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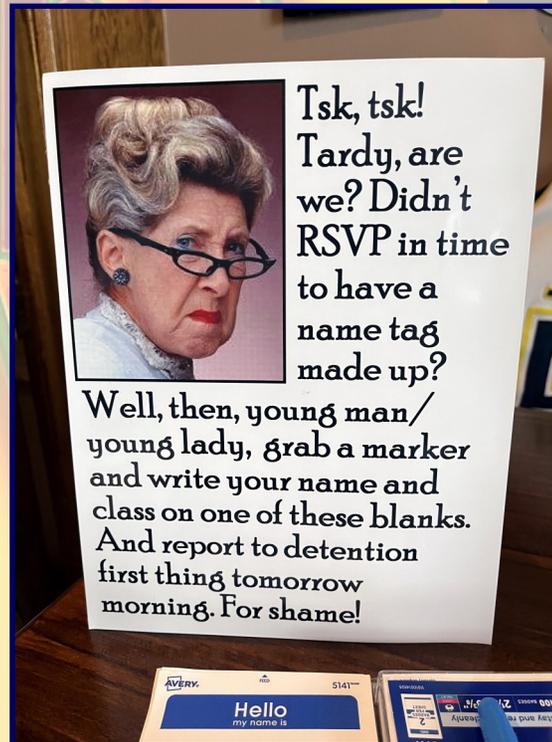


# We're happy to say that the JHS "Smattering of the Tribes" reunion party lived up to its advance billing.



## That's a good thing! ... Right?

**Whether 57 people show up or 157 is really immaterial. We've never measured the Gatherings' "success" based on crowd size; it's the smiles that tell the story. And there was no shortage of smiles at Gathering no. 11. It's also a matter of perspective: If we told you, 'Hey, we're having sixty or so people over for a party,' you'd say, "Wow, that sounds like one helluva party!" And it was!**



Yep, you're in the right place. Take your name badge—with your high school yearbook photo on it; what could be better? Or, if you didn't let us know you were coming, fill out a name tag. Be sure to pay your respects to the always demented-looking Jericho Jayhawk, still wearing his no. 50 JHS football jersey, which has never been washed to this day.



Longtime friends Dolores "Dee" D'Acierno Mason and Grace Andresini flank Dr. Mark Grand, all from the JHS class of 1968. Mark, an oncologist-hematologist who attended NYU Medical School, still practices, in Brooklyn. Grace lives in Dix Hills, LI; Dee, a proud one-third of the reunion committee, drove down from her home in Trumbull, CT.

(Right) Justin Bashe, son of Philip ('72) and Patty Bashe, with former JHS history teacher Mr. Ira Greene. Justin, a history buff, always enjoys talking history with Mr. Greene, who left teaching for the law but still volunteers as a docent at the Long Island Air Power Museum at Republic Airport in Farmingdale, LI.



(Above) Alan Foxman, from the class of '74, with Ellen Meister ('75) and her husband, Mike Mogavero. Ellen, who grew up on Seneca Place, still lives in West Birchwood, but on Essex Place. She and Mike have three grown children. Alan lives in Huntington, LI.



(Left) (Left) Eileen Marder-Mirman ('72) and husband Jamie were in the process of selling their longtime home in Rockville Centre but took time out to make it the gathering, Eileen's first since the class of '72's 40-year reunion party in 2012.



*(Right) Hey, look who made it! Always great to see Sandi Chertok Clark, from the class of 1972, and her husband, David Fischbein (JHS '69).*



*Three unbelievable facts about this photo: (1) JHS guidance counselor Mr. Andrew Chagalasian, who began his career in Jericho in 1958 as a math teacher, is ninety-two (!). (2) Marilyn DellaVecchia Profita (left) and Hope Davis Mann (right) are from the class of 1964 (!). (3) When Marilyn and Hope walked up to him, Mr. Chagalasian recognized them right away without even glancing at their name badges.*



*Attorney Mitch Goldman (right), from the class of '68, drove in all the way from Philadelphia, while classmate Neil Smilowitz (left) could have practically walked to the Homestead from his home in Mill Neck. That's Neil's charming daughter, Amber Smilowitz, in the middle. Always love it when Jericho alumnuts bring their grown children to our parties.*

*Best of both worlds: Randye Ringler (left) graduated a year early with the class of '72—and was a sixteen-year-old freshman at Cornell University—but is also very much a part of the class of '73. So, exactly one week after the “Smattering of the Tribes” party, she attended her 50-year high school reunion. Ilene Fortunoff Dall ('82) (right), a mom of two, lives in Glen Cove. She had some great stories about helping out in the much-beloved family store in Westbury as a kid.*



*(Left) Larry Friedman and Terry Drucker, from the class of '68, both live near Boston —Larry in Newton, and Terry in Cambridge. Larry, a rabbi, and his wife, Joyce, have three children and four grandkids. Terry, a graduate of SUNY Buffalo, is a real estate broker, with a grown daughter and son. It's interesting how many alumnae past so-called retirement age are still thriving professionally.*



*Postsript: Eileen Marder-Mirman ('72) and husband Jamie sold their Rockville Centre home in a matter of days. So, she'll soon become a Manhattan neighbor of classmate Beverly Weissman Cogan (right), who has lived in the Big Apple for almost forty years. Beverly has a teenage son and daughter, Zen and Kai. As for Eileen, one of the reasons for her move to the city is to be near son Josh, a talented artist, daughter-in-law Rebecca, and adorable grandson Levi. Spring 2023 saw the publication of her first book, How I Think I Should Be Is B\*\*\*S\*\*\*: From Hiddenness to Open-Hearted.*



*Rik Kellerman ('75), Philip Bashe ('72), and Mike Diehl ('75). Don't hate us because we all still have our hair. We're sure you can find some other reason.*

*(Right) Manny Scarpinato ('68) and Marvin Chertok ('69). Manny, who spent his high school years at St. Dominic, in Oyster Bay, lives in Muttontown, LI, with his wife, Estelle Oliva from the JHS class of 1970. They have two daughters. Marvin, brother of Jay Chertok (also '69), and Sandi Chertok Clark ('72), is married to Maria Vizzi Chertok. They have three children and reside in Hauppauge, LI.*



Two things that will never happen in our lifetime:  
 1. Fox News talking heads go five minutes without uttering the words "Hunter Biden."  
 2. Dianne Oliva ('74), shown below with the class of '75's Rik Kellerman, takes a less-than-spectacular photo. Dianne lives in Mineola; Rick, in Huntington Station, where he launched Ten Tigers Kung-Fu Academy more than forty years ago. Sifu Rik recently opened a second school in Manhattan's Chinatown.



(Right) The class of '74's Alan Foxman and Nick Pellicoro from the class of 1968. Nick, an architect, is the other member of the three-person reunion committee. Together, he, Dee D'Acerno Mason, and Philip Bashe are as sturdy and reliable as a three-legged stool. But remove just one of them, and it causes everybody to fall—hard and painfully—on their butts.



(Left) Also from the JHS class of '75, Artie Monk and Andrew Geyer. Andrew, an expert musician, lives in Plainview, LI, and is the cousin of Arnold Tropper from the class of '72. Artie is in no way related to Arnie but refused to let this prevent him from becoming production control engineer at CPI Aero, an aircraft component manufacturer, and from having adorable grandchildren. He lives in Bethpage, LI.

(Above) Great to see the class of 1970's James Kirk, who came with his longtime friend Beverly Weissman Cogan ('72). Ellen Meister, at right, is almost certainly the most prolific novelist in Jericho history, with eight books to her credit, the most recent being Take My Husband.

Hey, let's go outside, shall we? In twenty reunions since 2002 (including the Hit-'n'-Run reunion parties in Florida), it has never rained on our parade. Not once. And it didn't rain this time, either. However, the weather was unusually chilly for June 3, which would be the case for the rest of the month in New York. (Below) Seven from the class of '68: clockwise from top left are Nick Pellicoro, Larry Friedman, Neil Smilowitz, Terry Drucker, John Molina, Dee D'Acierno Mason, and Grace Andresini.



... And two more from '68: That's Bruce Steiner and (far right) Sandra Gumerove with Dianne Oliva ('74). Sandra, who lives in Jericho, is an attorney and advocate for the special needs community. She's also a member of the JHS Alumni Hall of Fame.



Mark Douenias and Gloria Rothstein, both from the class of '75, chill out—literally. Mark, president of GIM Electronic Corp., lives in beautiful Lido Beach, LI. Gloria, who retired recently after twenty years in social work at New York Presbyterian Hospital, lives in Jericho.



Making his first post-Covid reunion appearance is Robert Colgan ('70), posing here with Justin Bashe. Robert, older brother of Bonnie Colgan Kosonovich ('73), worked in TV production; his credits included The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

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Two more outdoor pix featuring Dianne Oliva. At left, she poses with Philip Bashe ('72), and, at right, with '74 classmate Karen Gross, younger sister of Michael ('68) and Stephen ('72). Karen lives in Manhattan and twice in the past three years has bravely taken the LIRR out to Oyster Bay and back in order to attend a JHS party, and lived to tell about it. We're thinking of asking her to lead a support group, prior to next year's gathering, for fellow Manhattanites who would like to take advantage of the convenience of the train—the Oyster Bay station is located just two blocks from the Homestead—but are afraid of the train tumbling off the edge of the Earth, or whatever.



Below: We're really glad that Oren Hausner, from the JHS class of 1998, saw the reunion announcements on Facebook's "Jericho Alumni of Any Class" page and decided to drop by and hang out with us old geezers, because, for one thing, he brought down the average age significantly. Now a resident of Oceanside, LI, he grew up in West Birchwood.



(Left) Alan Foxman ('74) and retired teacher Mr. Robert Hoffman, a favorite of many JHS alumni. He and Mrs. Hoffman, the former Dolores Poltorak, still live in Jericho, and Mr. Hoffman remains head honcho of the Jericho High School Alumni Hall of Fame, which he cofounded more than thirty years ago.





(Left) Both Mr. Bob Hoffman and Mr. Ira Greene began teaching at Jericho High in September 1966.

(Right) Another Jericho couple: the class of 1975's Steven Wainick and Sandy Peterson Wainick ('78). They still live on Long Island but spend a lot of time in Florida, where Steven, a longtime business owner, attended the University of Miami.



Exit, s-t-a-g-e ... left! Love the movement in this photo, with everyone looking like they're about to jet off in a different direction. From left to right, Mr. Ira Greene, Jim Kirk, Beverly Weissman Cogan, Eileen Marder-Mirman, Sandi Chertok Clark, Bruce Steiner, and Alan Foxman.



(Above) Sandi Chertok Clark (right, with Sandy Peterson Wainick) retired a few years ago as a private dancing instructor. She started her career in the mid-1970s at Jericho High. "I helped art teacher Scott McKay open a dance program," she explains. "Sandy Peterson was one of my first students. I stayed at Jericho for my student teaching, then spent five more years there as a substitute teacher before moving on to a full-time position teaching performing arts dance in the South Bronx."



(Left) Hey, neighbor! Beverly Weissman Cogan ('72) and Marty Arkin ('68) used to live next door to each other in East Birchwood. Marty, an optometrist, graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and has owned his practice for almost fifty years.



(Above) Great shot of Terry Drucker and Dee D'Acierno Mason, both from the class of '68.

(Below) Mark Rosenfeld ('70) accidentally takes a seat not next to but on Dianne Oliva; we're sure he intended to sit in a chair, but, let's face it, no one's eyesight is what it used to be. (In which case, see Dr. Marty Arkin, one photo above.) With them are Sandi Chertok Clark and Dianne's sister, Estelle Oliva Scarpinato ('70). Mark and wife Pamela have two sons, Rob and Jason.



(Above) Random-slash-obligatory crowd shot.

*(Below) Sweet shot of Dee D'Acerno Mason ('68) and Justin Bashe, who looks (understandably) quite happy.*



*(Above) Two lawyers walk into a bar. Well, of course they do: they're there to attend the "Smattering of the Tribes" reunion party. Both Bruce Steiner ('68) and Mr. Ira Greene still practice. Bruce, who lives in Springfield, NJ, specializes in taxation, estates and trusts, and business succession planning for the Manhattan law firm Kleinberg Kaplan, and has been named a New York Metro Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers every year since 2010 (!).*



*I always try to group photos together based on some sort of theme. The theme here? Randy Ringler ('72) posing with two women wearing black: At far left, Ellen Meister ('75) and, left, Dianne Oliva ('74). Bit of an overreach? Yeah, well, they can't all be winners.*



Everybody, it seemed, wanted to have their photo taken with Mr. Andrew Chagalasian, including Randy Ringler (left) and Beverly Weissman Cogan (right), who nabbed him just as he was about to amble out the door.



Faces from the JHS class of 1975: (above) Andrew Geyer and Rik Kellerman, and (right) Mark Douenias, Ellen Meister, and Ellen's husband, Mike Mogavero.



(Below) John Molina, Larry Friedman, Grace Andresini, and Nick Pellicoro from the class of 1968. John, a resident of Hicksville and a lifelong educator, is an associate professor of chemistry at Bronx Community College, part of the City University of New York (CUNY).



(Right) Sandi Chertok Clark (bottom left) sits opposite older bro Marvin Chertok and husband David Fischbein, both from the class of '69. At bottom right, Estelle Oliva Scarpinato ('70).



(Right) Every gal crazy 'bout a sharp-dressed man. From left to right, the class of '75's Mike Diehl, Rik Kellerman, Steven Wainick, and Artie Monk, with Sandy Peterson Wainick ('78). Mike and wife Regina live in Westbury and have two grown children, Trevor and Shawna. As longtime owner of Cantiaque Electric, he was an early proponent of solar energy, beginning with his own home in 2003.



This season "Let's Go Mets" has been replaced by "Let's Keep Underachieving Despite a Payroll Greater Than the GDP of Dozens of Countries, Shall We?" But Randy Ringler and friend Steve (far right), bookending Alan Foxman, haven't lost the faith. Randy, of course, worked for the Mets from 1980 to 1995, was awarded a 1986 World Series ring, and at the age of twenty-two, was general manager of a minor league club. (Not sure about Alan's preferred baseball team, if any.)



A couple of happy trios: (Above) Oren Hausner (JHS '98) with Beverly Weissman Cogan and Philip Bashe, both from the class of 1972. (Below) John Molina, Mr. Ira Greene, and Randy Ringler.



Okay. A word about the class of 1968, who wanted a group photo taken (minus Sandra Gumerove and Marty Arkin, who hadn't arrived yet): Year after year, their enthusiastic turnout puts all other classes to shame; they look amazing and have extraordinary energy; and no less an authority than Mr. Robert Hoffman has declared them his favorite class of all time. So what if their food has to be pulverized in a blender? Don't you just h-a-t-e them!?! From left to right are Dee D'Acerno Mason, Amber Smilowitz (kneeling—she's the only one in this bunch who can), Grace Andresini, Nick Pellicoro, Neil Smilowitz, Larry Friedman, Mitch Goldman, John Molina, Terry Drucker, and Bruce Steiner, with Mr. Ira Greene in back.