



Carnegie Shul Chatter

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Times Change

Can you believe it has been two months since the last issue of the Carnegie Shul Chatter?

Well, selling our home in Mt. Lebanon and moving to Oakland and making Florida our primary residence took much more time and effort than I originally expected, so I apologize for the greater-than-expected gap between issues.

Now that the moves are complete, here we go with a fresh edition of the Chatter. Or is it fresh?

You see, our new condo in Oakland is in The Atrium, located on S. Dithridge St., directly behind the old Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association (YM&WHA) on S. Bellefield. And yes that building still stands and is in use as a cultural and recreational facility by the University of Pittsburgh.

If you grew up in Pittsburgh's East End or Squirrel Hill, you probably spent many a day in that YM&WHA building before it was sold and the Y, or JCC as it came to be known,

On the Move

After 14 years in the South Hills, I am back in the city, although for only five months or so a year, as we now spend around seven months a year in Bradenton/Sarasota.

As a youngster, I always thought the suburbs were the place to be. I spent most of my early years in the East Hills, but when I returned to Pittsburgh after living in Harrisburg for much of my adult life, I settled in Mt. Lebanon and the South Hills.

At first I wasn't sure about the quality of Jewish life in the South Hills, but I found a wonderful, Heimish congregation at the Carnegie Shul, and South Hills Jewish Pittsburgh greatly expanded the Jewish recreational and cultural activities in the South Hills.

Circumstances have brought me back into the city, but I do not intend to abandon the South Hills. I hope to stay active in our Shul, and to participate in South Hills Jewish Pittsburgh planning and programming when I am not in Florida.

My time in the South Hills has been a part of my life that I will always treasure. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your community.



was moved to Squirrel Hill. I know I spent many a day in the swimming pool or gym there before my family moved to the suburbs and Eastmont. I even went to day camp there for a few weeks one summer when I was probably about seven or eight years old. And now I live right across the street. Ellen remembers being part of the yearly Drama Festival in the Kaufmann Auditorium there, and she (for a short time) and my Uncle Joel (for much longer) worked at the Jewish Chronicle, formerly housed in that building.

Back to my roots, right?

For a year and a half, my family rented on Denniston Ave. in Squirrel Hill, right before we moved to Eastmont when I was nine. We were a block from what was then known as the Crippled Children's Home. I was really afraid of the place because so many kids were sick with polio, and we all remember how terrifying that disease was before one of our tribe, Dr. Jonas Salk, developed the original vaccine that helped wipe out this horrible disease. Now a much more modern facility, The Children's Institute, occupies the site which is the home for "Amazing Kids."

Squirrel Hill and Oakland have certainly changed over the years. Remember all of the Kosher or Kosher-style restaurants and delis? Weinstains was the biggest of the lot, but others included Adler's, Polansky's (which became Kazansky's, Iz Cohen's and Rhoda's), Bubbles and Sherman, Cantor's, the S&B Sandwich Shop, and, later, the Smallman Street Deli, which recently closed. Where can you get a good corned beef sandwich in Pittsburgh today?

On Murray Ave., there was Koshermart and Tel Aviv and Prime Kosher (both at the same location, which is now home to Murray Ave. Kosher) and the butcher who many called "The Chicken Man"



because you could hear the chickens squawking in the basement — even as you were paying for your fresh (and I mean *fresh!*) chicken in the ground level storefront.

Do you remember the Beacon Theater? It became the Guild Theater. And later Gullifty's restaurant (great desserts, mediocre corned beef) moved into the spot.

Now the site is home to The Friendship Circle. Squirrel Hill also had the Squirrel Hill Theater and the Manor, but only the Manor remains open today.

And how about those bakeries? My favorite was Waldorf's with its whipped cream cakes, but Silverberg's and Rosenbloom's also had excellent rolls and Danish. And we Pittsburghers all know what a bulkie is, don't we?

Yes, places and things come and go, but that is life, isn't it?

Some changes are for the better, some, not so much. But, oh, those memories! Boy, would I love an Iz Cohen's hot pastrami sandwich right about now!

How about sharing some of your growing up memories of Squirrel Hill or the East End and East Liberty with me. I'd love to hear from you.



Yahrzeit Plaques

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