, born on February 28th, 2009 is a little different from her brother and sister. She has a much fairer complexion and beautiful blonde hair. When looking at old films of when WARREN was a baby she looks a lot like him at that age. She loves going to school and playing with her dolls. She has recently moved to the room occupied by ADIRA and you can often hear her talking away and disturbing ADIRA. She loves singing and comes back from school repeating her songs with great delight. She will be turning three soon and we look

forward to spending her birthday with her in St. Louis. LIORA, being the third child in the family, has had to keep up with the older siblings, and is quite mature about it.

ILAN MOSHE arrived on the scene on February 27th, 2011. He was by far the biggest of the four children. He has the longest arms and legs that I have seen on a baby. He is going to be a very big guy when he's older. His round little face has a perpetual smile and he has the most beautiful eyes. He has been a wonderful baby and is very placid. He started walking at eleven months and has now become a climber. He finds all sorts of places to climb into and sometimes can't get out. One just wants to pinch his chubby cheeks. Everyone says that ILAN looks like his Zeida.... ME!

There is an interesting story that goes back over forty years when HERM and I went to Zimbabwe on a holiday. At the Victoria Falls we went to an African witch doctor who told us that we would have four sons and that they would travel far from home and each one would become famous in their field. Little did we realize that his prediction would come true. A lot of the phenomenal success that all our sons and families have achieved is due to the Queen, the mother in the home, who laid the foundation for our family. HERMIONE has been the most outstanding wife, mother and grandmother to all our children and grandchildren.

During our life on the farm we developed the closeness and special love for each other which cannot be described in a few words. For forty seven years we have lived, loved and laughed. Emigration is not an easy time in one's life, especially at the age of seventy in my case, and HERM being a few years younger. We hope and pray that we will spend the rest of our lives in peace and harmony here in California. Over all our years together my love for HERM'S beauty and wonderful nature has never diminished. As I finish this story of our memories I can never thank her enough for the support, help and hours of typing and research that she has put into the story of the journey from MAGACHAN TO MERCED.



Hermione & Leiz engagement, April 1965.



Hermione & Leiz, August 1965.



Hermione & Leiz 2002.



Hermione & Leiz 2009.



Julian watching the cattle.



Wally Blum & Isaac.



Julian & Stoutgat Kevin.



Isaac & Ivor Ichikowitz.



The Four Aces & The Queen!



Kevin with is nanny Belinda Semake.



The BOSS, Skippy!

LETTER TO MY CHILD

I can teach you things
but I cannot make you learn

I can allow you freedom
but I cannot be responsible for it

I can offer you advice
but I cannot decide for you

I can teach you to share
but I cannot make you unselfish

I can advise you about the facts of life
but I cannot build your reputation

I can tell you about drinks and drugs
but I cannot say "no" for you

I can teach you about kindness
but I cannot make you gracious

I can model values for you
but I cannot make you moral

I can teach you respect
but I cannot make you honourable

I can give you love
but I cannot make you beautiful inside

I gave you life
but I cannot live it for you



Isaac, Julian, Kevin & Warren.



Julian, Kevin, Warren & Isaac at Warren's wedding.



Jennifer, Isaac, John Michael, Aaron & Hannah



Julian, Debra & Chloe.



Chloe
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Warren & Vicki.



Our St. Louis Grandchildren:
Dovi, Adira, Liora & Ilan.



Kevin & Joanne with their cat Raison and dog Bailey.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.

If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance &
friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.



Laird Vertical Truckmount Mixer (VT-1800 / Triple Auger)

One of Isaac's triple auger mixers built at Laird in 2011.

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<u>Medical Education</u>	<p>University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa Graduated with Distinction, December 1998</p>
<u>Internship</u>	<p>1999-2000: Rotating Internship in Medicine and Surgery Johannesburg General Hospital, South Africa</p>
<u>Residency</u>	<p>6/2000 –6/2003: Internal Medicine Washington University in St Louis Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.</p>
<u>Chief Residency</u>	<p>Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at John Cochran St Louis Veteran's Hospital from 12/2002 to 6/2003.</p>
<u>Fellowship</u>	<p>7/2003 – 6/2006: Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Washington University in St Louis Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri</p>
<u>Medical – Licensure</u>	<p>Missouri Medical License, Registration Number: 2003022301 General Medical Council, United Kingdom, Registration Number: 4581116</p>
<u>Board Certification</u>	<p>1) American Board of Internal Medicine: Internal Medicine 2003-2013 2) American Board of Internal Medicine: Pulmonary Disease 2005-2015 3) American Board of Internal Medicine: Critical Care 2006-2016</p>
<u>Professional Societies</u>	<p>Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians Full Member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine Full Member of the American Thoracic Society</p>
<u>Prizes/Awards</u>	<p>2011: <u>Internal Medicine Faculty Teaching Award for Teaching Physician of the year</u> <i>Awarded by the Internal Medicine housestaff of Washington University to the teaching physician of the year</i></p> <p>2010-<u>The Robert M. Senior MD Award</u></p>

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2007 - The Robert M. Senior MD Award

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2003 – Knowlton Incentive for Excellence Award

Awarded for excellence in medical practice and patient care at Barnes Jewish Hospital

2003 - Senior Resident CPC discussant

Elected by peers to discuss the final clinicopathologic conference in the division of Internal Medicine, Washington University in St Louis

1998 – Welch Allyn Protea Medical Award

Awarded to the final year medical student who displays the most clinical ability.

1997 – Jack Baynash Prize in Medicine

Awarded for the standard of work as reflected in clinical clerking in the fourth and fifth years of study.

1996 – Adcock Ingram Fourth Year MBBCh Prize

Prize for the best overall fourth year medical student.

1996 – Faculty of Health Sciences Merit Scholarship

Awarded for academic excellence.

1995 – UpJohn Prize

Awarded to the best student over the second and third years in the Faculty of Medicine.

1995 – Adler Gold Medal In Hematology

Granted in honor of obtaining the highest results in haematology.

1995 – Neville Proctor Medal

Awarded to the best student in Anatomical Pathology.

1995 – Professor HJ Koornhof Award

Awarded to the best student in Medical Microbiology.

1993, 1994, 1995 – University Council Merit Scholarship

Granted for academic excellence.

1993, 1994, 1995 – Standard Bank Scholarship

Granted for academic excellence.

Invited Lectures

8/2002: Barnes Jewish Hospital Grand Rounds

Primary Pulmonary Hypertension

3/2003: St. Louis VA Medical Center Grand Rounds

Primary Pulmonary Hypertension

9/2004: 5th Annual St. Louis Critical Care Update

What's new in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

3/2007: St Louis VA Medical Center Grand Rounds

Hemodynamic monitoring in 2007

4/2007: Washington University in St Louis Evening Grand Rounds

COPD Exacerbations

4/2007: Washington University weekly CPC discussant

A case of Paragonimiasis

1/2008: Washington University weekly CPC discussant

A case of Blastomycosis

**4/2008: Washington University Pulmonary and Critical care
Medicine Grand Rounds.**

Assessment of Volume Responsiveness

11/2008: Washington University Internal Medicine Grand Rounds.

Hemodynamic monitoring and the assessment of volume responsiveness

12/2008: Washington University weekly CPC discussant

A case of acute Ehrlichiosis

3/2009: St Louis VA Medical Center Grand Rounds

Assessing Volume Responsiveness at the Bedside

**10/2010: Washington University in St Louis Pulmonary and
Critical Care Medicine Grand Rounds**

ICU acquired weakness

11/2010: Washington University weekly CPC discussant
A case of Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis

12/2011: Washington University weekly CPC discussant:
A case of Reactivation CMV

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- 2) Isakow W, Kollef MH. Preventing ventilator- associated pneumonia. An evidence-based approach of modifiable risk factors. Seminars in Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine 2006 Feb; 27(1):5-17
- 3) Jeffres MN, Isakow W, Doherty JA, et al. Predictors of mortality for Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Health-Care-Associated Pneumonia: specific evaluation of Vancomycin pharmacokinetic Indices. Chest 2006; 130: 947-955
- 4) Isakow W, Schuster DP. Extravascular lung water measurements and hemodynamic monitoring in the critically ill: bed-side alternatives to the pulmonary artery catheter. Am J Physiol Lung Cell Mol Physiol 2006; 291: L1118- L1131
- 5) Isakow W, Morrow LE, Kollef MH. Probiotics for Preventing and Treating Nosocomial Infections: Review of Current Evidence and Recommendations. Chest 2007, 132(1): 286-294
- 6) Jeffres MN, Isakow W, Doherty JA, Micek ST, Kollef MH. A retrospective analysis of possible renal toxicity associated with vancomycin in patients with health care-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* pneumonia. Clin Ther. 2007 Jun;29(6):1107-15.
- 7) McNabb B, Isakow W. Probiotics for the prevention of nosocomial pneumonia: current evidence and opinions. Curr Opin Pulm Med. 2008 May;14(3):168-75
- 8) Chen DL, Bedient TJ, Kozlowski J, Rosenbluth DB, Isakow W, Ferkol TW, Mintun MA, Schuster DP, Walter MJ. [¹⁸F]fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography for lung anti-inflammatory response evaluation. Am J Resp Crit Care Med 2009 Sep 15;180(6):533-9 \
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- 1) Isakow W, Jeffres MN, Micek ST, Kollef MH. Does pharmacodynamic optimization improve survival in Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Pneumonia. Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society vol 3, April 2006, A652
- 2) Sundry RD, Isakow W, Kreisel D. Aspergillus empyema necessitans after chest wall reconstruction. Chest 132;4: 727s
- 3) Thiel SW, Kollef MH, Isakow W. Non-invasive Doppler and passive leg raising predict fluid responsiveness in medical intensive care unit patients. Chest 2008;134: 119004S

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- 1) Isakow W: Severe Pneumonia. Niederman MS. Respiratory Care 2006; 51 (8)
- 2) Isakow W, Kollef MH. Principles and Practice of Mechanical Ventilation. Martin J Tobin. New Engl J Med 2007; 356(2): 201

Committees

- 1) COPD SCCOR grant (P50 HL 084922), Project 3, Data and Safety Monitoring Committee, 2006-ongoing.
- 2) Barnes Jewish Hospital Critical Care Committee: July 2006 till present
- 3) Chair of Barnes Jewish Hospital Altered Standards Committee
- 4) Chair of Barnes Jewish Hospital Critical Care Committee: 2012

Invited Educational Lectures:

- 1) Lecture for Washington University Internal Medicine Residents: Mechanical Ventilation 2/2007, 11/2008, 12/2009
- 2) Respiratory Therapist Core Curriculum Education: ARDS (2006, 2007, 2008,2009)
- 3) Respiratory Therapist Core Curriculum Education: Ventilator induced Lung Injury (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- 4) Washington University Core Curriculum series for Internal Medicine: Pulmonary Emergencies (6/2007, 6/2008, 6/2009)
- 5) The Washington Manual Comprehensive Internal Medicine and Board Review Course: Invited Lecturer. (2007) Pulmonary symptoms and signs, Obstructive Lung Disease, Pleural Disease and Sleep Disorders
- 6) Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA): Invited Lecture on Pulmonary Management of Lou Gehrig's Disease. (2007, 2008, 2009)
- 7) Washington University Pulmonary Fellow Core Curriculum (yearly):
 - i. Introduction to Bronchoscopy
 - ii. Hemodynamic Monitoring
- 8) Barnes Jewish Hospital Critical Care Nurses Educational Series: Review of ARDS (2008)
- 9) St Mary's Hospital Internal Medicine resident education series: COPD (yearly)
- 10) Respiratory Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, 11/2008: Hemodynamic monitoring
- 11) Washington University Mini Medical School: Pneumonia and acute respiratory failure (2009, 2010)

Book Chapters

- 1) ACP Medicine 2007. Respiratory Failure.
- 2) The Washington Manual of Critical Care 2007. An approach to respiratory failure.
- 3) The Washington Manual of Critical Care 2007. Initial ventilator setup
- 4) The Washington Manual of Critical Care 2007. Upper airway obstruction
- 5) The Washington Manual of Critical Care 2007. Thrombocytopenia in the ICU
- 6) The Washington Manual of Critical Care 2007. Pulmonary artery catheterization
- 7) The Washington Manual of Critical Care 2007. Common equations and rules of thumb in the ICU
- 8) The Washington Manual of Outpatient Internal Medicine 2009. COPD and asthma

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**1994: BACHELOR OF VETERINARY SCIENCE, UNIV. OF
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**1996: SMALL ANIMAL INTERNSHIP, PURDUE UNIV.,
INDIANA, U.S.A.**

**1997: SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY INTERNSHIP,
W.C.V.M., UNIV. OF SASKATCHEWAN.**

**1998-2001: SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY RESIDENCY,
W.C.V.M., UNIV. OF SASKATCHEWAN.**

**1998-2001: MASTER OF VETERINARY SCIENCE, UNIV.
OF SASKATCHEWAN.**

2000: ECFVG COMPLETION, W.C.V.M., SASKATOON.

**2002: DIPLOMATE OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
VETERINARY SURGEONS**

PRIZES AND AWARDS:

**2001: DENNIS SHUTE MEMORIAL AWARD IN
RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.**

**2004: AWARDED PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FROM
THE ONTARIO SPCA FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANIMAL WELFARE.**

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

**1999: AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS (ACVS)
SYMPOSIUM. LECTURE -ALTERNATIVES TO BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS.**

2000: ACVS SYMPOSIUM. POSTER – SURVIVAL OF A MODIFIED REVERSE SAPHENOUS CONDUIT FLAP.

2000: VIDEO-ASSISTED THORACOSCOPIC DIVISION OF THE LIGAMENTUM ARTERIOSUM IN TWO DOGS WITH PERSISTENT RIGHT AORTIC ARCH. ISAKOW, FOWLER, WALSH, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 1, 2000.

2002: SURVIVAL OF A MODIFIED REVERSE SAPHENOUS CONDUIT FLAP IN THE DOG. ISAKOW, FOWLER, SHMON, HARDER. VETERINARY AND COMPARITIVE ORTHOPEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY, JANUARY 2002.

2003: TORONTO ACADEMY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE. LECTURE - SURGICAL OPTIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF HIP DYSPLASIA.

2003: AN EVALUATION OF THE ANALGESIC EFFECTS OF MELOXICAM IN ADDITION TO EPIDURAL MORPHINE / MEPIVICAINE IN DOGS UNDERGOING CRANIAL CRUCIATE LIGAMENT REPAIR. FOWLER, ISAKOW, CAULKETT, WALDNER. CANADIAN VETERINARY JOURNAL, AUGUST 2003.

2004: GUEST, NEWSTALK 1010 WITH DR. G. LANDSBERG TO DISCUSS SURGICAL CONDITIONS IN DOGS AND CATS.

2004: THE EFFECT OF CRIMPING METHOD ON THE STRENGTH OF NYLON LOOPS FOR THE REPAIR OF CRANIAL CRUCIATE LIGAMENT IN THE DOG. MOENS, RUNCIMAN, ISAKOW. SUBMITTED TO ESVOT FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATION.

2005: COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC EVALUATION OF SCREW POSITIONING AFTER ATLANTO-AXIAL TRANS-ARTICULAR LAG SCREW STABILIZATION IN A DOG. LISTER, ISAKOW, COCHRANE. MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS.

2006: PROVIDED A SERIES OF LECTURES ON SURGICAL TOPICS FOR THE GEORGIAN BAY VET ASSOCIATION.

2008: SPLENIC MASSES IN DOGS: HEMAGIOSARCOMA, HEMATOMA AND SPLENIC TORSION – AUTHORED FOR ACVS WEBSITE.

2008: A CHALLENGING CASE: ESOPHAGEAL LEIOMYOMA IN A DOG. LISTER, ISAKOW. VETERINARY MEDICINE, NOV 1, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

COLLEGE OF VETERINARIANS OF ONTARIO
ONTARIO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA VETERINARY BOARD
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

EMPLOYMENT

1994-1995:
SANDOWN VETERINARY CLINIC, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

1996:
LOCUM AT ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTRE, LONDON, ENGLAND.

1996-1997:
PURDUE UNIVERSITY, INTERN.

1997-1998:
W.C.V.M., UNIV. OF SASKATCHEWAN, SURGERY INTERN.

1998-2001:
W.C.V.M., UNIV. OF SASKATCHEWAN, SURGERY RESIDENT.

2001-2002:
ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN SMALL
ANIMAL SURGERY.

2002-2005:
VETERINARY EMERGENCY CLINIC, TORONTO, STAFF VETERINARY
SURGEON.

2005-2007:
SURGICAL REFERRAL SERVICE – AURORA ON.

2007–PRESENT: OWNER AND DIRECTOR OF 404 VETERINARY HOSPITAL
IN NEWMARKET, A REFERRAL FACILITY FOR SURGERY AND
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Primary and High School: 1975-1986 Hillel School, Benoni, South Africa

Post Graduate Training:

United States:

07/2002 – 06/2003 Clinical and Research Fellow in Echocardiography, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

07/1999 – 06/2002 Cardiology Fellowship, Vanderbilt University Medical Center Nashville, TN

07/1994 – 06/1999 Internal Medicine Residency, Assistant Chief Resident and Chief Resident, Case Western Reserve University, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio

South Africa:

1993 Rotating Internship, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg General Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa

Medical Licensure:

Georgia - #52750

Massachusetts - #216034

Tennessee - #MD0000031605 (inactive), Ohio - #35-07-2577

South Africa (inactive) – MP400882, United Kingdom (inactive) - #4104805

Certification:

ACLS, BLS, USMLE # 0-456-347-4, ECFMG# 0-456-347-4

American Board of Internal Medicine #186276

American Board of Cardiovascular Disease #186276

Committees and Leadership Positions:

- 2001-2002 Chief Fellow – Department of Cardiology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville
1998-1999 Chief Resident- Department of Internal Medicine
Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
1997-1998 Assistant Chief Resident –Department of Internal
Medicine Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
1996-1997 House Staff Representative Committee
Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
1991 Captain Medical School Students Interfaculty Soccer Team

Research Experience:

- 2001 – Grant proposal submitted to ASE.
Myocardial Contrast Echocardiography and No-Reflow
following coronary angioplasty.
2000 – BREATHE-1 Echocardiography Substudy Site Coordinator
1996-1999- ALLHAT Study- Site Investigator
Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Prizes and Awards

- 2002-Cardiology Fellows Teaching Award, Vanderbilt University
Medical Center, Nashville, TN
1997-The Stanley H. Shensa, MD Award for the Most Outstanding
House Officer in the Internal Medicine Program
- The James S. Kaufman, MD Award for the Resident Best
Able to exemplify the combination of astute Clinical
Knowledge, Compassion and Empathy in the care of
Patients
1989-AH Wade Memorial Award to the Most Outstanding
Medical Student in Anatomy
- FJA Loerincz Scholarship for Academic Excellence in
Anatomy and Physiology
1988 FJA Loerincz Scholarship for Academic Excellence in
Physics, Chemistry, Biomedical Mathematics and Biology
1987 Standard Bank Scholarship for Undergraduate Study in
Medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand
1986 Full Academic Honors, Valedictorian, Cricket Honors
Sportsman of the Year Award
1985 Merit Certificate for Academic Studies
First in Class Award
South African Maccabi Award for Outstanding Qualities,
Character, Scholastic Achievement and Sportsmanship
1984 Foundation for Education, Science and Technology Award
First in Class, Cricket Trophy
1981 Rotary Award, Swimming Victor Ladorum
South African Maccabi Award for Outstanding Qualities,
Character, Scholastic Achievement and Sportsmanship