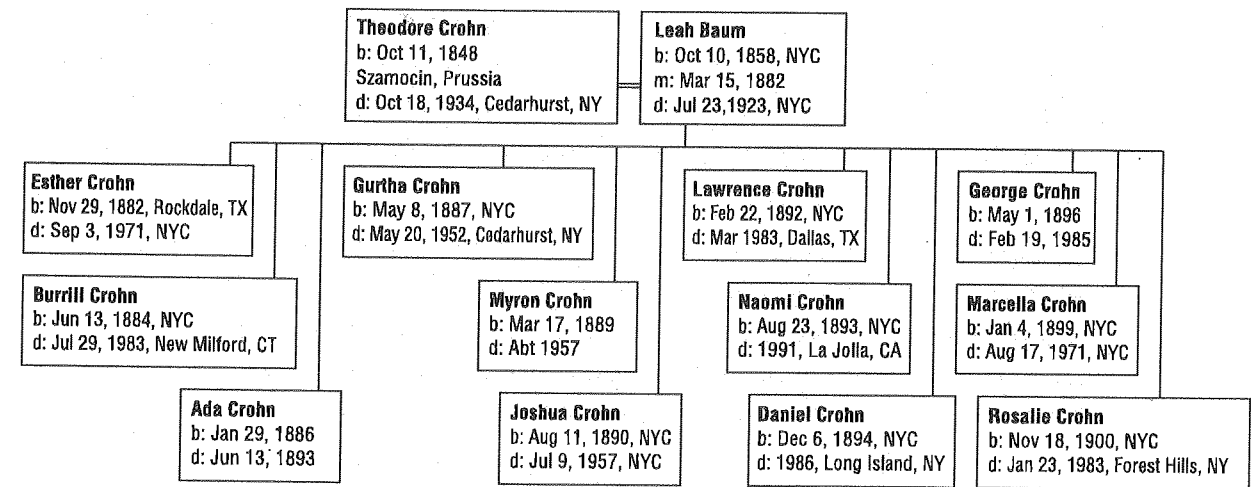
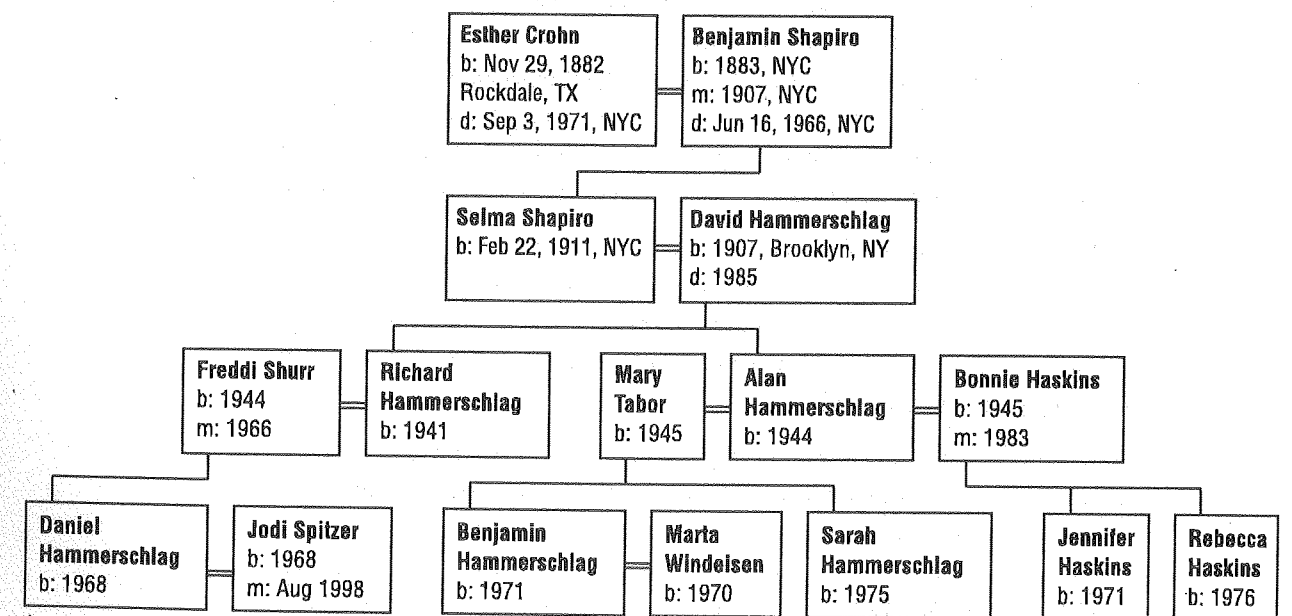


*THE CHILDREN OF
THEODORE & LEAH CROHN*



Esther (Crohn) Shapiro was Theodore and Leah's firstborn, and she never let the rest of us forget it. She was born in Rockdale, Texas, a town which we described earlier in the book, but nothing of the Southwest rubbed off on her.

Like her many aunts, she went to Normal (Hunter) College, graduating in 1903. She taught in the New York City school system, and was courted by many eligible men, but Ben Shapiro won the prize. He had graduated from City College in 1901, and was vice president of his class. Since she was the eldest daughter, the wedding was a gala affair at the old Tuxedo Hall. Esther wore a gown of exquisite white satin, trimmed with two dozen fresh white roses. There were one hundred and sixty-seven guests and four rabbis present. Even George, the youngest, attended. He wore a black velvet suit with a starched white Buster Brown collar.



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Ben Shapiro was in the clothing business with his father, but soon after his marriage he became a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange. Both Esther and Ben became active in community life, in Far Rockaway and then Cedarhurst: the Shaaray Tfillah synagogue, Red Cross, community drives, Hadassah, etc. Esther loved to study Jewish history and the Bible with her friends.

The following is the text of Esther's speech at her 85th birthday celebration on November 25th, 1967, at the home of Ruth and Gerry Dickler:

"I wish to thank our very gracious host and hostess, Ruth and Gerry and the committee, for this very beautiful and never-to-be forgotten birthday celebration. It is nice to see so many of the younger generation present. I am greatly honored.

On my 80th birthday, I read a paper giving my experiences of life in the Crohn household. This paper will give still more memories which I hope will not be repetitious, as I tried to collect new vignettes that have not been told before.

My parents were married in 1882, and I was born in 1882; but I am completely legitimate as I was born nine months after the wedding. My earliest memories go back to the wooden house on East 86th Street (I was too young to remember the house in Rockdale, Texas). All the houses were wooden with porches and flowers. When I was six and Burrill was four and a half, Mama told me to take Burrill for a walk. We played a game. I walked in his shadow, and he walked in mine. Burrill, the young scientist of four and a half, couldn't understand why he couldn't walk AHEAD of his own shadow.

Burrill and I slept in the same bed. Whenever Papa and Mama went out, they would say "Be good children. See that angel on the wall (there was a picture of a cherub)? She'll put a present under your pillow if you're good." And every morning, without fail, we'd find a present under our pillows.

You have all heard of the famous blizzard of 1888. We lived in a two-story wooden house on the south side of 86th Street, near Third Avenue. That day, I walked downstairs to our dining room which was on the street floor, to find the room freezing cold and in total darkness. It was enveloped in snow. In fact, the entire house was completely snowed in. But his family of hungry children needed food, so Papa had to shovel a path from the rooftop to the sidewalk so that he could slide down and go buy provisions (there were no refrigerators or freezers in those days).

What prices! Eggs were 25 cents a dozen; bread 5 cents a loaf; meat 8 cents a pound; ice cream sodas were 5 cents – without ice cream, 2 cents. We could buy a penny's worth of coconut and molasses taffy wrapped in a piece of brown paper and have a party. In the early days household maids and cooks cost \$12 per month. Now they cost more than \$12 a day.

I remember Papa taking us to the Centennial parade on 42nd Street, and I can still see the soldiers and flags, and hear the martial music. The streets of the city looked quite different from what they look like now: no asphalt, only cobblestones; no buses or subways, only street cars and horse-drawn buggies. I remember the reservoir at 42 Street and 5th Avenue. In fact, it took up the entire block from 5th to 6th Avenues, where the Library and Bryant Park now stand.

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We by now had moved to our home on 82nd Street. I attended the model school connected with Teachers Training in Normal College at 68th Street. Aunt Mallie Baum, who attended college, called for me every day to take me to school. We walked along Lexington Avenue which had rolling hills on each side with cows and goats grazing on the grass. Before Passover our Irish maid Agnes took a brand new bucket there to get fresh milk for the holidays.

I remember the Sunday night concerts given in our parlor at 82nd Street. Among the artists were Fannie Hirsch, a violinist (our next door neighbor) and the Mossbachs. I remember hearing mother's beautiful clear soprano voice singing *Jerusalem, Still wie die Nacht, Holy City* and Handel's *Messiah*. How we young children used to thrill at her full-voiced melodies as we sat in our nightgowns on the top of the stairs!

When I was fifteen, Mama took me to see the opera *Faust* at the Metropolitan on 39th Street. Later that year, Papa and Mama and Aunt Mallie and I attended the famous gala performance given in honor of Prince Henry of Prussia. Papa paid \$15 a ticket. We drove down in a carriage drawn by two horses. The curtain was white satin, covered with fresh roses and smilax. The boxes were draped with American and German flags. Everyone was in full evening dress and the men wore stovepipe hats and white kid gloves. The prince was in full dress military uniform, decorated with row upon row of medals. We stood and sang *The Watch on the Rhine* and *The Star Spangled Banner*. The singers included such celebrities as Nordica, Sembruch, Matzenauer and the two de Reski brothers.

That year (1897) I was confirmed by Rabbi Stephen Wise at 65th Street and Madison Avenue. I marvel today that my Orthodox father not only permitted it but came to the confirmation. I still have the Bible which Dr. Wise presented to me. Of course the spirit of Judaism pervaded our house. Mr. Shamach the carpenter came to build the succa for the holiday. I remember the odor of the fruit: grapes and apples hung from its leafy roof. When Mr. Buchalter, our Hebrew teacher, came we would run and hide in the closet and lock the door. Later we had Dr. Greenstone from the Jewish Seminary who was much more tolerant.

Once we went to spend a day in the country, and were taken on the Third Avenue elevated line to 149th Street in the Bronx to see our grandparents. Grandpa called for us in a horse-drawn wagon and took us to their beautiful, huge white stone house on Southern Boulevard in Tremont. They were the only Jewish family in that area. I distinctly remember that my mother's sisters were there, especially Aunt Sara (Baum), Judith's mother, who had just announced her engagement (about 1893) to Uncle Eddie (Epstein). She sat on his lap.

The following episode has been told before, but this paper would not be complete without it. It is the story of going with the family to Arverne. We took the ferry to Astoria and from there we had to take a train to Arverne (at that time you had to take a ferry from Manhattan to Queens). Burrill wore a new, red straw turned-up boater hat, with blue and white long streamers. An elastic band was attached to a button on his coat. With his usual scientific curiosity he went to the platform of the train. But either the band or the button was weak, because the hat flew off, right over Jamaica

Bay, to the delight of the younger Crohn children who howled with glee.

I was graduated from college in 1903. All one needed for a teacher's diploma was a public school education and five years of college – there were no high schools. I met Sophie Ruskay when I was a junior. She carried my books in Senior Hall; brought me goodies, cookies and flowers. One day I invited her to my home to meet my brother Burrill. Through him she met Cecil, and you know the rest. I was very bashful and afraid of the boys. When Frank de Lara came to the house I hid in the closet.

I was finally appointed to teach at P.S. No. 1 on Broome Street on the Lower East Side. The neighborhood was unfamiliar, so I asked Papa to take me to school the first day. I distinctly remember the pushcarts, especially the fish peddlers, because I slipped on the fish scales which fell on the streets when they cleaned the fish. The children were very anxious to learn and loved their teachers. They spoke very little English. Their parents had recently arrived from Europe. I distinctly remember having to take my class to the shower room every Friday afternoon. Each pupil brought his own soap and towel. They had no bathtubs in their homes, only washtubs, and these were filled to the top with coal and wood for the stove. I earned the enormous sum of \$50 a month for the privilege of teaching – substitutes received \$2.50 a day.

My outfits were something to behold. One was a red and white gingham dress with a full train that swept the streets of New York and the Arverne boardwalk; high button shoes and a pink felt hat with four ostrich plumes billowing in the breeze.

We had now moved to our beautiful home on 92nd Street near Park Avenue. It was a happy home bustling with activity. I can recall the odor of the Shabbas *challah*, coffee and molasses cakes and onion rolls baked in the large coal stove by Becky, our maid of many years.

I wish to voice my sense of gratitude to my dear parents for the rich heritage they left me as the senior member of this large and loving family. Family ties are very strong among the sisters and brothers. We are deeply interested in the wellbeing of every individual. I pray that the second and third generations will carry on the tradition of family parties and contact one another in time of sorrow and joy. Keep the family growing and loving. Keep the family together.

I will try to think of more memories for my 90th birthday.”

Esther died in 1971 at the age of 88. She and Ben had a daughter, **Selma**.

Selma 'Sally' (Shapiro) Hammerschlag married David Hammerschlag, a businessman, who received his degree from Cornell University. She still lives in Baltimore, Maryland. A graduate of Adelphi College, Sally, after twenty years of retailing including a stint as a retail buyer for Macy's, became a junior high school teacher. She retired after 23 years in the Baltimore school system and still works part time as a travel agent. She and David had two children, **Richard** and **Alan**.

Richard Hammerschlag has a BSc from Colgate University and a MSc and PhD in plant pathology from the University of Maryland. He is married to Freddi. Dick conducts research for the United States Geological Survey. His work is keyed to biological research and urban park management improvement. Freddi has a PhD in plant pathology and genetics from the University of Maryland, and is a research scientist with the US Department of Agriculture/ARS Fruit Laboratory in Beltsville, Maryland, where she uses biotechnology for plant improvement. She specializes in small fruit and peaches. Freddi recently returned from Australia, where she was invited to help with their agricultural research programs. They have one child, **Daniel**.

Daniel Hammerschlag received his BA degree from Emory University in 1990 and his law degree from the University of Maryland. He practices law at Chase & Chase in Baltimore. His wife Jodi has a BA from Towson State University and is an advertising manager for *Baltimore Magazine*.

Alan Hammerschlag and his wife Bonnie, a licensed clinical professional counselor working at a Montgomery County Woman's Center, live in Potomac, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, DC. Alan is a graduate of Colgate University and the New York University School of Business. He was a vice president of Standard Federal Savings and Loan, and is presently an investor in thirteen shopping centers in the Mid-Atlantic area. His company, Kodiak Properties, also owns and manages 600 apartments.

Alan has two children, **Benjamin** and **Sarah**. Bonnie has two daughters, **Jennifer** and **Rebecca Haskins**.

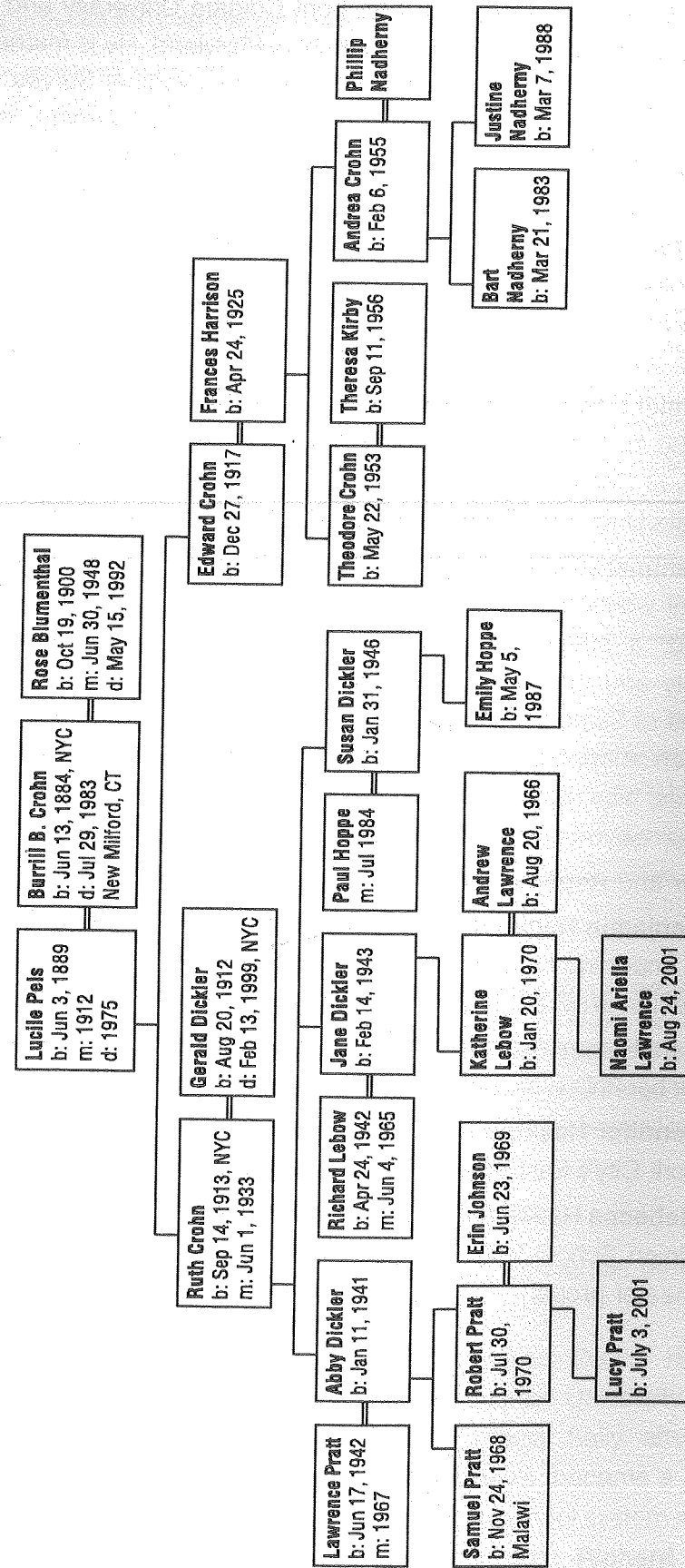
Benjamin Hammerschlag is the owner of Epicurean Wines, specializing in importing high quality wines from Australia. His wife Marta is a graphic design artist at Starbuck's Coffee. They live in Seattle, Washington.

Sara Hammerschlag attends the University of Chicago where she is studying for her PhD in the philosophy of religion, specializing in Jewish philosophy.

Jennifer Haskins is a website designer for Razorfish. She lives in New York City's East Village. She is a graduate of Emerson College in Boston.

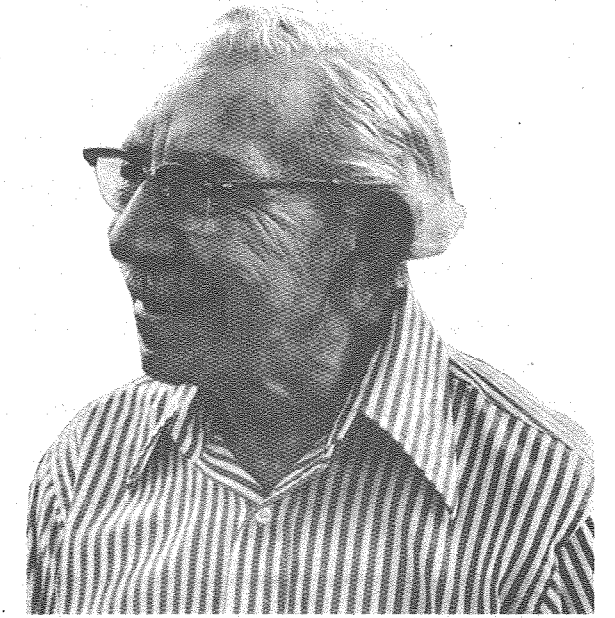
Rebecca Haskins lives in Soho, New York City. A graduate of the Cooper Union School with a major in fine art, she is a waitress and produces theater props.

The descendants of Burrill Crohn



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Burrill Crohn was Theodore and Leah's first son. Volumes could be written about him. His medical achievements are well known – as a practitioner, specialist, teacher, writer and research scholar. He appears in *Who's Who in America*, and there is a permanent exhibit of his writings at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC. He won three medals during his illustrious career: the Jacobi Medal from Mount Sinal Hospital; the Townsend Harris Award from City College (as the year's most distinguished alumnus) and the Julius Friedenwald Medal from the American Gastroenterological Society.



He wrote over 150 articles for medical journals and histories. Many of his works, in his original handwriting, are to be found at the New York Academy of Medicine. He was the author of three books on medicine: *Affections of the Stomach*, the first textbook on that subject; *Regional Ileitis*, the first universally accepted work on the disease he identified which has become known throughout the world as "Crohn's Disease", and *Understand Your Ulcer*, a book for the lay reader. He also wrote two books of memoirs: *Memories of 90 Fruitful Years* (1974) and *Notes on the Evolution of a Medical Specialist* (1907-1965), published after his death in 1983.

Burrill's patients included heads of state from several countries and celebrities pursuing a wide variety of occupations, but his patients came from many social and economic strata. Typically, no one seeking his help was insignificant to him. A doctor's doctor and brilliant diagnostician, cases that stumped some of the great medical authorities of the world were referred to him. He gave medical lectures in many parts of the world and vastly increased awareness and knowledge of Crohn's Disease among physicians everywhere. The result has been improved health for many people who might have died or had their lives gravely afflicted by diseases of the stomach and intestines, were it not for Burrill and others following in his footsteps.

There was a great deal of excitement when President Eisenhower was stricken with ileitis in the 1950s. Burrill was consulted and interviewed, and his remarks were syndicated nationally in newspapers. He spoke on radio and television about the President's illness. His prediction that a recurrence was unlikely has been validated by history. The day after Burrill's opinion was quoted, sales on the New York Stock Exchange rebounded, having plummeted the day before.

We will just add these few highlights of his career. In 1932, even before he discovered ileitis, Burrill was elected president of the American Gastroenterological Association. In 1942, on

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the ninetieth anniversary of Mount Sinai Hospital, with which Burrill had always been associated, Burrill read an original paper on its history before the Jewish Historical Society. Burrill was also a Civil War buff. When he went to City College, the president was former Brigadier General Alexander S. Webb, the one-armed hero who defended the Bloody Angle at the Battle of Gettysburg. Burrill wrote a monograph on Jewish doctors in the Civil War that was published by the Jewish Historical Society. He was a member of the Civil War Round Table and delivered lectures on Lincoln and the war at various meetings.

More important than his achievements is the kind of person he was. First and foremost, he was modest, out of all proportion to his impressive accomplishments. He was loved by his friends, and more especially by his family. He was always 'my Burrill' to his mother, to whom he was very special. His sisters and brothers called him BB and looked to him as a tower of strength, a big brother who could always be counted on to listen to their problems sympathetically and with interest and to offer helpful advice or other assistance. This openness, generosity and fairmindedness were characteristic of him and continued to wield their beneficent effect on friends and family (not least, on his children and grandchildren) throughout his life.

Burrill and Lucile, his first wife, had two children, **Ruth** and **Edward**. Lucile died in 1975. Burrill remarried when he was sixty-four years old and enjoyed an active life with his new wife, Rose, both in New York City and their house in New Milford, Connecticut. Until the end they enjoyed a multitude of cultural events and an active social life with family and friends. In 1979 Burrill celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday at the Prince George Hotel with 135 members of his family. He retired at the age of ninety-one but continued all of his many activities, including gardening and painting watercolors for several years more. Burrill died at age ninety-nine in 1983 and Rose died in 1991.

Ruth Ada (Crohn) Dickler attended Barnard College for two years before getting married. Before her children were born, she worked for the United Jewish Appeal and the Social Science Research Council. She has worked at the Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York as an editor and fundraiser since 1962. She lives in Manhattan and maintains close family ties.

Ruth is president of The Dickler Family Foundation, established by Ruth and her late husband Gerry. The foundation funds programs focused primarily, but not exclusively, on voluntary family planning worldwide and initiatives in education through the third grade in New York City. Three generations of the Dickler family currently serve on the foundation's board of directors. Ruth also is president of the Burrill B. Crohn Foundation, which was established while Burrill was alive. After his death, his wife Rose funded the chair in gastroenterology at Mount Sinai Medical Center and Dr David Sachar was the first to hold it.

Gerry was a graduate of Columbia College and Columbia Law School and served in the Navy in World War Two. He was a senior partner in the firm of Hall, Dickler, Lawlor,

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Kent & Friedman until he retired. Throughout his career most of his clients were employed in the media and the arts including, among many others, Lowell Thomas, Georgia O'Keefe, Lee Krasner (widow of Jackson Pollock and a well-regarded artist in her own right), Bil Baird and Buckminster Fuller. Early on, he was instrumental in setting up AFRA, the Association of Radio Artists. (Later, when television joined the on-air media, the name was changed to AFTRA.) During the McCarthy era, he defended clients whose civil liberties were threatened. He also played an active part in the libel suit brought by the radio and television satirist John Henry Faulk (unjust accusations by the show's sponsors that he had Communist leanings and for his firing from his show on CBS) brought a \$3 million judgment, an unprecedented award in those days. Gerry also represented Christopher Rothko, the minor son of painter Mark Rothko, in a highly publicized suit against Marlborough Galleries and the executors of his father's will. Gerry wrote *Man on Trial*, which was translated into several foreign languages (now out of print). Gerry's biography was in *Who's Who in America*. He was a founder, officer and director of Capital Cities Communications and as its counsel, participated in the negotiations that led to many of their most successful contracts. He was known by all, within and outside his profession, for his intelligence, skill and probity in all his dealings. Gerry died in 1999. Ruth and Gerry had three daughters:

Abby Catherine, Jane Frances and Susan Alice.

Abby (Dickler) Pratt is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Named in memory of Abbe Baum, she married Lawrence Spencer Pratt in 1967. Together they spent two years in Malawi, Africa, where their first child, **Samuel Spencer**, was born in a missionary hospital. On their return to the United States, they lived in New York City, where their second child, **Robert Winthrop**, was born. In 1972 they moved to West Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Larry is President of American Investment Services in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, while Abby retired in 1994 as a reporter for the *Berkshire Eagle*. She now focuses on charitable projects in Malawi, Ecuador and Burma and has started a small foundation to help with the adjustment needs of new immigrants to the Berkshires. She likes to travel to very faraway places.

Sam Pratt worked as a freelance magazine writer and editor in New York City after graduating from Yale with a BA in English and art. He then moved to Hudson, New York, where he became involved in local politics, helping elect new, socially concerned members to the City Council and to defeat environmentally unsound projects proposed for the area. He heads and is the founder of Friends of the Hudson.

Bob Pratt graduated from Yale University and finished a medical degree at Columbia, where his great-grandfather Burrill B. Crohn also received his medical training. He has begun an internship in medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City and will then do a residency in neurology

at Columbia. He is married to Erin 'Dory' Johnson, a bilingual primary school teacher. They met when they were both in the Peace Corps in Bolivia and subsequently spent a year together in Ecuador, where Bob worked for a foundation that provides medical care to indigent slum dwellers and the rural poor. Bob and Erin have a daughter, **Lucy**.

Jane (Dickler) Lebow is a freelance editor, writer and researcher of books and articles dealing primarily with the social sciences, the arts and the humanities. She was born in New York City and was graduated from Columbia University, Phi Beta Kappa and with honors, with a degree in history and comparative literature. She was married in 1965 to Richard 'Ned' Lebow, from whom she was divorced in 1974. While she was still married to Ned, now a professor of political science and consultant in international relations, Jane helped substantially in the originating, researching and editing of Ned's dissertation and subsequent book on the effect of stereotypes on Anglo-Irish relations, an extension of her own senior honors paper at Columbia on Irish stereotypes in Punch magazine in the 1840s through the 1860s. A daughter, **Katherine Anne (Kate)** was born in 1970. Recently, Jane completely rewrote and edited the Citizens Housing and Planning Council's *What Every Landlord and Tenant Should Know* (published in 1999), a guide for tenants and owners of rent-regulated apartments in New York City, where she continues to live.

Kate Lebow grew up in New York City, attending Hunter College High School. She was graduated with honors in history from Yale University. After a brief period as a journalist in New York City and a year teaching in South Africa, she returned to New York to continue her studies. At present she is a doctoral candidate in East Central European history at Columbia University. Her dissertation deals with the history of Nowa Huta, a town near Krakow, Poland, built after World War Two. She and Andrew Lawrence were married in 1997 and live in Brooklyn, New York. Andrew is now completing his doctoral dissertation, a comparative study in political economy of Germany and South Africa at the Graduate Center of The City University of New York. Both Andrew and Kate have taught courses at the college level and had articles published in professional journals. They are regular participants in conferences and symposia in their respective fields. Kate and Andrew's daughter, **Naomi Ariella**, was born as this book went to print.

Susan Dickler is a graduate of Brandeis University and holds a masters' degree from the Columbia University School of Social Work and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In the early 1970s she worked with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America to make legal abortion more accessible nationwide. After a stint as a social work supervisor in Rockland County, New York, she returned to program management responsibilities at the

Ms. Foundation for Women where she developed and managed programs relating to reproductive rights and health. In 1981, Susan moved to Washington, DC, where she was Director of Voters for Choice, a political action committee, and then vice president of the Environmental Policy Institute. After returning to the Ms. Foundation for several years, she became executive director of the Dickler Family Foundation and is currently executive vice president. She works as a foundation and non-profit management consultant.

Susan married Paul Hoppe in July, 1984. They are now divorced. She lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts with her daughter **Emily Rose** who is known by her nickname 'Willie'.

Edward Burrill (Woodie) Crohn is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Buffalo Medical School. For several years he practiced internal medicine in Kent, Connecticut, and later joined the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Buffalo as a pulmonary specialist. He was recertified in internal medicine in 1977. Separated from his wife, Frances, he has set himself up in his own quarters in Buffalo. Woodie has retired and is an avid skier, bird watcher, tennis player and concertgoer. Frances and Woodie have two children, **Theodore** and **Andrea**.

Tad Crohn holds a graduate degree in biologic science from Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, after earning his undergraduate degree from Macalester College. He and Terry live and work in Chicago.

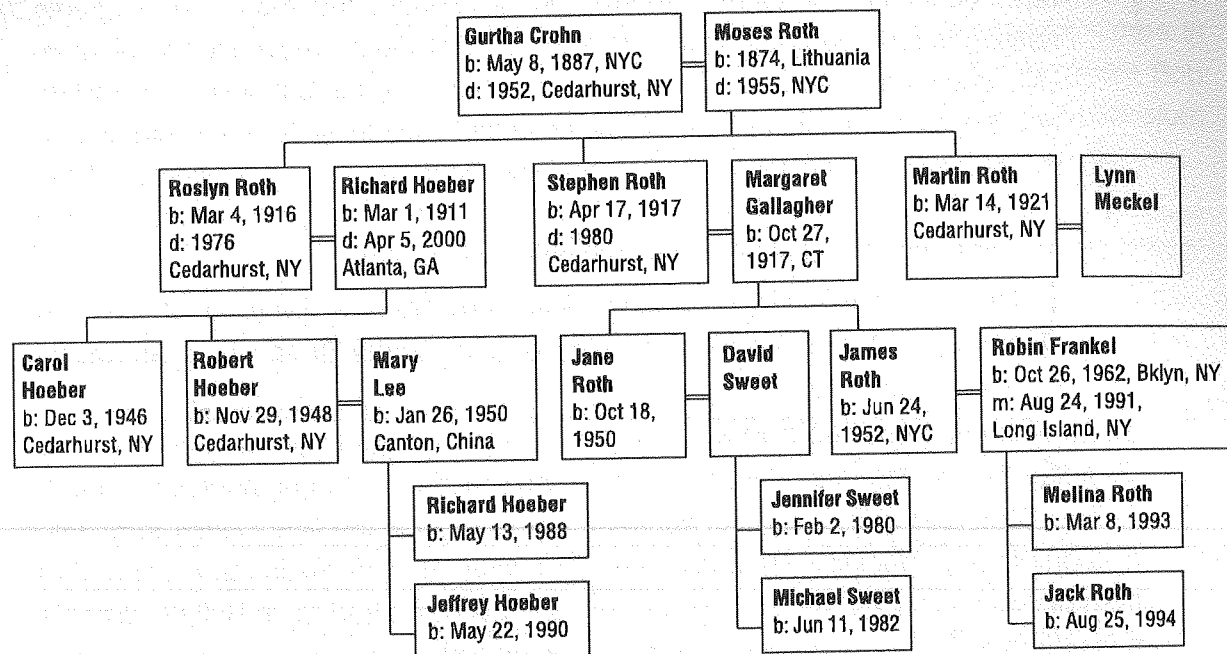
Andi Crohn completed a program in medical illustration at the University of Rochester after graduating from Syracuse University. She married Phillip Nadherny, from whom she is now divorced. They have two children, **Bart** and **Justine**. Andi lives and has a shop in East Aurora, New York.

Ada May Crohn was the only child of Theodore and Leah not to live to adulthood. One summer morning, when the family was vacationing in Long Branch, Ada went swimming, apparently perfectly well. By afternoon she complained of feeling sick and the doctor was called. He said it was nothing and went away. Later that night, when her father went in to check on her, he felt her feet and they were very, very cold. Immediately he sent for the doctor, but by the time he arrived Ada May was dead.

No one has ever been able to explain this tragedy. There had been no cholera, no polio, no epidemic of any kind. Ada May was seven years old when she died.

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Gurtha (Crohn) Roth was the fourth of Theodore and Leah's children. She married Moe Roth and they had three children: **Roslyn**, **Stephen** and **Martin**. Gurtha was the first of her generation to pass from the scene (1952).

After our mother, Leah Crohn, died in 1923, Gurtha was like a mother to all of her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. Before she married, she tended to everyone's needs. She looked after Papa's real estate holdings, and managed the household when mother was in the sanatorium. We remember her coming to school on rainy days, bringing us our lunches, rubbers and umbrellas. Her husband, Moe Roth, was an upright man of fine character, a devoted husband and father. He had his own wholesale clothing business. They lived in Cedarhurst, Long Island, for many years, and Gurtha died there. Theodore lived with them until his death in 1934.

Roslyn (Roth) Hoerber married Richard Hoerber and worked as office manager of a nursing home, later becoming an expert legal secretary. Richard spent the last years of his life in a retirement community in Atlanta, happily married to Barbara Weiss. Before his retirement in 1983, Richard was president of the General Hide and Skin Corporation in Manhattan. He died recently and is buried next to Roslyn on Long Island. Roslyn and Richard had a daughter and a son, **Carol** and **Robert**.

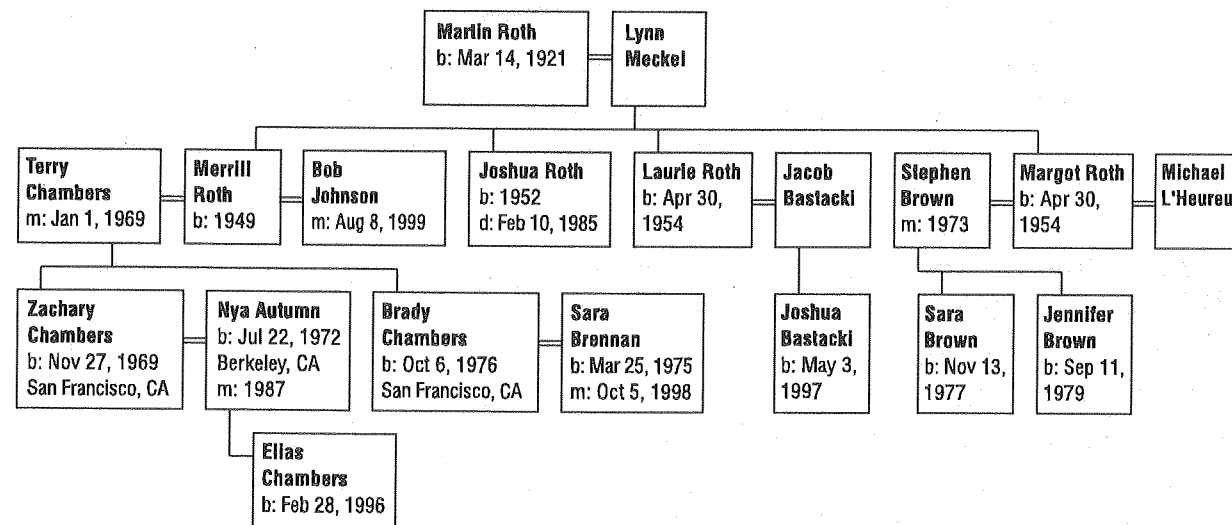
Carol Hoerber lives on Long Island and is a nurse at Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

Robert Hoerber first joined his father's business and then lived in Nevada and California from 1977-1985. He is now employed by the United Parcel Service as a programmer/analyst. His wife Mary Lee, who came to the US from China at the age of six, manages computer systems and was a vice president with the Equitable Insurance Company. They have two sons, **Richard** and **Jeffrey**.

Stephen Roth saw active service in the Coast Guard during World War Two and had a lifelong passion for the sea which was sated by frequent sails on his custom yacht. He was retired from Rudin & Roth, a prominent hosiery firm. Steve's wife, Margaret Gallagher, was a buyer for Bloomingdales'. They lived their married life on Long Island and had two children, **Jane Elizabeth** and **James Michael**. Until recently, Maggie lived with Robert Furchgott and enjoyed her leisure time with family and friends. Unfortunately, Maggie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in the late 1990s. She now resides in the Sarah Newman Center for Health Care and Rehabilitation in Mamaroneck, New York. Robert Furchgott is a New York pharmacologist who received the 1998 Nobel Prize in the Physiology of Medicine jointly with Louis Ignarro and Ferid Murad for their discoveries concerning "nitric oxide as a signalling molecule in the cardiovascular system".

Jane Roth lives in Bethesda, Maryland with Clark Danford. She completed her PhD in program evaluation at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1978. She is Director of the Evaluation and Analysis Division in the Food Safety Agency, US Department of Agriculture. She has two children from a former marriage: **Michael** and **Jennifer Sweet**.

James Roth is a graduate of Rutgers Law School and is a partner in a law firm, concentrating on federal criminal defence. Jim married Robin Frankel, a criminal defence attorney with the Legal Aid Society in the Bronx, New York. They have two children, **Melina** and **Jack**. They live in New Rochelle, New York.



Martin Roth holds a BSc in Biological Science from the University of Chicago, as well as a BSc in Civil Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, also in Chicago. He became a sanitary engineer and later an environmental engineer (before there even was such a curriculum). He designed numerous water and wastewater facilities, and was involved in construction as well as private consulting work. Now retired, Martin hikes, bikes, does woodworking, jewelry making and gardening.

though not necessarily in that order. He travels widely and has recently returned from a trip to China. Martin lives in Corte Madera, California. He and his former wife, Lynn, have three daughters: **Merrill, Laurie** and **Margot**. A son, **Joshua**, died in 1985.

Merrill Roth manages a mobile-home park in Port Townsend, Washington, with her second husband, Bob Johnson, who also makes cedar birdfeeders. Merrill teaches GED classes at the local community college and aspires to be a writer. She has two sons from her first marriage: **Zachary** and **Brady**.

Zachary Chambers is an artist who manages a silk-screen shop in Port Townsend, Washington. He and Nya Autumn have shared their lives for the past thirteen years. They have a son, **Elias Joshua**.

Brady Chambers works as a silk-screen technician for a company that makes signs for the sides of buses, etc. in Seattle, Washington. He is married to Sara Brennan, who works for Amazon Books.

Joshua Meade Roth was an amateur woodworker and had a business importing garden tools under the name Joshua Roth Ltd. Married and divorced, he had no children. After a lengthy struggle he died of cancer at the age of 33.

Laurie Roth is a psychotherapist in private practice in Petaluma, California. She earned her PhD from Antioch West and specializes in teenagers and their families. She is also a mediator for businesses in Petaluma. She and her husband, Jacob Bastacki, have a son, **Joshua**.

Margot Roth is the Director of Human Resources for Whole Foods Markets on the East coast. Her partner Michael L'Heureux is an environmental geographer-hazardous waste site assessor in Massachusetts. She and her first husband Stephen Brown have two daughters, **Sara** and **Jennifer Brown**.

Myron Crohn, or Mike as we called him, was married three times. His sons, **Theodore Lionel** and **Richard Julius**, are the children of his first wife, Aline Lyon. Aline's parents, Jules and Addie (Puddin') Lyon were friends and neighbors who never missed a family gathering. Mike was our star baseball player. He played with his brothers on the streets, in back yards, and around the railroad station in Arverne. He was well educated, and spoke and wrote an impeccable English. He had a beautiful bass voice and was a member of the chorus in the Oratorio Society. In his early career he, too, was a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, but things didn't go well for him, and he became a salesman. For many years he travelled for the Gillette Safety Razor Company.

Granny Lyon, a great beauty in her day, married five times (twice to Joe Popper, her last husband). Her folks were great friends of the Crohn family. You can see them in the family dinner photo from Tuxedo Park. Mike and Aline are in the picture too. The Lyons were Scots Jews, descendants of the first Jewish family to settle in Scotland in the 1740s. The house Aline grew up in on 95th Street still stands between Park and Lexington. She was the

beautiful youngest daughter of a wealthy father – they owned the Lyon Diamond Company with offices at 55 Water Street – and she eloped with a lad from the Hellburn family, a family famed for its show business and real estate connections. Her father cursed him, and he drowned a year later at Orchard Beach. She returned as a young widow to her destiny, marriage to Mike Crohn. She was always slated to marry one of the boys. After Burrill was hitched, Mike was the next in line.

Mike went through my darling Granny's more than \$100,000 dowry by gambling. When that was kaput, the marriage was too. That was 1928. During the Depression she moved with her two sons from apartment to apartment, skipping the free rent and making do with some family monies and this and that.

She always had a twinkle in her eye and a sharp mind. She taught her sons to read before grade school began – this was a great influence on her son Richard; he still reads almost seven books a week. She loved music and the arts and she was a great delight and confidante to her grandchildren and friends.

Theodore Lionel Crohn married Shirley Bame and was in life insurance, remaining with the same company for 28 years. He is now retired, but remains on the company's semi-active list. He is vice-president of the 'Federation of Section 213's and Other Housing Co-Operative', and is still a board member of the co-op building where he and Shirley have resided for 35 years. Ted has been an officer of the Inwood YM and YWHA and his local branch of B'nai Brith. Their main hobby is playing duplicate bridge.

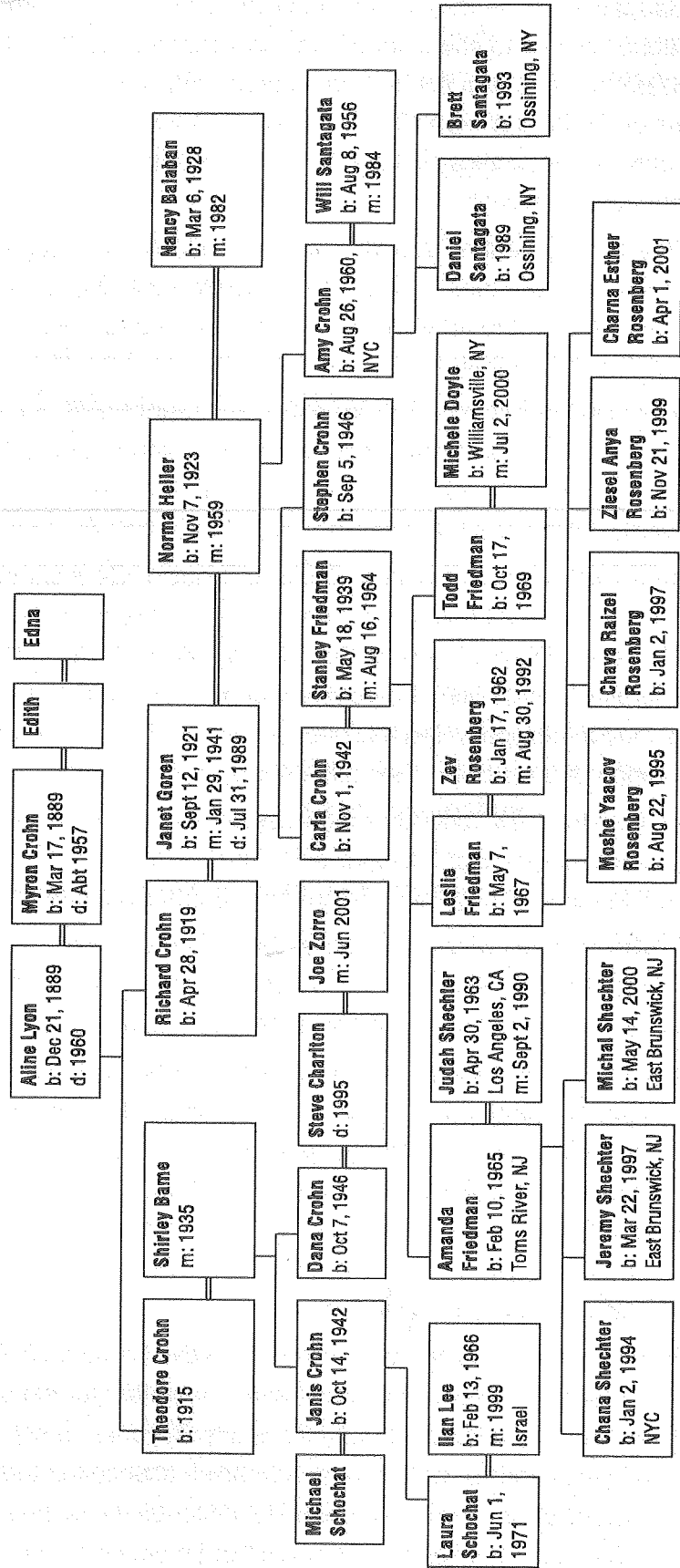
Shirley is retired from the New York City school system and has both taught bridge and directed a duplicate bridge club. They live in Chichester, New York in the Catskill Mountains Game Preserve. They have two children, **Janis Adelaide** and **Dana Grace**.

Janis Crohn married Michael Shochat but divorced many years ago. They have a daughter, **Lora Ann**. Janis is an office manager for a physician at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Her many interests include poetry and jazz.

Lora (Shochat) Lee graduated cum laude from Brandeis University with a major in American Literature and English. She has resided in Israel since 1992, working at *The Jerusalem Post* for five years before moving to Kibbutz Sde Boker. Her husband Ilan Lee works at the factory there and commutes to Tel Aviv where he is taking classes in reflexology. Lora is a pre-kindergarten teacher's assistant while she studies in Beersheva in order to be an English teacher.

Dana Grace (Crohn) Charlton was married to Steve Charlton, a Vietnam veteran who died of cancer in 1995. Dana has been a secretary for the same labor and employment law firm in New York City for nearly 30 years. In her spare time she collects antique American bottles and old canine license/tax tags. She married Joe Zarro in June 2001. They have been friends for 25 years; he has three grown children and five grandchildren; he deals in and restores antique furniture.

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Richard Crohn learned to read books by the time he was five. He hasn't stopped reading them since, and presently keeps his pace with between five and seven a week. Bright, talented, athletic and politically charged, Richard was a top student at George Washington High School in Washington Heights, graduating at the top of his class in 1927. By this time he was demonstrating against the Fascists and specifically Father Coughlin. Dad would speak on an opposite street corner denouncing Father Coughlin's racist vitriol and bluster. His membership in the Party during the radical thirties precluded the army from considering sending him overseas during World War Two. They changed their mind, however, and he saw service following D-Day in the Battle of the Bulge. He never carried a gun, however, but served with distinction in the Medical Corps, leaning on his love and admiration of his favorite uncle, Burrill. That was the closest he came to knowing his family; his father, Mike, was a distant and nonexistent presence.

When the war was over, Dick Crohn came home to his wife Janet and daughter Carla. They moved back to New York and he got a job in publishing. After Stephen was born, they settled in a suburban house in Dumont, New Jersey, before the marriage ended in 1955.

Dick moved to New York and worked in the emerging paperback field, joining Penguin and then New American Library, where he rapidly rose to the position of vice president. He married Norma Karniol Heller in 1959, and they had a daughter, Amy. When the owner, Kurt Enoch, wouldn't give him a percentage of the business he had virtually created for them by his stewardship of the sales division, he left and went into advertising. Taking an interest in one client, CARE, he made a career for himself advising nonprofit organizations. Project HOPE, CARE, the Smithsonian Institution, the Fund for Adult Education, as well as several presidential candidates were all on his client list. He is fighting to stay comfortably retired at the age of eighty, although sadly his failing health keeps his intellectual vigor and community involvement in check.

Janet (Goren) Crohn, was the eighth child in her family and the first to be born in the United States. She was named Janet (or Jenny as her birth certificate reads) because her father thought it sounded more American. He was an ambitious and successful linen merchant. He had left a small town in the Ukraine near Odessa, and ventured to the US during the pogroms of the early 1900s. He made Janet wear glasses for her high school graduation picture, although she didn't need them to see - he thought it made her look more studious. Studious she wasn't by intent, but her life was changed by a brilliant English teacher. He suggested that his high school students read a new book; it was *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, and it did change her life. He inspired her to read and use her soul's imagination, and she always did - with a lot of humor. The red-haired, blue eyed gal moved to Richmond and become a clothes buyer at Tallheimer's Department Store, part of the Federated chain. She met handsome young Dick Crohn, a GI, at a party they both attended with

other dates. They married and had Carla before he was sent overseas.

After the divorce, Jan remained in Dumont, raising her two children. She remarried in 1968; Rabbi Arthur J. Zuckerman was a Jewish historian and PhD professor of Jewish medieval studies. She moved to his Riverside Drive apartment in Manhattan... a home that became a source of love and light to her community, her children, family, and adored grandchildren, whom she always called her 'link with immortality'. Jan passed away from breast cancer at the age of 67 in 1989.

Dick Crohn now resides in a beautiful home overlooking the Hudson in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, with his third wife, Nancy Balaban, director of Child Development at the Bank Street College in New York City.

Carla Crohn Friedman has taught special education in Toms River for 20 years (with a six-year span as Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialist in the Toms River Regional School system). She presently has a self-contained elementary special education class. She obtained an MA in supervision in 1990. Her husband Stan has taught science for 38 years. He has just retired but will continue coaching tennis and is one of the New Jersey State High School tennis experts. Both Carla and Stan enjoy biking, tennis and most of all spending time with their grandchildren. Carla is Chairperson of Israel Bonds in Toms River, New Jersey and both she and Stan are active in their synagogue. They have three children: **Amanda, Leslie** and **Todd**.

Amanda (Friedman) Shechter graduated Barnard in 1987, while her husband Judah Shechter received his undergraduate degree from Yale. She continued studying towards a law degree. After their marriage they studied in Israel in religious institutions; once back in the United States Mandy completed her law studies at Columbia Law School. Both Mandy and Judah worked for private law firms in Manhattan until they began raising a family. She now is employed by the New Brunswick Branch of Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett while Judah is with the legal department of Chase Manhattan Bank. Mandy is on the board of the local YM-YWHA and is the Secretary of the American Friends of Nishmat, a school of higher Jewish learning for women in Jerusalem. They are also active in their synagogue, Young Israel of East Brunswick. They have three children: **Chana Aliza, Jeremy Aaron** and **Michal Shoshana**.

Leslie (Friedman) Rosenberg graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. and spent the next two years in Israel with her fiancé, Zev Rosenberg, who was serving in the Israel Defence Forces. Zev is a graduate of George Mason University. They have four children: **Moshe Yaacov, Chava Raizel, Ziesel Anya** and **Charna Esther**. The family now lives in Edison New Jersey, where they are active in their synagogue,

Young Israel of Potomac, which they helped found. Zev and Leslie own a mechanical contracting company in the Washington metropolitan area.

Todd Friedman lives in San Francisco with his wife Michele. He graduated Boston University and spent five years in New York City working for Scholastic Publications, then moved to San Francisco where he is employed by E.piphany, a provider of customer interaction software. He is Director of Investor Relations. Michele, a graduate of Miami University, is a CPA with Deloitte and Touche Tax Technologies.

Stephen Lyon Crohn was raised in Manhattan, Westchester and New Jersey, but was most influenced by time spent as a toddler in a summer rental cottage his folks had on a dairy farm in Vermont. It influenced his senses immeasurably. Educated at Cooper Union, CCNY, the University of Wisconsin, and NYU, Steve holds a BA in Fine Art and an MSW. His work as a painter is in collections from Egypt to Hawaii, with stops at the Centre D'Art Moderne aka Pompidou Centre in Paris and the photography collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York. To support his art production, he worked in publishing like his father and achieved success at *Business Week* magazine, where he created the production models for the International and European Editions and then served as the Assistant Managing Editor of *Redbook*, a Hearst Magazines production.

When the opportunity for another career arose, Steve returned to school to gain a social work degree. He has a private practice in New York and works full time with the Children's Aid Society.

Amy Crohn Santagata is a writer and marketing communications specialist. She transformed a newspaper, magazine and corporate public relations career into a home-based writing and consulting business when her first son was born 1989. Amy and her husband Will stay very busy working, parenting, and with their many volunteer activities: at the schools, in the community and in their church. The entire family is completely engrossed in their boys' (**Daniel** and **Brett**) passion for roller and ice hockey.

Joshua Crohn was always an industrious worker, and was self-supporting since his teens. He started off selling ornaments for Xmas trees (an appropriate item for Theodore Crohn's son!) He worked for Ben Shapiro's clothing firm, then started in the diamond trade which was to become his lifelong field.

He was of fine appearance: tall, good looking and always perfectly and expensively dressed and groomed. Soon he was a topflight salesman, highly respected for his ability and integrity. His word was his bond, and he sold hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of diamonds over the telephone, sight unseen, a real indication of how much his out-of-town customers trusted him.

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He travelled the country well into his sixties. How well we remember the boxes of candy he sent Mother from all the big cities! We learned to associate the name of the city with the brand name of the local candy. He gave generously to the family budget, and helped defray the expenses of his younger sisters' weddings and trousseaux. Mother leaned heavily on him. He used to humor, tease and amuse her with sophisticated stories of the gay life he led. There was a great bond between them.

Finally Josh established his own business which was carried on by his nephew, George Crohn, Jr., whom he trained. Josh married Rose Goldsmith in his late forties and she gave him many years of happiness as a faithful, loving wife and partner.



Crohn siblings: Back row, L to R: George, Rosalie, Lawrie, Marcella, Naomi, Josh and Dan. Front row, L to R: Esther, Burrill.
Photo from early 1960s.



Crohn in-laws: Back row, L to R: George Roseman (Naomi), Rose (Josh's) Crohn, Mortie Kroll (Rosalie), Barbara (Ida) Crohn (Dan), Ben Shapiro (Esther), Arthur Rubel (Marcella). Front row, L to R: Moe Roth (Gurtha), Billie Crohn (George), Rose Crohn (Burrill). Photo from early 1960s.

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Lawrence 'Lawrie' Crohn inherited a love of music from his mother. As a young man he loved opera and was often a 'super' at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. He had a good baritone voice, and was advised to take up a singing career. But fate – or rather, his father – decreed otherwise. Theodore Crohn sent him to the National Jewish Farm School in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, but he never made use of this training. His days were spent in the business world, although his avocation was always writing and involvement in community affairs. He was a graduate of the Teachers' Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary (as were his sister Naomi and his aunt Sara Epstein), and he was a disciple of Professor Mordecai Kaplan of the Reconstructionist Movement.

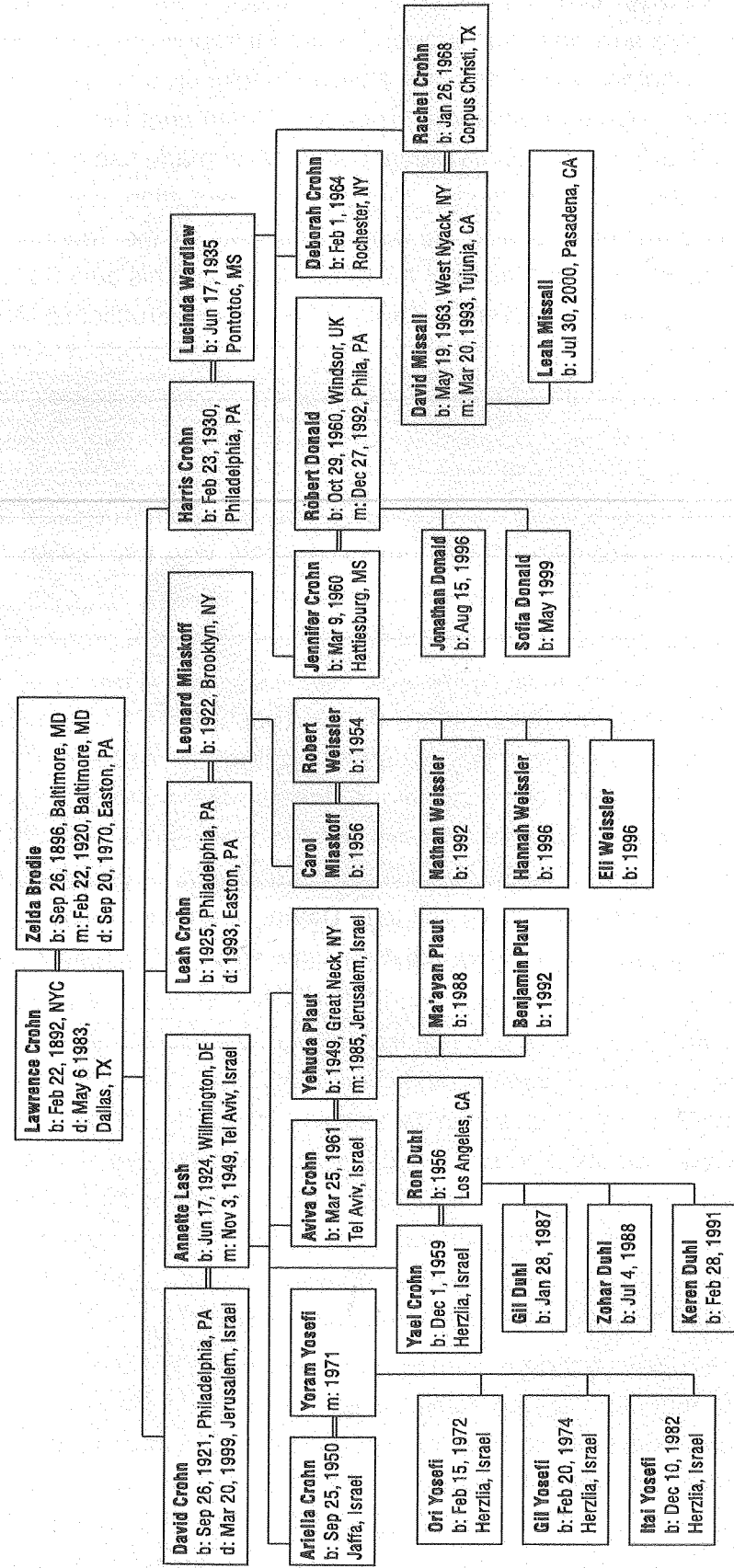
Lawrie lived in Detroit for most of his adult life, where he managed retail furniture stores, while remaining active in the community. He was among the founders of the Detroit Zionist Council and served as its president for two years. He also served as president of the Jewish Community Council which had three hundred and fifty affiliated bodies, and was also Chairman of the United Hebrew Schools' Education Committee and an active member of its Executive Board. One of his primary interests was the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement, for whose publication he frequently wrote articles.

He married Zelda 'Jennie' Brodie of Baltimore, a member of a prominent family. She was always a stalwart, dependable member of the Crohn clan, loved by all. Jennie's parents were born in Russia, came to the States while still young and lived in Baltimore. Her father was a Hebrew scholar and in this way earned his living. Her brother Ben moved to Israel in the 1920s or 1930s and was head of the Pardess orange growers' syndicate. He was an agronomist, had citrus groves of his own, and experimented with new agricultural products. Another sister, Esther, married Kurt Gruenwald, manager of Jerusalem's Bank Igud. Lawrie and Jennie had three children: **David, Leah and Harris.**

David Crohn received his BA from the University of Michigan in economics, served as an infantry officer and was wounded in action in World War Two. In 1948, with the establishment of the State of Israel a distinct possibility, he was selected to undergo training to be part of Israel's diplomatic corps. His journey to Israel was not without excitement. The boat on which he travelled stopped in Beirut, Lebanon, whereupon David and a group of other Americans were taken off the ship at gunpoint and put in prison. After a lapse of time, and only with American intervention, they were released and sent back to America. After a few days, undaunted, David returned to Palestine on an Italian freighter loaded with guns and ammunition. He disembarked outside Tel Aviv and walked ashore in his bare feet.

During the War of Independence he served in the Israeli Air Force. Soon after he married Annette, who had come to Israel as a child from Wilmington, Delaware. He was Vice President of PEC-Israel Economic Corporation, the largest American investment corporation in Israel, for 18 years. He subsequently accepted a three-year assignment as Business Manager of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and was Vice President of Bank Leumi L'Israel, Israel's largest bank, as well as working in the

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bank's branches in Manhattan and Miami. After retiring David spent half of each year in New York and the other six months in Jerusalem. He died in Jerusalem in 1999. David and Annette had three children: **Ariella, Yael** and **Aviva**.

Ariella Crohn served in the Israel Defence Forces and then studied at Bet Berl College in Kfar Saba. She is a translator and works for a hi-tech firm. Her marriage to Yoram Yosefi, with whom she had **Ori, Gil** and **Itai**, ended in divorce.

Ori Yosefi graduated from the Haifa Technion with a degree in computer science. After three years in the Israel Defence Forces he is employed in a hi-tech company as a project manager.

Gil Yosefi completed four years of service in the Israel Defence Forces with the rank of Lieutenant. He has completed a degree in insurance.

Itai Yosefi has just been conscripted into the Israel Defence Forces.

Yael (Crohn) Duhl teaches piano. She received her undergraduate degree in music from the State University at Purchase, New York and her Masters from the University of Miami. She also teaches the Alexander technique. Her husband, Ron Duhl, is a legal advisor at the Civil Service Commission. They have three children: **Gili, Zohar** and **Keren**.

Aviva (Crohn) Plaut is a graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Nursing and works in her profession. Her husband Yehuda Plaut is a graduate of Oberlin College and Carbondale, Illinois, in agronomy. He has rebuilt and expanded the family home in rural Kentucky and raises organic crops. They have two children, **Ma'ayan** and **Benjamin**.

Leah (Crohn) Miaskoff continued the family tradition of love for music. She sang in operas in the United States and in Israel, on the radio in New York and Paris, and in churches, synagogues and other groups. She founded and directed two synagogue choirs, arranged music and wrote original music for both of them. She taught school at the elementary, high school and junior college levels. Later in life she completed the masters program in Library Sciences at Rutgers University, and was a librarian at a number of libraries, becoming director of two of them. She married Leonard Miaskoff of Brooklyn, New York, an engineer in the printing and binding machinery industry. He and Leah lived in Easton, Pennsylvania. They had a daughter, **Carol**.

Carol (Miaskoff) Weissler is a graduate of Radcliff College. She is a lawyer working in the Equal Opportunity Division of the Civil Service Commission. Her husband, Robert Weissler, is a lawyer working for the US Government. They have three children: **Nathan, Hannah** and **Eli**.

Harris Crohn was an Associate Professor of Music and member of the Artists Piano Faculty of S.M.U. He has performed in Dallas and elsewhere. His wife, Cindy, is the past President of Richardson Music Teachers Association. He retired in 1996 and Cindy retired from private teaching in 1997, whereupon they moved to Belchertown,

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Massachusetts. Harris taught for three more years at Amherst College and is now fully retired. They have three children: **Jennifer**, **Deborah** and **Rachel**.

Jennifer (Crohn) Donald and her husband Robert live in South Orange, New Jersey. She has a BA in fine arts from Southern Methodist University, and an MA in fine arts from the University of Pennsylvania. Robert has a doctorate in molecular biology and works for Merck. Jennifer was a writer and editor but at the moment she is a full-time mother of their two children, **Jonathan Asher** and **Sofia Naomi**.

Deborah Crohn has a BA in theater from Southern Methodist University. She lives in Seattle, Washington, where she helped found a theater. She is presently employed at a bank.

Rachel Crohn and her husband David Missall live in California. She earned her BA in Psychology from California State University. David works with a company which provides sound equipment for motion pictures, and is a rock musician. They have a daughter, **Leah Elise**.

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Naomi (Crohn) Roseman graduated from Hunter College and the Teachers' Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary and taught school until she married. Apparently she most resembled her mother in appearance and nature. Naomi had a beautiful singing voice, and from time to time sang in choral groups. She was devoted to the study of the Bible and Jewish history, and served on the Philadelphia Board of Hadassah for many years. Her chief contributions were in Jewish education and choral music. She married George Roseman, a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania. He was a devoted husband who provided happiness and security for Naomi for 58 years.

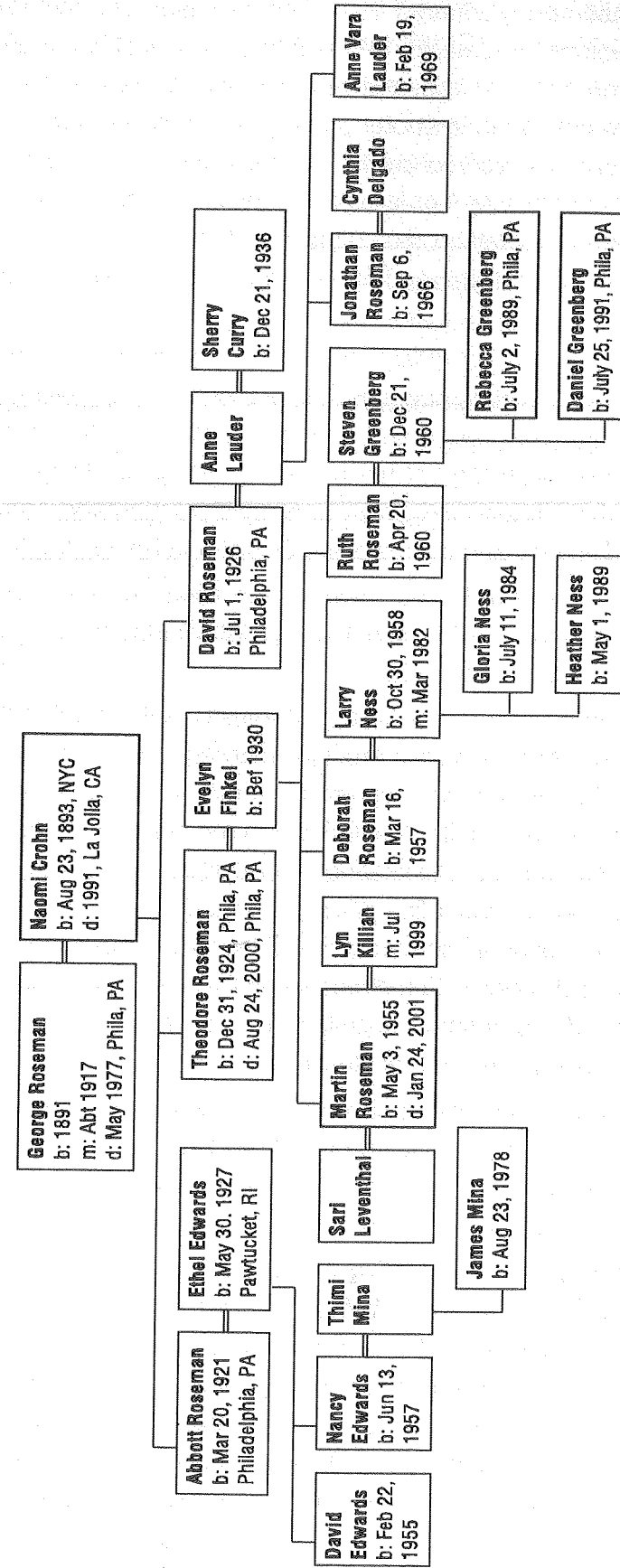
After George died, Naomi moved closer to her son David and his family in La Jolla, California, where she had previously spent the winter months. In La Jolla she led a dynamic life with many friends, frequent opera and concerts and was active in local Zionist and synagogue events. People marvelled at her broad knowledge of Jewish affairs, her quick and retentive mind, her Jewish religious and political heritage, and her personal acquaintance with so many leading figures of the Zionist and Reconstructionist movements. The Central Association of Jewish Education in San Diego created "The Naomi Crohn Roseman CAJE Scholarship Fund" in honor of her 98th birthday. She and George had three sons: **Abbot**, **Theodore** and **David**.

Abbot C. Roseman lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with his wife Ethel, who has two children, **David** and **Nancy**, from a previous marriage. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, obtaining a BS in economics, an MA, and an LL.B. Abbott served with the Fifth Air Force in the Pacific theater during the second World War. After twenty years with the Federal Communications Commission specializing in international communications, which including being a member of and hosting American delegations to international telecommunications conferences, he retired as Chief of the International and Satellite Communications Division. For a number of years after his retirement he did part-time consulting in industry and government. Ethel has retired from the National Institute of Health.

Nancy Edwards was acting director of research analysis at the US Travel Data Center. She has a graduate degree from the American University. Nancy is currently living in Maine and works for Blue Cross as statistical analyst manager. She is separated from her husband, Thimi Mina, and they have a son, **James**.

Theodore Roseman married Evelyn Finkel and lived in Haddon Township, New Jersey. After 17 years as an engineer he decided on a career change and established a company specializing in meeting planning called the Accent Group. Ted has a BS from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from the Wharton Graduate School. They had three children: **Martin**, **Deborah** and **Ruth**. After retirement, Ted and Evelyn moved to Philadelphia, where Evelyn owns a retail travel agency with a non-family member as partner. Ted died in August, 2000.

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Martin Roseman was an attorney, married to Lyn. He practiced corporate and security law and took a doctorate in Public Health. Martin died suddenly in January 2001.

Deborah (Roseman) Ness is a composer of classical music, having earned her degree in composition, and has been studying violin for several years. Debbie is Secretary/Treasurer of the Virginia Chapter of American Women Composers, Inc. She and her husband Larry met when both were students at the University of West Virginia. They live in Reston, Virginia, and have two children, **Gloria** and **Heather**. Deborah is presently a Hebrew School teacher, while Larry manages his own computer business.

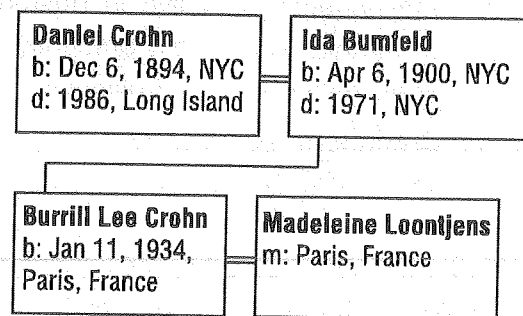
Ruth (Roseman) Greenberg earned her MBA from Emory University in Atlanta. She met Steve while they were both undergraduate students at the University of Pennsylvania. Steve took his degree at the Wharton School and together with Ruth run Accent Travel, her father's business, in Philadelphia. They have two children, **Rebecca** and **Daniel**.

David Roseman lives and practices medicine in La Jolla, California. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Medical School, with a Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Mega Alpha, he specializes in gastroenterology and internal medicine. After practicing in New York City and teaching at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical College, David and his family moved to La Jolla. He is currently Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California at San Diego, and is Chief of Staff at Scripps Memorial Hospital. David contributed two chapters to a textbook, *Gastrointestinal Disease*, by Sleisinger and Fortran. He is a past president of the San Diego Gastroenterology Association; president of the Johns Hopkins Medical Alumni Group in San Diego; a member of the executive committee and heads the San Diego chapter of the National Foundation of Ileitis and Colitis. He currently is working with the use of lasers in eradicating cancers of the intestinal tract. He and his former wife, Anne Varick Lauder, have two children: **Jonathan** and **Anne**. David is presently married to Sherry Curry.

Jonathan Roseman studied oceanography at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Today he owns and manages a surfing resort in Fiji. His latest project was a movie, *Castaway*, with Tom Hanks which premiered in December 2000. He stood in for Hanks in all the water scenes. He is married to Cynthia Delgado.

Anne Vara Lauder has recently moved to New York where she is the resident prints expert at the New York Public Library.

Daniel Crohn was the ninth of Theodore and Leah's children. Reserved by nature, he had a vast store of knowledge hidden behind that taciturn facade. He was a voracious reader and a passionate music lover. Integrity was his most outstanding feature. He married (Ida) Barbara Bumfeld, a classmate of his sister Rosalie. Soon they were off to Paris where Barbara became the society editor of the *Paris Herald* (under the pen name Barbara Field), and Dan became public relations director for the George V and Plaza Athenée Hotels. Their son **Burrill** was born in Paris.



They returned to the US when war clouds loomed in 1938. Dan brought copies of a book he had written in Paris called *Stirring Relics of Historical Times* which contained reproductions of famous letters and documents along with examples of the authors' handwriting and signatures. The book may be found in the Bibliothèque Nationale de Paris, the American Library of Congress, the New York Public Library and in many universities. James Roosevelt bought one for his father, Franklin Roosevelt, and Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, acquired a copy for his personal book collection.

In New York, Dan went into the wholesale button business. He and Barbara owned a home on Fire Island where they spent the summer, and Barbara continued to work in public relations. Barbara died in 1971 after being knocked down by robbers as they fled from a jewelry store holdup.

After her death, Dan shared his life with Barbara Bregman, who had homes in Venice, Florida and Quogue, Long Island. He enjoyed telling stories of his experiences as a soldier in the first World War.

Burrill Lee Crohn writes, produces and directs documentary films and videos. Much of his work has been about music and has been on broadcast television, cable television and home video in the United States, England, Japan as well as many other countries around the world.

Burrill recently completed producing and directing *Joe Williams: A Portrait in Song*, a documentary on vocalist Joe Williams (including a live performance with the Count Basie orchestra). He is writer, producer, and director of the ongoing, multi-part *History of Jazz* series. For this series, which received wide critical acclaim, he won the National Academy of Cable Sciences ACE award (as writer). He was also consultant on the Oscar-nominated documentary *A Great Day in Harlem*; post-

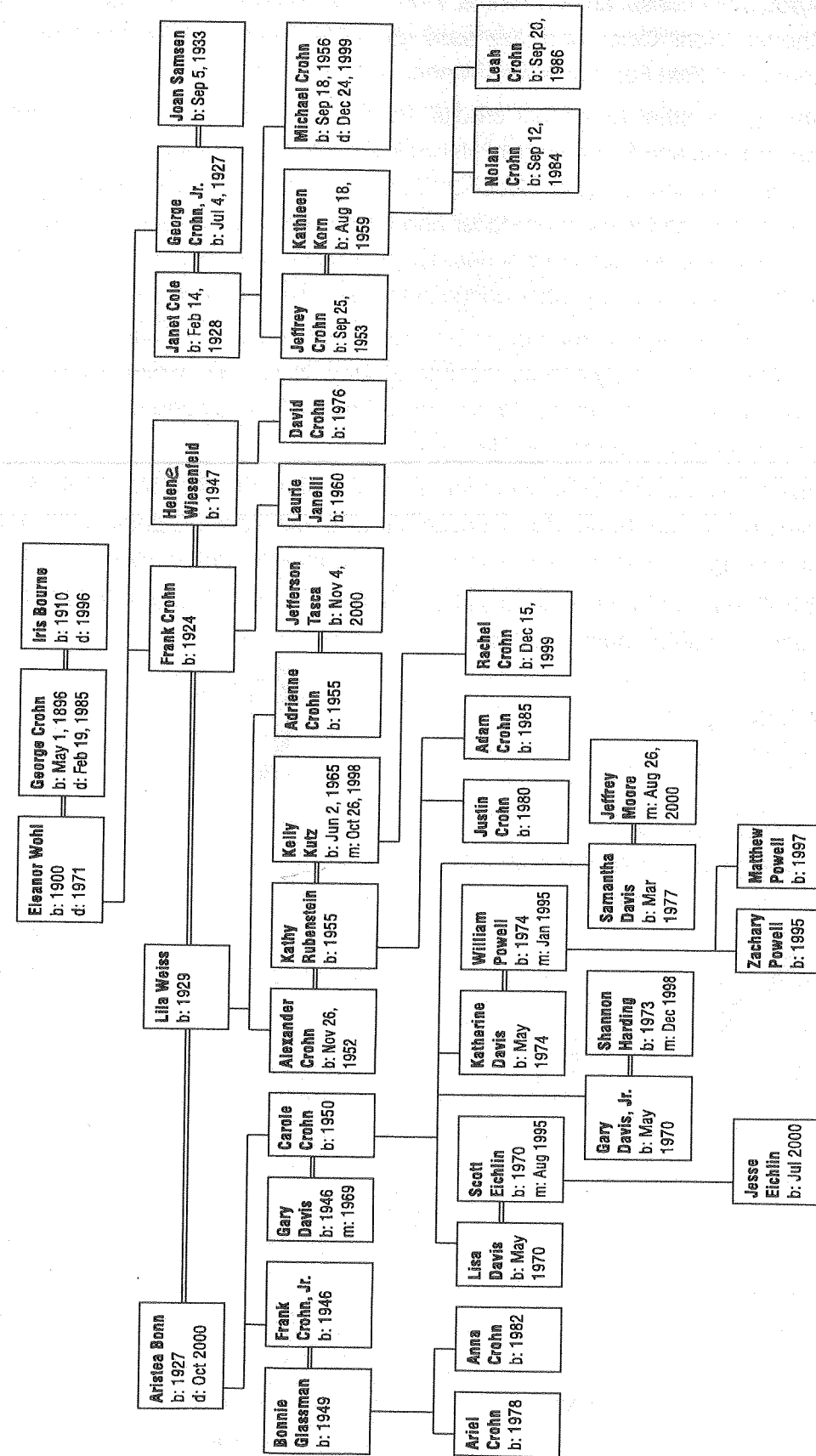
production consultant on *Milt & Honi*, a documentary on legendary tap dancer Charles 'Honi' Coles and jazz bass great Milt Hinton, and consultant on the 1999 Sundance Film Festival Award Winner documentary, *Ghengis Blues*.

Among his other broadcast credits, Burrill wrote, produced and directed the long-running Arts and Entertainment Network *Woman in Jazz* series. He was writer, camera person and consulting producer of *The Spirit Travels*, a documentary on ethnic music in America, and was co-producer and off-line editor on several shows from the *Live from the Village Vanguard* series. He has also worked as a writer, camera person and/or editor on many other documentary and non-documentary projects.

An avocational jazz trumpet player, Burrill also teaches a course on Jazz History at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, writes scripts for the NPR program *Live from Lincoln Center* hosted by Ed Bradley and curates an annual Jazz Film Festival in Woodstock, New York.

Apart from his role as a documentary film maker, Burrill is also co-founder and co-director of the Shamanic Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding of traditional and contemporary shamanism. Burrill married beautiful Madeleine Loontjens in Paris, but they separated after four years and subsequently divorced.

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George Crohn, the youngest of the six Crohn boys, always manifested a deep family allegiance which was both reassuring and touching. He was always in business, mainly textiles. He was the first person to introduce rayon and acetate linings to the ladies' cloak and suit trade. He served overseas during World War One, participating in all three of the major battles of American involvement. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion and regularly attended reunions with his war buddies at Camp Dix.

At one time he owned a house in Fire Island. He and his first wife, Eleanor Wohl, had two sons, **Frank** and **George, Jr.** He later married Billie (Iris), who made him a beautifully-run, comfortable home. She was a loving and beloved partner.

Frank and George Jr. published a diary and a collection of the letters their father wrote while in the army during World War One, called *A Soldier's Diary 1917-1919 by George Crohn 303rd Field Signal Battalion-Company A, American Expeditionary Forces, US Army.*

Frank Theodore Crohn is a graduate of Purdue University, where he specialized in animal husbandry. After several years as a Connecticut farmer, he became a successful insurance agent and for 20 years was Chief Executive Officer of Beneficial National Life Insurance Company. In 1979, his company was acquired by The America Can Company. In 1981, he founded and was Chief Executive of another carrier, Financial Benefit Life Insurance Co. based in Boca Raton, Florida. That company merged with a larger company, based in Topeka, Kansas in 1997, which was acquired by an even larger carrier a year later. In 1997 Frank received an MA in Liberal Studies from Skidmore College. He serves on the board of directors of several financial and philanthropic institutions. Frank and his wife Helene now live in Rhinebeck, New York and also have a home in Perry, Maine.

Frank has six children: **Frank Theodore Jr., Carole Lynn, Alexander, Adrienne, David** and **Laurie Janelli.**

Frank Crohn Jr. lives in Killingworth, Connecticut, and is married to Bonnie Glassman. They have two daughters, **Ariel** and **Anna.** Frank graduated from Lincoln Junior College and earned a BA from Murray State University. The University of New Hampshire awarded him an MA in literature. Frank is currently working on his PhD and teaches anthropology and archeology at the University of Southern Connecticut. Bonnie is active in retailing.

Carole (Crohn) Davis lives with her husband Gary on the family farm in New Jersey. They have four children: **Lisa, Gary Jr., Katherine** and **Samantha.** Gary has been with American Home Products (formerly American Cyanamid) for over twenty years. Carole was an office manager for a packaging company in New Jersey and has since retired.

Lisa (Davis) Eichlin graduated from Centenary College with a BA in English. She is director of the Fairmount School preschool in Oldwick, New Jersey. Lisa's husband Scott graduated from Georgia Tech with a BSc in

architecture. He has worked for a local municipal architecture firm for the past seven years. They met in high school, were married in August 1995, and are currently building a house in Union Township, New Jersey. They have a child, **Jesse**.

Gary Davis Jr. is a third generation graduate of Purdue University (following in the footsteps of his grandfather Frank and uncle Alex), graduating with a BSc in financial planning. He holds five NASD security licenses (series 6, 7, 24, 63 and 65), and is currently studying for Certified Financial Planner certification. Gary is an operations manager at Firststar Investment Services, a brokerage-dealership based in Morris Plains, New Jersey. His wife Shannon is also a graduate of Purdue University. She is a contract manager for Medical Resources Inc., a medical imaging company based in Hackensack, New Jersey. She is currently working on her MA in healthcare administration at Seton Hall University. Gary and Shannon live in Clifton, New Jersey.

Katie (Davis) Powell is a 911 dispatcher for Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Her husband Bill is a Desk Sergeant for the Raritan Township Police Department as well as a part-time 911 dispatcher. Both Katie and Bill have been extremely active in the local volunteer Rescue Squad, Bill achieving the rank of Captain while Katie is a Lieutenant. They have two children, **Zachary** and **Matthew**.

Sam (Davis) Moore has completed her degree in English Literature at the University of Maine and is living on the family compound in Perry, Maine. She recently married Jeffrey Moore.

Alexander Crohn, a graduate of Purdue University, lives in St. Louis, Missouri, and is married to Kelly. He is a sales vice president for Direct Mail Corporation of America. They have a daughter, **Rachel**. Alex was previously married to Kathy Rubenstein, a registered nurse and Purdue graduate with whom he had two children: **Justin**, now a junior in business school at the University of Missouri, and **Adam**, a junior in high school who is one of the area's leading hockey players in his age group.

Adrienne Crohn lives in Las Vegas, and married Jefferson Tasca in 2000. She plays guitar and sings.

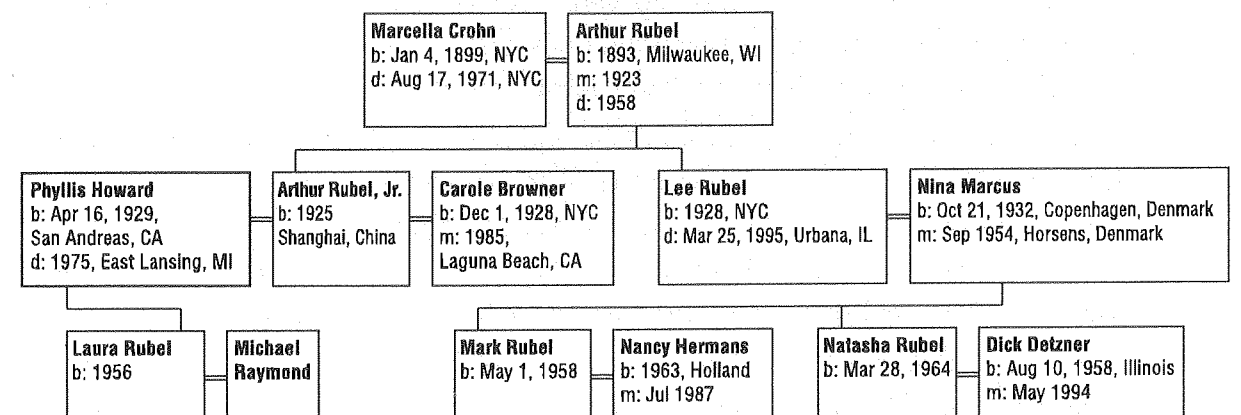
Laurie Janelli graduated from Brandeis University and lives with her partner Richard Schmid in Brookline, Massachusetts. They have a weekend home in Cape Cod. Laurie has worked for the State of Massachusetts for over 20 years.

David S. Crohn, a 1998 graduate of Bard College, lives in Manhattan and works as a writer and associate editor at Bedford Communications.

George Crohn, Jr., a 1949 graduate of Syracuse University, is retired from the diamond business where he was an industry leader for more than 40 years. He and his first wife, Janet, had two children, **Jeffrey** and **Michael**. The marriage ended in divorce and George then married Joan Samsen, who has three children: Jeffrey, Caroline and Nicole. George headed the Dysautonomia Foundation, an organization which disseminates information and subsidizes research. It has since become the National Foundation for Jewish Genetic Diseases, and George is the president of the large, prestigious board of directors. He spends a good deal of his free time playing golf and enjoying his 43' motor yacht, currently moored in the Hudson River.

Jeffrey Crohn received a BA from Bradley University and subsequently graduated from Columbia University with an MA in education. He is married to Kathy and they have two children, **Nolan** and **Leah**.

Michael Crohn suffered from a rare genetic disease that only affects Ashkenazi Jews and died at the age of 43. He was always cheerful and noble under extreme adversity.



Marcella (Crohn) Rubel grew up while her father's fortune was dwindling and was thrown on her own resources as soon as she finished high school. At seventeen, she started to earn her living as secretary to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, then a leader of the Zionist Movement. She worked with Louis Lipsky, Henrietta Szold and other pioneer leaders, and later became secretary to Rabbi Israel Goldstein. She married Arthur Rubel, a step-cousin (Uncle Joe Baum's stepson). Arthur was born in Milwaukee but came to New York with his mother Clara and two sisters, where Clara met and married Joseph Baum. Arthur was strikingly handsome, and a first-rate tennis and bridge player. He was loved by all for his genuine charm, sincerity and quiet dignity. He died suddenly in 1958, while Marcella was aboard ship en route to Israel. She flew back to New York, arriving just in time for the funeral.

Shortly after their marriage in 1923, Arthur took Marcella to Shanghai, China, where he managed an importing business for Julius Wile Sons & Co. They were there for two years.

Arthur, Jr. was born during this time – a blonde, blue-eyed baby, hardly Oriental-looking. They had an eleven-room mansion in Shanghai, seven servants, a car and a private ricksha. On her return to New York, she began to sell Chinese curios as well as jade jewelry to a private clientele. Among recipients of gifts from her studio were Eleanor Roosevelt, Governor and Mrs. Lehman, and Judge Samuel Rosenman.

A second son, **Lee**, was born in New York, just as the 1929 depression began. She went back to work, reentering the field of Zionist work. She became an executive of Hadassah, writing, lecturing, organizing and teaching leadership classes. She had a rare gift for writing, especially humorous lyrics and satire. Her apt pen was always ready when a family get-together was planned, and she entertained the family with delightful original lyrics and skits. The playlets she wrote for Hadassah were circulated throughout the fifteen hundred US chapters. As a Hadassah field worker she visited 46 states and twenty countries.

Arthur Rubel, Jr. attended Olivet College in Michigan, where he developed his interest in cultural anthropology. He transferred to Mexico City College, receiving his BA degree there. He researched the peoples of Mexico and Mexican immigrant populations in the US for the next 50 years, resulting in a number of scholarly publications, chief among them being the book *Susto, A Folk Illness*, which he co-authored. He served in the second World War in the US Naval Blimp Service.

Art earned his MA at the University of Chicago and a PhD in anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In the interim, he received a grant from the University of Texas to write a study of Mexican-Americans, which necessitated living in a border town between Texas and Mexico for two years. One result of the border study was the book *Across the Tracks: Mexican Americans in a Texas City*.

Art was the US delegate to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History and was a past president of the Society for Medical Anthropology; secretary to the Latin-American Anthropology Group, and has sat on the Executive Council of the Society for Medical Anthropology. He was also a distinguished visiting professor during 1980-81 at the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropologicas at Mexico's National University.

He married Phyllis L. Howard while both were living in San Francisco. They had one daughter, **Laura**; tragically Phyllis died after a long bout with cancer while Laura was still at college.

Arthur has since married Carole Browner, a medical anthropologist whose special interests are the cultural and social aspects of womens' reproductive health. They live in Laguna Beach, California; he is Professor of Anthropology at the University of California at Irvine, and she is a full professor at UCLA Medical School. Carole enjoys a very active and successful career as a researcher and teacher, and was recently elected president of the Society for Medical Anthropology. She also sits on the executive board of the American Anthropological Association.

Laura (Rubel) Raymond graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her college career included a year abroad in London. She is married to Michael Raymond, who also attended Macalester. They live in an Arts & Crafts house dating from 1919 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Lee Albert Rubel was an internationally-reknowned mathematician and was on the faculty of the University of Illinois in Urbana from 1958. He graduated from City College of New York Phi Beta Kappa and received his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin, becoming a full professor in 1968. He wrote over 150 research papers in mathematics as well as a book, *Complex Analysis: A Functional Analysis Approach*, published by Springer-Verlag in 1984. According to his obituary in *The New York Times*, "...most recently Dr. Rubel has developed mathematics to improve analog computers (a type of computer in which numerical information is represented in the form of a quantity, usually voltage, that varies continuously). Dr. Rubel's interests extended to complex variables, number theory, harmonic and functional analysis, logic and topology, and algebraic differential equations."

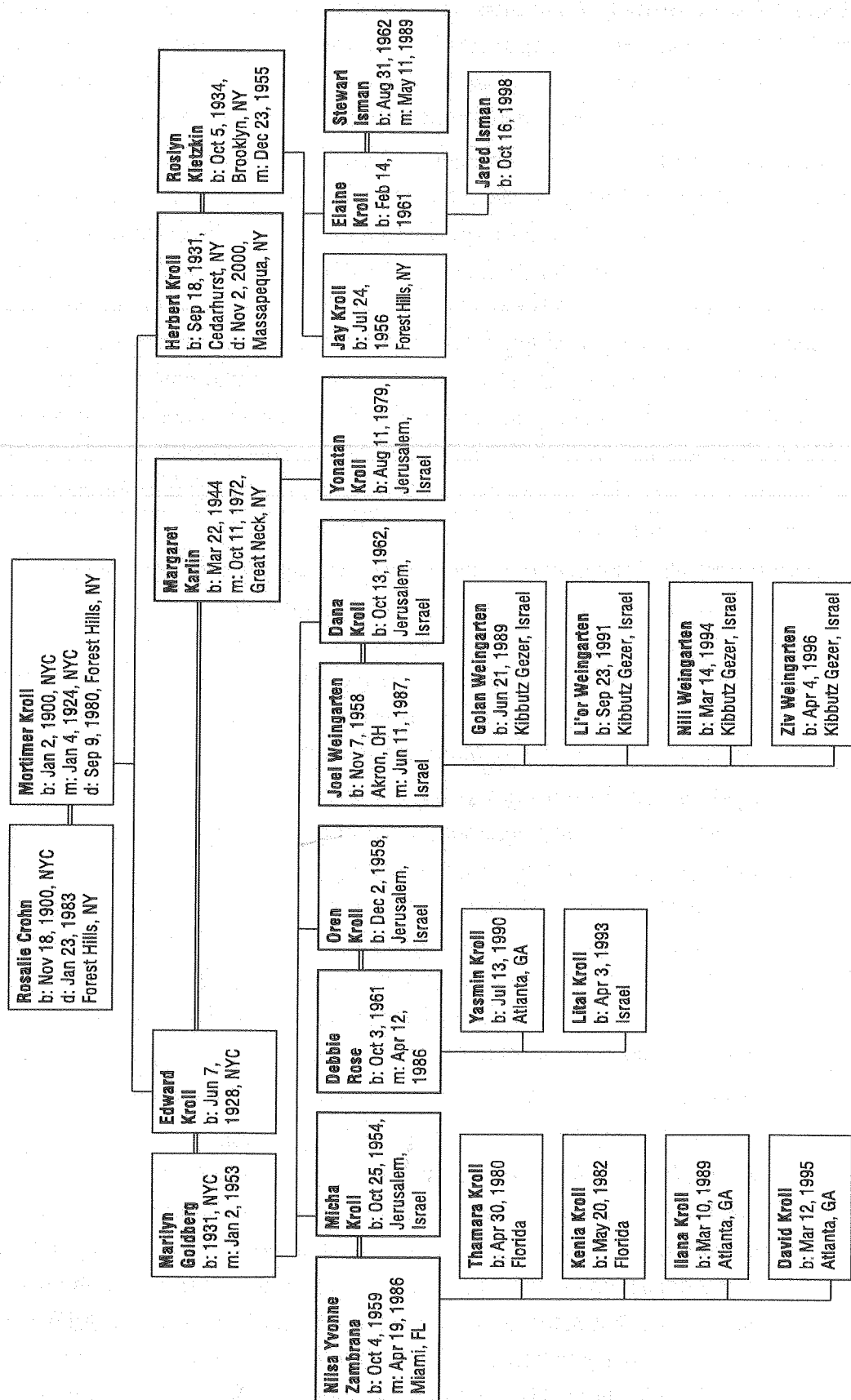
Danish-born Nina Rubel had a successful career as a feature writer for newspapers in Champaign-Urbana that was crowned with the publication of an anthology, *Heartland Beat*, of her newspaper pieces. Self-published, the book sold out two printings. It also incurred the wrath of her newspaper publisher and she was forced out of her beloved job the year after her book's 1981 publication. She is valiantly struggling with cancer. Lee and Nina had two children, **Mark** and **Natasha**.

Mark Burrill Rubel earned his BA at the University of Illinois. He is a rock musician, owner and president of a 24-track recording studio, Pogo Studios, in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, and has taught two classes in studio recording at a local community college for the past 15 years. He has played bass and done vocals for a cover band, *Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets*, for over 21 years. The band has played for millions and has earned ditto. His has a tremendous reputation as a recording engineer and producer for professional excellence and incredibly nurturing approach.

His wife, Nancy Hermans, is originally from the Netherlands. A gifted artist, she is a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Sasha (Natasha) Rubel lives in Chicago with her husband, Dick Detzner. Both are full-time artists – rare in a world where you need either a day job or a university teaching position to survive as an artist. Sasha's oil paintings are in many collections in the Chicago and Champaign-Urbana areas. She has also written and illustrated a book about Greta, a blithe figure in red who appears in many of her paintings. Dick is a watercolorist whose work appears in many private collections. He has been the subject of several major media features.

The descendants of Rosalie (Crohn) Kroll



Rosalie (Crohn) Kroll was the youngest of the Crohn clan. Her father had come upon hard times. Four of the sons went off to war, and Rosalie, like Marcella and Naomi, had to fend for herself. Her first job was with the Zionist Organization where she was secretary to Jacob de Haas (who had been Theodore Herzl's administrative secretary) and who in the 1920s was Executive Director of the Palestine Development Company which was headed by Louis D Brandeis, later a Supreme Court Justice. Rosalie continued to work intermittantly at the Zionist Organization until the 1940s. She married Mortimer J Kroll in 1924 and they had two sons, **Eliezer (Edward)** and **Herbert**.

Mortie Kroll was a member of a German-Jewish family that had come to the United States in the 1860s. He worked for over thirty years at *The New York Times*, starting at the age of 17 as a copy boy, advancing to reporter and then heading the paper's Brooklyn office, followed by the position of Assistant City Editor. His last position was being responsible for WQXR's ("The Radio Station of *The New York Times*") hourly news broadcasts. Taking an early retirement from the *Times*, he secured a position in public relations with the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Mortie was drafted in 1918 but barely managed to have his picture taken in uniform when the war ended and he was discharged. Having a regular salary, even during the depression, enabled the family to enjoy summer holidays in the mountains and trips to Europe. In later years he and Rosalie would spend a few months every year or so in Jerusalem with Ed and his family.

The Krolls lived in Cedarhurst for close to 20 years. Rosalie juggled her responsibilities as a mother with her public activities as president of Hadassah, as well as of the Temple Beth El Sisterhood. Sisters, cousins and other relatives also lived nearby in what was and still is called 'the Five Towns' area of Long Island. The house was a center of family activity. After the children left home, the Krolls moved to Forest Hills where they continued an active life.

The positive, Jewish nature of the home so influenced their son Edward that in 1949 he left college and moved to Israel. In the 1920s Rosalie's name was mentioned as the next Zionist Movement's administrative secretary at their office in Jerusalem. Ed still has the letter of recommendation addressed to Chaim Weizmann. Whether she turned the position down because she became engaged to Mortie, or whether she didn't get the job due to her 'failure' to speak or understand Yiddish is a subject of conjecture.

Eliezer (Ed) Kroll was raised in Cedarhurst, Long Island. 'Inheriting' his parent's interest in Judaism and Zionism, Ed soon found himself involved with high school and later university Zionist groups. In 1949, he moved to Israel as part of a group that was planning to settle on a kibbutz. He was a member of Kibbutz Yiftach until 1954, when he moved to Jerusalem where his four children were born. He was first married to Marilyn Goldberg with whom he had three children: **Micha**, **Oren** and **Dana**. His second marriage was to Margaret Karlin who was the mother of his youngest son, **Yonatan**.

Eliezer worked for the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department for most of his professional life. He served as Head of the North American Desk of the Immigration Department. He was an emissary to the United States three times (1966-68, New York; 1974-77 Miami and 1983-85 Philadelphia), responsible for assisting Americans interested in moving to Israel; his last position was that of Director of the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center outside of Jerusalem. This facility for up to 200 immigrant families at a time provided not only Hebrew instruction for the adults, but also kindergartens for their young children. The staff included people responsible for assisting immigrants in finding housing, employment, education for their school-aged children, etc. Since Ed spoke English he had the honor of hosting a great number of VIPs when they toured Israel (Vice President and Mrs. Bush; Roslyn Carter; members of Congress; European royalty; UJA missions, etc.) He served in the Israeli Army for three years and was then in the military reserves.

Ed now lives in the rural town of Zichron Yaakov. Retired now for a number of years he has enjoyed traveling, maintaining his childhood hobby of stamp collecting, and, of course, genealogy. He volunteers his services by organizing four-day educational seminars for members of the AACI (an organization representing the 70,000-80,000 former Americans and Canadians living in Israel), and has served as an officer of that organization on several occasions.

Micha (Mickey) Kroll was born in Jerusalem during the difficult years of rationing, shortages, electric outages, etc. Being interested in radio and television, he studied electronics at the ORT vocational high school in Jerusalem. After graduation, he served in the Israeli Air Force for four years as an electronic technician.

In pursuit of television (which was then in its infancy in Israel) he went to the United States to study. When he wanted to return to Israel he could not get a job, so he began to work for a Miami television station, where he met Yvonne (Nilsa). He is a broadcast systems engineer for a private company. They now live in an Atlanta, Georgia, suburb with their four children, **Thamara, Kenia, Ilana** and **David**. Mickey was one of the founders of Temple Beth David of Snellville, Georgia (the first synagogue ever in Gwinnette County) and teaches, reads from the Torah, etc. His wife sings in the Temple choir.

Thammy Kroll is a second year college student training to be a respiratory therapist.

Keni Kroll graduated high school in May 2000 and is now attending the University of Georgia.

Oren Kroll went with his father to Miami when he was posted there, where he graduated from Miami Beach High School and Miami Dade Junior College with a degree in computer science. Upon returning to Israel he served in the Israeli

Army's artillery division, becoming an instructor and serving the Lebanese War in 1982. After the war he left Israel to complete his education at the University of Florida, receiving his degree in computer science. At university he met Debbie Rose of Daytona Beach, Florida, and they married several years later. Debbie has an MSc in audiology. Oren worked at IBM in Atlanta while Debbie was employed as a hearing specialist. They then returned to Israel after an absence of seven years. Oren is now employed by Amdocs, an Israeli hi-tech firm, as head of its office in Sydney, Australia. They have two children, **Yasmin** and **Lital**.

Dana (Kroll) Weingarten attended junior high school in Miami. Upon returning to Israel, she attended the Hadassim High School and served in the Israel Defence Force's Nahal division, settling on Kibbutz Gezer, where she married Joel (Gingy) Weingarten of Cleveland. Dana was in charge of the kibbutz dairy (some 450 cows) and increased milk production to one of the highest in Israel. She now works in the kibbutz accounts department. Gingy has a degree in social work and is a graduate of a special course given at Tel Aviv University for farm managers. They have four young children: **Golan, Lior, Nili** and **Ziv**.

Yonatan (Yoni) Kroll is a student at Drexel University in Philadelphia where he serves on the editorial staff of the school newspaper.

Herbert Kroll attended the Far Rockaway Jewish Center School and later Lawrence High School. He was a graduate of Fairleigh Dickenson College and the University of Connecticut. He was a teacher of social studies at a Junior High school in a disadvantaged neighborhood in Brooklyn until he retired. Herbert was always proud of those of his students who managed to overcome their difficult family and environmental backgrounds and go on to university and professional careers.

Married to Roz, an insurance specialist, he was an avid fisherman, philatelist, and New York Jet fan. Herb passed away in November 2000, after a long bout with cancer. Upon learning of his death, his nephew wrote to the family: "...we'll remember him fondly for his warmth and his fantastic smile. Kids would be drawn to him like a magnet: within minutes of meeting him, they'd be sitting on his lap, playing. We've always thought kids relate to the world in a different, simple way of listening to their hearts and feelings that someone truly wants to be with them... can only imagine that through all of his years of teaching Herb must have touched so many lives the same way, connecting through their hearts." He and Roz had two children, **Jay** and **Elaine**.

Jay Kroll is a graduate of Massapequa High School and the University of Connecticut. He is self-employed.

Elaine (Kroll) Isman graduated from Massapequa High School and trained as a real estate agent. Her husband Stewart Isman, a graduate lawyer, fulfilled a childhood dream when he became an FBI agent. They live in Bowie, Maryland, and have a son, **Jared Matthew**.