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NEW CRACOW FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL—PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As was reported in the last issue, this year’s Commemoration is to feature the Shireinu Choir of Long Island

The choir, 90+ voices strong, will perform a benefit concert to aid us in raising money for Beit Halochem and Magen David Adom. These two organizations, among many, have been stretched to the limit in providing aid to wounded IDF members and civilians during this latest conflict.

On the front page and the email blasts, an RSVP was requested in the form of a reservation/registration as a must with information regarding where to respond. As we look forward to a good turnout, it is necessary to inform the Jewish center how many seats will be needed.

Although we are not charging admission we do ask for a suggested donation of \$25 per person. Reservations are a must as there is limited space at the Lake Success Jewish Center. This will be a publicized event to outsiders. We ask that a reservation/registration be made to allow for ample seating at the venue. Please respond as soon as possible as time is now running short. Names will be checked off upon entry.

Make an effort to attend. Even if you cannot make it, try to send in a donation.

We all know that the war between Israel and Gaza (Hamas) has not ceased. Many of the hostages who were taken on October 7th are still held in captivity. It has been 117 days as of this writing. Of the small children, babies, taken, how many recall any other existence at all?

Very soon we will be entering the festive times of Purim and Pesach. On Shabbat Shir which just passed on January 27th, we read of the miracle at the Sea of Reeds. We also read of Amalek and will do so again at the end of March on Shabbat Zachor. Haman, the villain of Purim is said to be a descendant of Amalek. The later tried to annihilate the Children of Israel. Haman also wanted us gone. In the 20th Century, during the Shoah, Hitler and his followers tried to do the same. The people saw the miracles in the defeat of Amalek. We see how HaShem spared the Jews of Persia through Mordechai and Esther., Even during the Shoah, there were miracles saving some from certain death. Our parents were evidence of that.

Now we have another enemy that wishes to drive us off the map chanting “from the river [Jordan] to the sea” [Mediterranean], erasing Israel whose very existence has been a series of miracles since 1948. We cry out again, but where are the miracles now? It seems the lessons of the past just never are learned.

Bernice Slutzman
President/Editor

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Members,

Whether one marked "Annual International Holocaust Remembrance Day" on Saturday, January 27th (as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005), or memorialized our 6 million martyrs on various Zooms, or participated commemorations held on Sunday January 28th... or whether we are inclined every day to remember our dearly departed family members (whom we knew and those we didn’t know)... one can’t help but be moved by the fact that the world for the Jewish People is presently in our faces in the form of "out of the closet" actions, expressions and events which we have not seen since the end of World War II. Seven decades after the Holocaust (named from the Greek word ‘holokauston’ which means burnt sacrifice) or known in Hebrew as Shoah or Churban Europa (which mean ‘destruction or dissolution’), we once again are witnessing a rise in local and global antisemitism, the vulnerability of a great power yielding either to world opinion, other spheres of influence in opposition to the Jewish People, and an underlying threat of another global war. The fear of impending danger is very real. The events of the past 4 months have universal implications and consequences in all parts of the world. Everyone seems to have an opinion... and many of those opinions have been fed by ideologies of hatred and finely tuned propaganda.

I won’t get too political here. It's just that we survivors, 2Gs and 3Gs share a unified responsibility for addressing the residual collective trauma of "the Shoah of our past" and the heinous recent October 7th attack on our Israeli brothers and sisters. If it were not for us and leading global Jewish advocacy organizations, then who will be responsible for holding the mass media accountable to honest reporting, or the refuting of hate speech and bigotry here in America? Who will support Israel to be secure, democratic, and the national home of the Jewish People? I believe it's up to us to promote wide spread education across our country of true facts maintained by documentations, research, survivor testimonies, and 2nd and 3rd Gens recounting our parents stories... as well as our own. Touched by that fire we can let our stories touch each others as well as other people. There is a lot of wisdom there. I believe we the membership of the New Cracow Friendship Society must come together in ways we haven’t done in the last years. Yes, Covid affected our in-person meetings. Yes, many of our forebears have gone on to higher places. Perhaps there are members who feel like we must move on and leave our parents and grandparents past behind us. We don’t live in the past... but the past does live in us. Memories of the past are catching up with us again.

We need you... to be an “active” part of our membership. We welcome your input, your ideas, your interest in keeping this organization alive. 2024 Dues renewal notices were sent out and many members have remitted by mail. Thank you for your speedy remittances. Their contributions are listed in the

Sunshine Report. Recent PayPal contributions will be mentioned in the following Newsletter. If your yearly \$25 or \$40 dues were renewed automatically and you wish to make an additional contribution online, please do so by referring to our website www.newcracow.org. All contributions are appreciated and do help us tremendously.

The New Cracow Friendship Society was founded as a philanthropic, social and goal oriented brother/ sisterhood, and not intended as a real estate agency that aims to sell tiny plots of land in Long Island. We invite you to submit articles, stories, letters to the editor, to offer pertinent information for our community and we invite you to come to our events. I hope you will attend the Commemoration of the Liquidation of the Cracow Ghetto on March 17th at the Lake Success Jewish Center in Great Neck, NY. and get to know some of our people. The benefit concert commemorates 81 years since the ghetto's liquidation. Reservations are required and proceeds from donations will go to aid Beit Halochem and Magen David Adom. It promises to be a special program.

May we all be healthy and thrive! And may we be blessed to see an emerging lasting peace in our homeland!

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100 DAYS AND COUNTING

It's been a while since I last wrote. Today marks the 100th day of the war and Israel is marking this day with various activities and reflections on what has transpired. My company, like many others, took an hour and a half (from 11-12:30) – 100 minutes – from our work day to mark the event. A well-known TV news journalist, Almog Boker, who not only covers the southern part of the country for channel 13, he resides in Kibbutz Zikim, on the Gaza border, shared with us what he and his family and the rest of the Gaza Envelope residents have lived through for the past 20 years. He showed how the writing was on the wall and was ignored. He had footage from when digging tunnels under one of the Kibbutzim was heard in the middle of the night before the Zuk Eitan Operation in 2014 was ignored by the army and how terrorists burst out of the tunnel in the kibbutz during that escalation and killed a bunch of soldiers. I remember that incident well. One of my neighbor's kids was killed in that battle.

He also described what happened to him on October 7th. How he was actually away from Kibbutz Zikim and was alerted to the events that were taking place that morning by many of his friends through WhatsApp and phone calls. He said that he must have got messages from some 300 people pleading with him to bring assistance to save them since the army was nowhere to be found those initial hours. When it was all said and done, only about 40 of those people who he had been in touch with that morning had survived.

The sheer scope of the tragedy that befell us is impossible to come to grips with. It's not only the 1200 people killed on that cursed October 7th, civilians and soldiers; it's not only the close to 190 soldiers and tens of civilians killed so far in the ensuing war and having to live through the nightly ritual of hearing on the news that the IDF has approved for release the names of fallen soldiers (a son of a close friend was killed in battle a few weeks ago. My own son has been on the front lines in the Navy from day one and two other children were serving in other location; it's not only the 240+ people kidnapped to Gaza – there are currently still 136 people held hostage there, of which 26 are believed to be dead and the utter helplessness of not being able to save them without paying a price that is so high, it's difficult to contemplate and yet we have to; it's not just that the war has unleashed unprecedented antisemitism the world over, including in the United States, the worst since the Holocaust or that despite the fact that more countries support us in this conflict than in many fought in the past, so many do not and that the absurdity of sights like the court case in the Hague are becoming the norm. No, its not one of these miserable factors. It's all of them together, the combination of which has changed our lives forever.

Over the last few days, I've heard a few things that resonate with me. One had religious connotations another historic. On Shabbat, our Rabbi, Shay Peron, the former Education Minister, gave a talk in the context of the weekly portion which described the 10 plagues. He said that Moses was demanding from God that he provide an immediate answer to free the people from bondage and not just promises for a better future. And God responded that he would indeed do so, but expected the people to understand that he had showed himself to them prior to bondage in Egypt (with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and would do so afterwards (with the giving of the Torah at Sinai and entering the Land of Israel). Similarly, we today are crying out for immediate resolution of this conflict, the return of all the hostages and an end to the evil that Hamas and its affiliates represent. But we should be reminded in these dark hours, of the miracle that has transpired in the State of Israel over the past 75 years and we should also be looking to the future, coming out of this disaster as a stronger people.

In that context, there is a lot of talk about "the day after". What will happen in Gaza after the war ends? The American government has been pressing a reluctant Israeli government to start discussing the matter in earnest. That hasn't really happened yet, mostly due to the vehemently right-wing composition of the government that isn't willing to discuss any of what is being talked about in terms of the Palestinian Authority ruling in Gaza in the future. But by not having this discussion, Israel not only continues to lose support, including in Washington, it loses the initiative and may soon lose the ability to control the continuation of the war, despite fiery speeches by our Prime Minister. After all, we all know that if and when the US government decides to pull the plug on this war (military, financially or diplomatically) it will be close to impossible for us to continue on our own. That ending is not imminently in sight, but it gets closer every day.

So, the big question becomes – can we accomplish our goals (destruction of Hamas and freeing the hostages) before time runs out on the war clock? Every war Israel has fought had a clock. In this war, due to the sheer scope of the horrific actions of Hamas on Oct 7, the US at least, has added much more time to the clock than usual. But it isn't endless. And there is always a quid pro quo. In Blinken's sixth and most recent trip to the region, the quid pro quo wasn't exactly working well.

Before I conclude with a realistic view of where we are 100 days in, it brings me to the second thing I heard recently, with a historic context. Over the past two months, I have been listening to a weekly class by Rabbi Berl Wein (formerly a Rabbi in Monsey, now a resident of Jerusalem) on the American Civil War, which you all must know by now, is one of my favorite subjects. In my view, and apparently not only in mine, there is much we can learn from that war. One of the things that Rabbi Wein correctly pointed out was that the Civil War was a long war. There were times when things looked bleak for Abraham Lincoln and the Union, especially as the election of 1864 approached. At that time, the democratic candidate he faced was a former very popular general

(one he fired for not getting the job done) – George McClellan, who wanted to enter peace negotiations with the south. He represented the view that after 3 years of war, the northern public had had enough and was ready for a negotiated settlement. Had McClellan won, there is no way to tell how history would have turned out. But Lincoln won, Grant took over as the general in the eastern front and won the war, preserving the union and forever ending slavery in the United States. This could never have happened, said Rabbi Wein, without the strong resolve of the home front to endure the pain and tragedy of the war and put it aside for the common cause.

Not much of what is happening in Israel today is the same as the Civil War, but that last part sure is. The resolve of the Israeli public to suffer these losses, to live the roller coaster ride of the events of the past three months and continue to do so for the foreseeable future, is what gives the government and through it, the army, the ability to continue to prosecute the war to achieve our goals. That may not be enough as international pressure is reaching a climax, whether it be in the guise of the disgustingly distorted trial at the Hague where South Africa accused Israel of committing genocide, or the more subtle criticism from the US government with its increasing demands for Israel to state clearly its plan for the day after in addition to providing increased humanitarian relief for Gazan refugees. But without it, we wouldn't even be having the debate.

The Israeli public has come together in ways no one could have imagined just several months ago. So did the overall Jewish community around the world who face ugly antisemitism and are forced to accept a reality they didn't believe existed. This unity needs to be cherished and nurtured. We cannot let those who want to tear it apart do so again when this war end (or even before it ends). If there is one lesson that screams out, that is we need to be unified in the face of our enemies. There lies our strength.

As to where we go from here? A lot of that depends on the results of the pressure described above and how the Israeli government responds to that pressure. The official party line is that we are expanding the war in southern Gaza, in Khan Yunis, where we believe the bulk of the Hamas leadership is hiding, as well as where they are holding the hostages, as well as at some point into Rafiach along the Egyptian border. The Philadelphi line that straddles the border with Egypt in Rafiach, is the principal point through which the weapons are smuggled into Gaza and this has to be stopped. There is no arguing the military logic of this. But can we really do it? More than a million Gazans are in this area having found refuge from the war in the northern part of the Strip. Israel, opposing the US demands, but with good reason, isn't willing to allow these refugees back up north yet. Not without movement on the hostage front and not while it is still a war zone. But if these people stay in Rafiach, it is not likely the IDF can operate there effectively. And there is always Egypt to consider, the relations with which are getting more strained daily.

Could we realistically stop the war after taking over Khan Yunis? Perhaps. Even that will still take some time. But this won't destroy or even dismantle Hamas. They will still be in Gaza.

Then there is always the situation on the northern border. Each day brings a new escalation but so far, it hasn't crossed into a full-blown war. The Americans have been holding us back. Can that last forever or can Israel attack in Lebanon the way we want to without American support? I'm not so sure. But two things are clear. What was can't be, that is with 70,000 Israelis displaced and not willing or able to return to their homes unless the border is secure, Hezbollah can't be allowed to remain deployed along the border in violation of Resolution 1701, signed after the Second Lebanon War of 2006. Either some diplomatic solution will need to be found - nothing seems imminent as I write this - or the IDF will have to take care of it, likely after the conclusion of the war in Gaza.

For now, the expectation is that the war in its current format will last a couple more weeks. After that, it will shift to more pinpoint operations, less of a full-blown war. Will this calm the northern border? Will this allow us to accomplish our goals in Gaza? I honestly have no idea. But it goes to the stamina of the home front as noted above. We still have a long way to go.

But at the end of the day, and that day may be coming sooner than we think, it all comes together surrounding the hostage issue. Though the army and the government have been saying that only military pressure can bring Hamas to a deal to let out hostages, more and more people, including respected military correspondents are doubting that logic. Reports in the papers today would seem to indicate that the US is also not a big believer. In other words, pressure is mounting to reach a deal to get the hostages out, even if it means ending the war, and then at some point in the future, when the Hamas (or what's left of it) will no doubt give us the excuse we need to restart the war, finish the job. The price to release all the hostages is pretty clear: the end of the war; the withdrawal of the IDF from Gaza; the rehabilitation of Gaza; the release of all the security prisoners (6,000+) from Israeli jails and Hamas remains in Gaza for the day after. As some journalists like the respected Nahum Barnea have written in *Yediot Achronot*, this would constitute a victory for Hamas in this war with major repercussions going forward. But, he adds, at this point, we have no choice, if we want to get these people out. Can Israel live with a deal like this? What would the US do regarding their own demand that in the day after, Hamas isn't ruling in Gaza anymore? Would we realistically be able to restart the war in the future if we stop it now? Do we even really have a choice at this point if we want to get the hostages out?

All I can say is that I'm glad I'm not being paid to make horrific decisions of this nature. It's bad enough just having to live through this nightmare and watch others make them.

Hoping for better times.

Barry Spielman
Oranit, January 14, 2024

THE INTRICACIES OF THE JEWISH CALENDAR

It is once again that we are enjoying another leap

year. This time it is doubly so as the solar year is also "leaping".

At first glance one would assume that because Rosh Hashanah begins with the first day of Tishrei, that month would be considered the first month of the year. It is nothing of the kind. The first month of the year is actually the month of Nisan, when we celebrate Pesach. Our year has two "beginnings", which really isn't all that odd. The secular calendar has at least three. The secular year begins in January; the fiscal year begins July and the school year, so far, begins in September.

Let us start from the beginning. The Jewish year is calculated according to the lunar calendar, consequently it contains 354 days with six months of 30 days and 6 months of 29 days. On the other hand, the solar year, which is accepted by the Gregorian Calendar, contains 365.25 days. This gives us a discrepancy of 11.25 days between the solar and the lunar year. To make up for this shortfall, the Sanhedrin [the Rabbinical Court of old] calculated that adding one extra month to the lunar calendar every so often would compensate for this discrepancy. The Sanhedrin did not do this to align with the Gregorian Calendar because, of course it did not yet exist. It was done however, to make sure that our festivals which are delineated in the Torah as tied to the seasons would come at their proper time. Without allowing for the leap year, our festivals would fall all over the calendar as is seen on the Islamic calendar which make no such provisions and is also a lunar calendar.

Here is where it becomes complicated. The basic premise of the permanent Jewish calendar is the sun and the moon operate relative to each other in nineteen year cycles. By having seven thirteen month lunar years within that nineteen year cycle, the two calendar year cycles would be reconciled.

But you are not there yet. After nineteen years and seven leap years, there still is a discrepancy of a few hours which is adjusted by adding one more day to either the month of Cheshvan or Kislev which compensates for the discrepancy, depending on the requirements.

If this does not confuse you, we can further complicate matters by saying that Yom Kippur cannot fall on either a Friday or a Sunday. This is because if it did, burials in ancient times would be delayed for two days, which is again Jewish law.

If you are confused, read it again.



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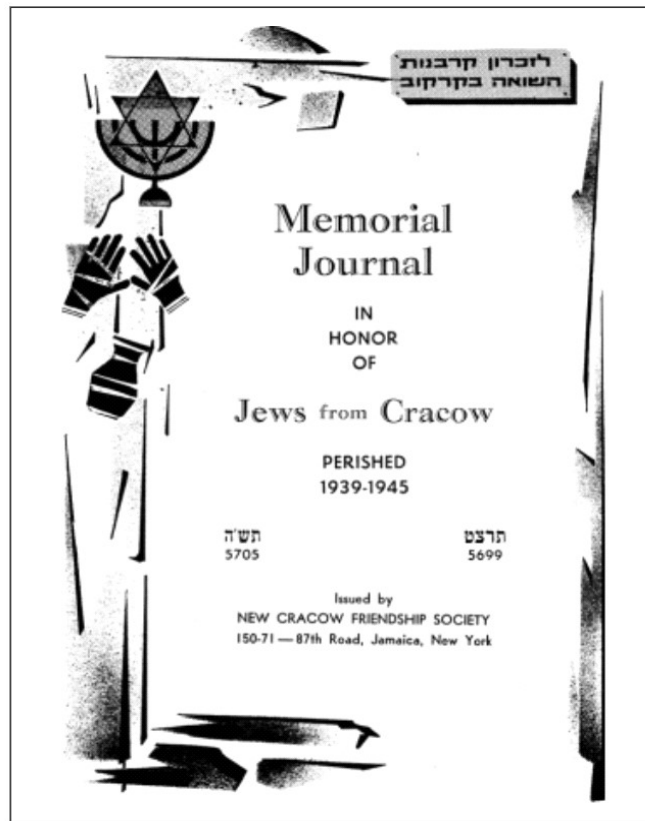
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Genealogy and Remembrance Part 1

REMEMBERING THE CRACOW JEWISH COMMUNITY THROUGH YIZKOR BOOKS

By Jill Leibman

Preserving the history of communities like Cracow during the Holocaust produced significant challenges for survivors. Stories of resilience and loss shared by survivors did not always include details of the destruction and devastation of their Jewish community. Yet the remembrances of these events is crucial, especially when there are no witnesses left to share this history.

Enter JewishGen, an organization that has dedicated itself to ensuring that the stories of Jewish life and destruction of Jewish communities endure for future generations. Through their initiatives, such as the JewishGen Yizkor Book Project, the organization is actively engaged in preserving stories of the lives our ancestors lived in their hometowns, before and during the war. These efforts also safeguard the memory of those who did not survive by publishing lists of names. The Cracow Jews who were killed represent one community that is part of their initiatives.

The Yizkor books are a compilation of memories about individual towns, including Cracow, that were written by survivors and published as books after the war. Some were written in Yiddish and Hebrew. The translation of the Yizkor books into English has occurred through the efforts of paid and unpaid translators over recent years. JewishGen has made available the Yizkor books for many towns on line: <https://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/translations>.

The *Memorial Journal in Honor of the Jews from Cracow Perished 1939-1945* was completed in 1967. It was published by the New Cracow Friendship Society. It is included in the digital archives of the JewishGen Yizkor books: <https://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/Krakow2/Krakow2.htm>.

The goal of this book was to serve as a living memorial for Cracow survivors and their descendants. As one of the earlier publications in the collection, the *Memorial Journal in Honor of the Jews from Cracow Perished 1939-1945* has been available for many years to descendants of Holocaust survivors. Bringing this book to your attention, even years later, ensures it remains a valuable resource for Cracow descendants and researchers.



30 January, 2024

For Immediate Release

Glen Cove, NY - Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center (HMTc) Condemns the factually Inaccurate Virtual Curriculum Share in New York City Schools promulgated by Virtual Innovators Academy NYC and its Principal Terri Gay

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County (HMTc) strongly condemns the inclusion of factually inaccurate assessments of the Israel-Hamas conflict in the virtual curriculum share for New York City public school students grades K through 12. The curriculum share is being orchestrated by Virtual Innovators Academy of New York City, which is associated with the New York City Public School system and its Department of Education.

We are deeply concerned about the potential harm caused by the distortion of Jewish heritage in Israel, the negatively biased and inaccurate portrayal of Israeli occupation, and the false claim of genocide by Israel. HMTc stands firmly against any form of misinformation or bias that undermines the rights and existence of any group, including the Jewish people. Educational materials must provide accurate and balanced perspectives, fostering an environment of understanding and tolerance.

By spreading these inaccuracies, the virtual curriculum share perpetuates a hostile environment for Jewish students within the New York City school system. It fuels harmful stereotypes, undermines historical facts, and disregards the complexity of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

This is not the only instance of these types of actions within the New York City school system. An elementary school teacher just last week rewrote the words of the children's rhyme "The Wheels on the Bus" specifically to portray Israel as aggressors and Hamas-controlled Gazans and soldiers as the innocent victims fighting for good.

We call upon the New York City Department of Education to revise the virtual curriculum share to ensure that it adheres to standards of accuracy, inclusivity, and respect. We further demand that the DOE protect Jewish students and teachers from being in a hostile work and education environment.

Educational institutions must prioritize the promotion of unbiased and factual information, fostering an environment of acceptance and mutual understanding.

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County remains committed to its mission of educating students and the community about the Holocaust and promoting tolerance, respect, and empathy. We stand united in our efforts to combat misinformation and create a more inclusive and equitable educational environment.

For media inquiries, please contact: Bernie Furshpan at berniefurshpan@hmtcli.org

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About the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center: The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center is dedicated to preserving the history of the Holocaust and promoting tolerance and acceptance within our society. Through various educational programs, exhibits, and initiatives, we aim to create a more compassionate world, where the lessons of the past guide us toward a brighter future.

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Mazal tov! Blessings for many more happy healthy years together.

Mazal tov to all members celebrating simchas. Please inform us online at membership@newcracow.org of your anniversary dates, and any /all happy events so that we can congratulate you in future Newsletters. Your joy is our joy! And we love to share good news.

See online programs for counseling and support offered by 2G member Bill Solz, LCSW. Director of Stress Solutions of New York. www.stresssolutionsny.com

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BITS OF HUMOR

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never-ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

And, my very favorite....

QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING. Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked,

'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied....

'Two years older than me'.

'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented..

She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine,

take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia.

Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

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