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The People in
Lotte's Life

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Chapter: 1

Son Eli

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Shaarei Zedek, Jerusalem's Orthodox Hospital
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King David Hotel,
Jerusalem, Bombed
1946 by Irgun.
Today part of Dan
Hotel chain, started
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Lotte had to be taken through fenced off area when she went
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Flora with
Eli, 1946

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Eli 1947

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Lotte: "Eli grew up cheerful and fun loving but at the same time pensive and with a need to be left in peace and quiet, especially after he was able to read. We were used to going out every evening, leaving the baby and little boy alone at home, sleeping in his cot."

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“Today nobody would do that anymore, but at the time, doors and windows were left open at night, children were left to their own devices and develop an early independence and fearlessness. We told Eli from two years on where we were going and when we were going to be back. “Good-night and sleep well.”

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“Once we went to my mother-in-law two houses down Jabotinsky Street, third floor, when the bell rang. Eli, 2 ½ years old, stood outside in his morning coat and slippers and said, “It stinks.” We raced in panic over to our house and it really stank. I had left milk to cook on the petrol stove, it had boiled over and was burning and stinking and that little guy was so sensible and practical to come and look for us in the middle of the night.”

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I used to tell him a story every night, reading children's books fairy tales, again and again, and he sucking up each word from my lips. At the age of five he was able to read for himself and the first remark out of the depths of his heart was, "Thank goodness, now I can do it without you." Independence above all, that was inborn and would remain with him all his life.

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Back to Jerusalem, 2002



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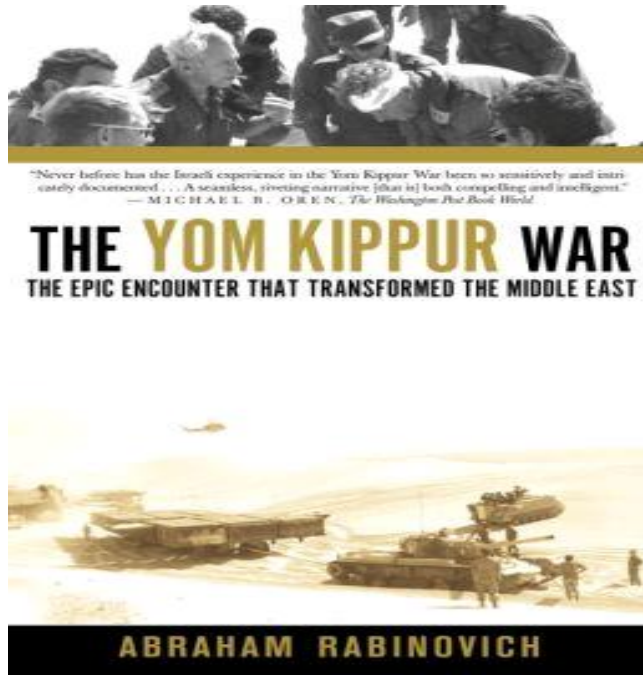
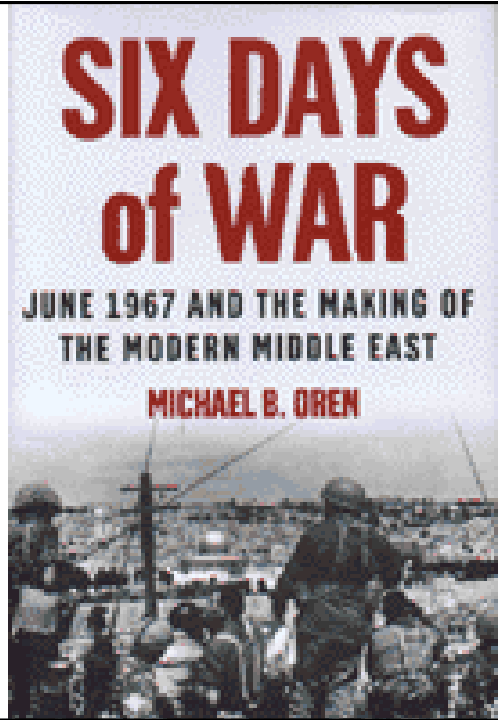


Odenwald Boarding School

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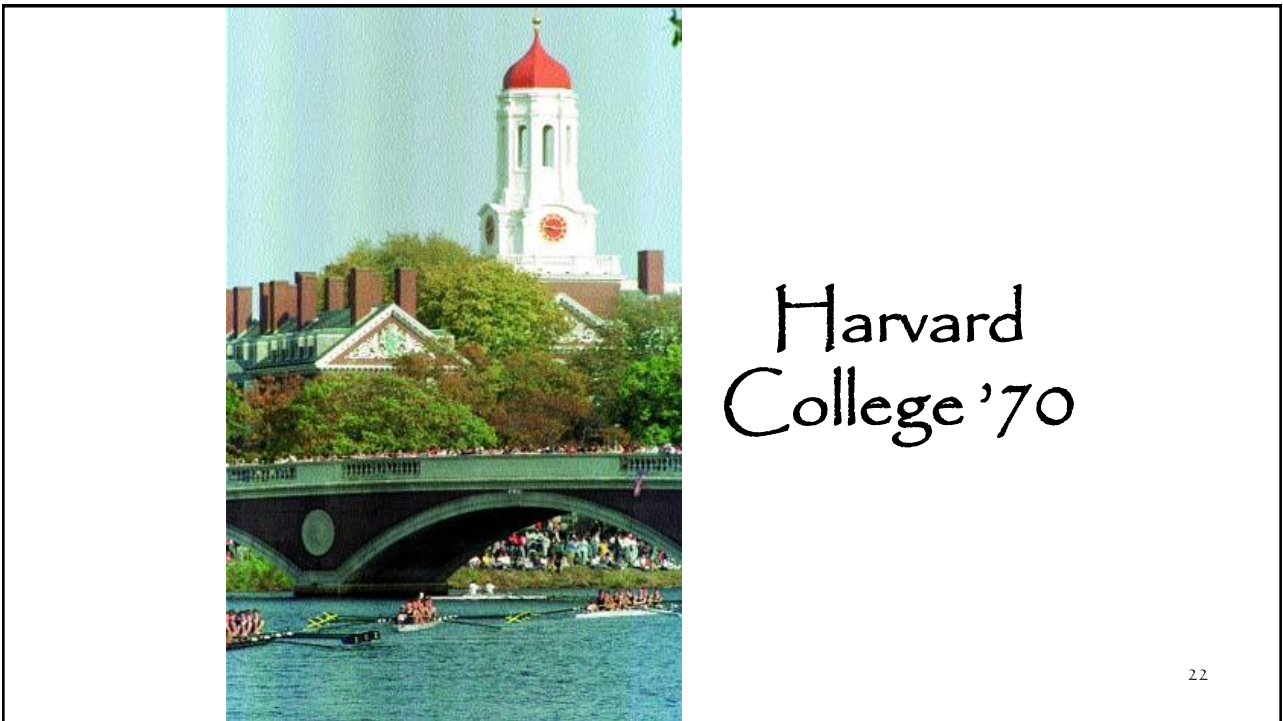
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Eli served in the Israel Air Force 1966-1968, and 1973 in two wars in 1967 and 1973.





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Harvard
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Harvard Law School '75



Harvard Economics Department '75

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Professor, Columbia University

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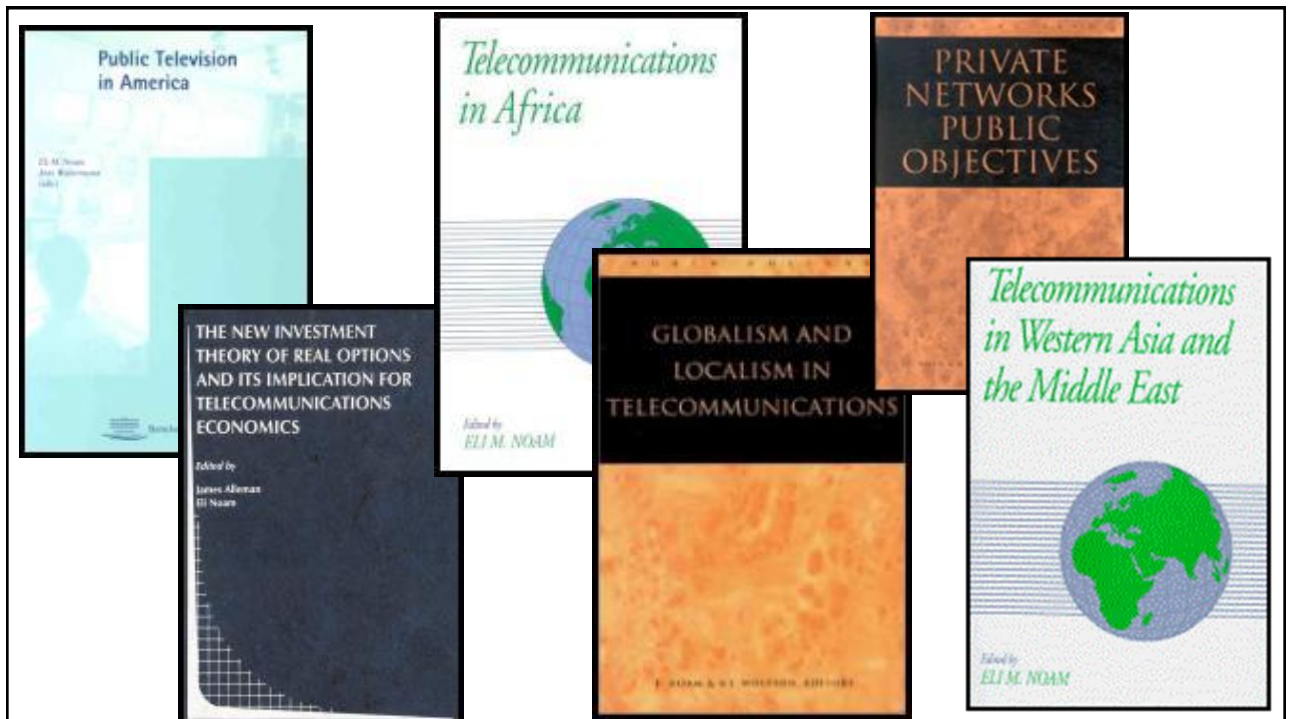
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Columbia Institute for Tele-Information

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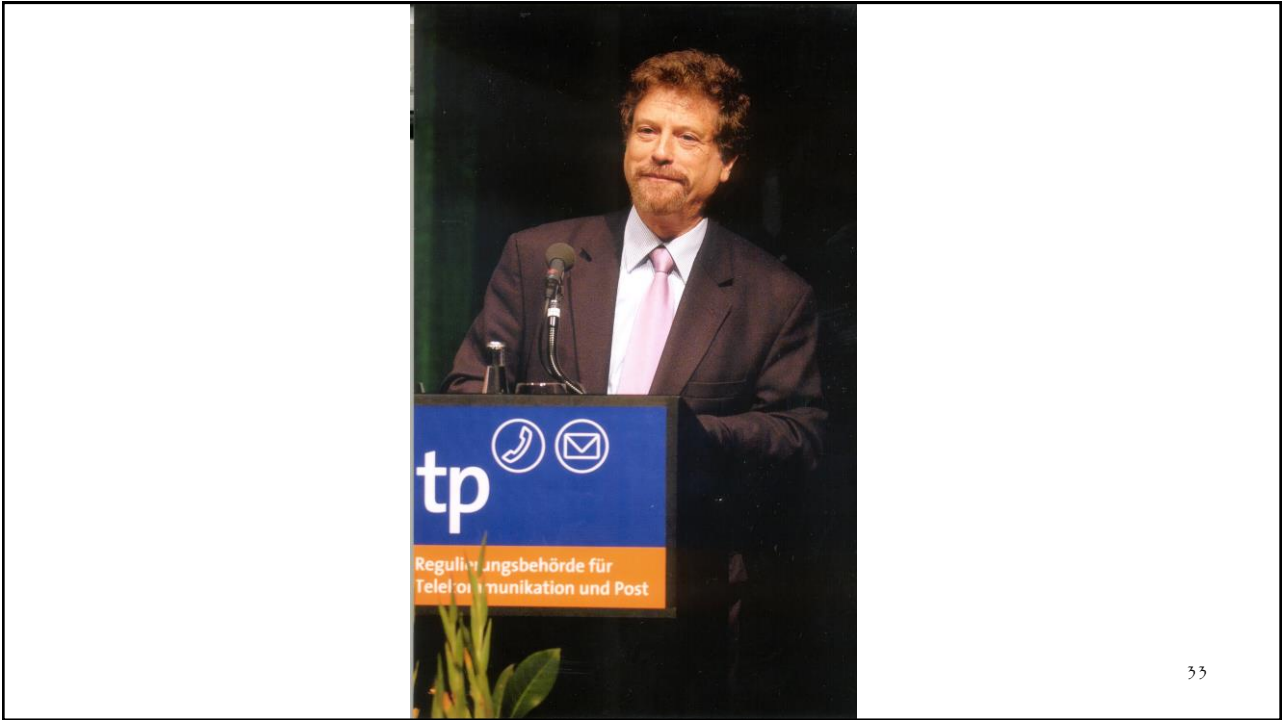
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Pont de Nant, Switzerland 1998



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Eli & cat Squeaky



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Dent de Midi, after Eli's climb

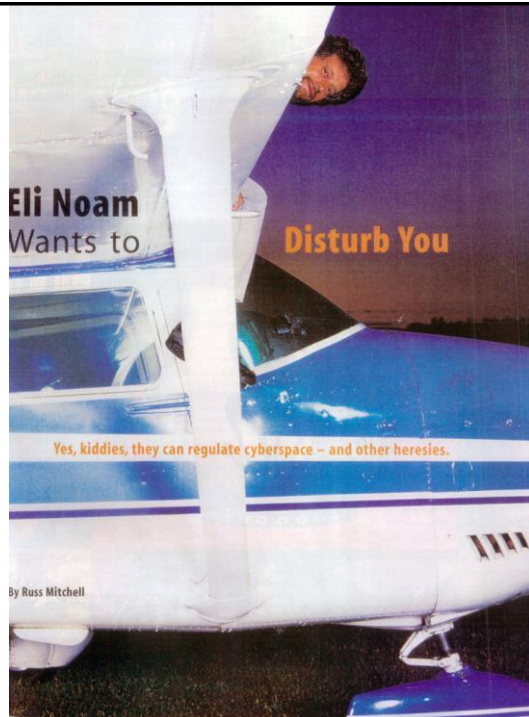
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Sinai: Eli with Jacqueline Cousteau (Lotte) ⁴¹

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Puerto Rico,
2005
85th birthday

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Eli with Navigator



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Eli & Nadine



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Honorary doctorate, University of Munich,
2004

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Eli and Nadine
(honorary doctorate Marseille, France)



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Jorge Reina Schement and Terry Curtis, in their book *Tendencies and Tensions of the Information Age*, Transaction Publishers, January 1995

“Eli Noam, the widely respected director of the Institute for Tele-Information at Columbia University’s Business School, tells of his mother chiding him as mothers often do – but with an information age twist. ‘Eli, you never write, you never call, you never FAX!’

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Mrs. Noam understands the basic reality of micro interconnectedness; at the level of personal interaction, we all experience the information age as a variety of new communication media by which we maintain contact with an ever-growing number of social relationships.”

Oh. So that's what she means!

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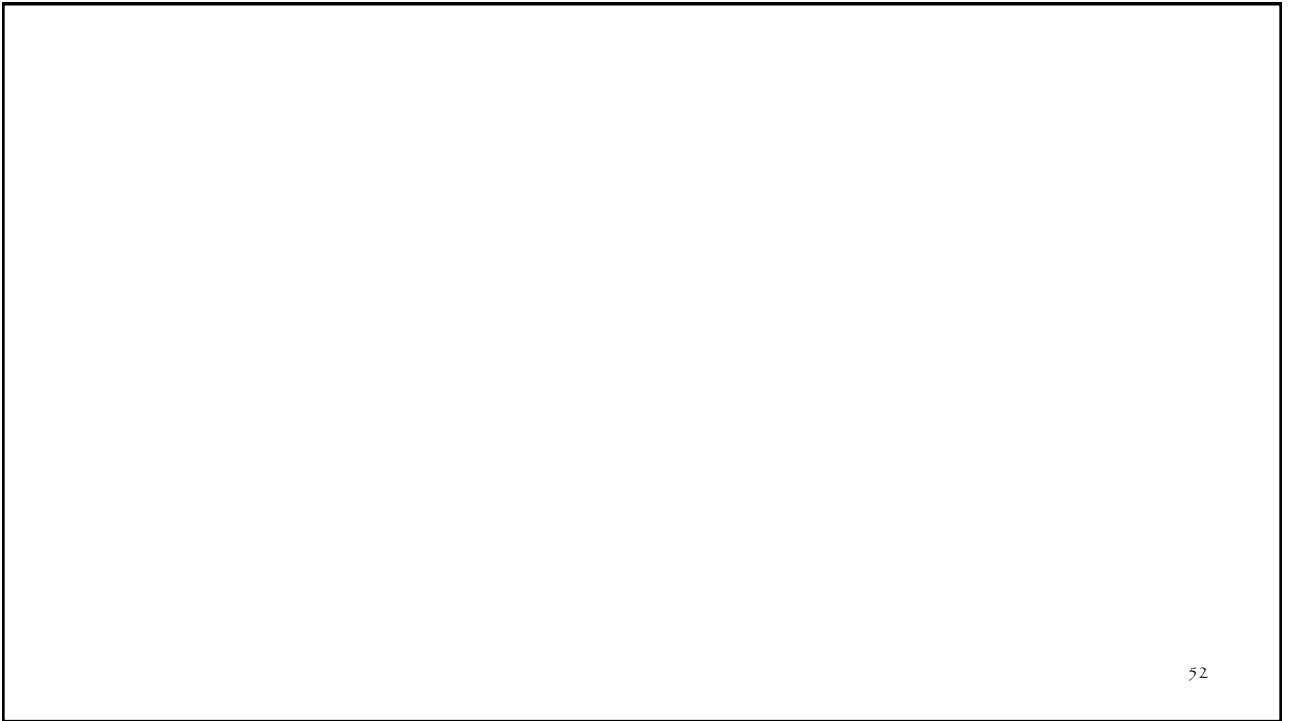


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Daughter-in-Law

Nadine Strossen

(*8/18/1950)

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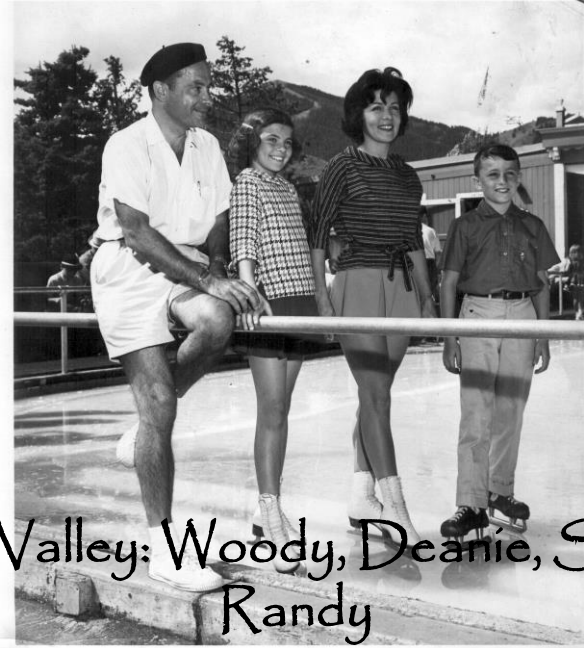
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5 Generations: Nadine, the baby, surrounded by mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother



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Sun Valley: Woody, Deanie, Sylvia,
Randy

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Nadine's Family: Grandparents

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Grandparents: Käthe Meyer and Fritz Stroschein

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Fritz as Soldier



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Prof. Alfred
Gotthold Meyer,
great-grandfather
Käthe's father



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Hedwig
Mendelsohn,
great-
grandmother

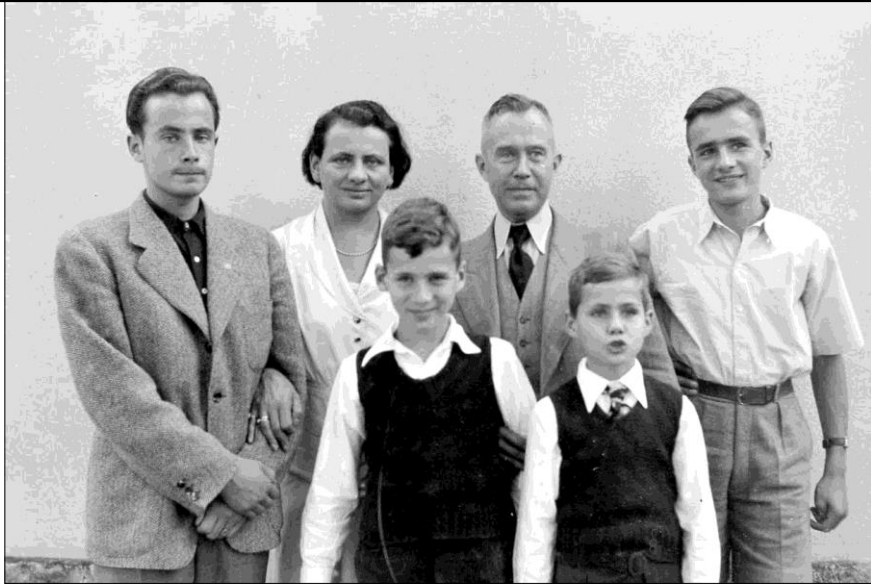


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Moses Mendelssohn

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A Good German Family, Berlin, 1939, Wolfgang on left
(Woody)

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Father Wolfgang in World War 99

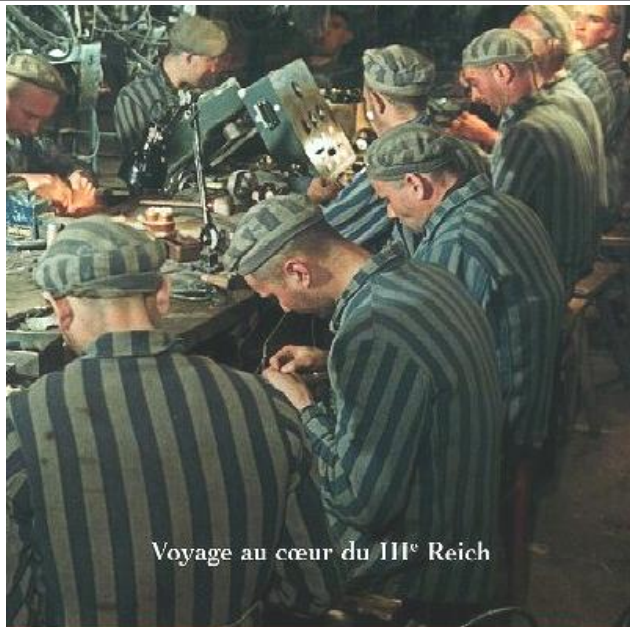
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Father Woody was sent, as a half-Jew, to a concentration camp near Buchenwald. Entrance tunnel to underground concentration camp forced labor section.



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Prisoners in Nordhausen Salt Mines

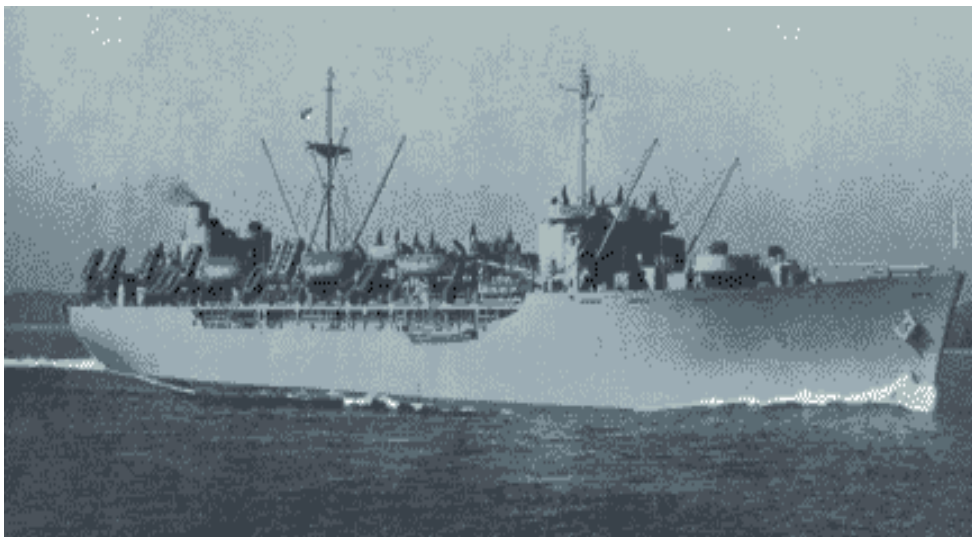
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With Geary McLitus and Dick Engberg, June 1945,
116th AAA, Battery B

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*The Marine Perch, Class C4 Troop
Transporter took father Woody to America*



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Photo by Woody, the classic arrival in America



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Woody and Sylvia



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Woody (3rd from right) worked for a chemical company.

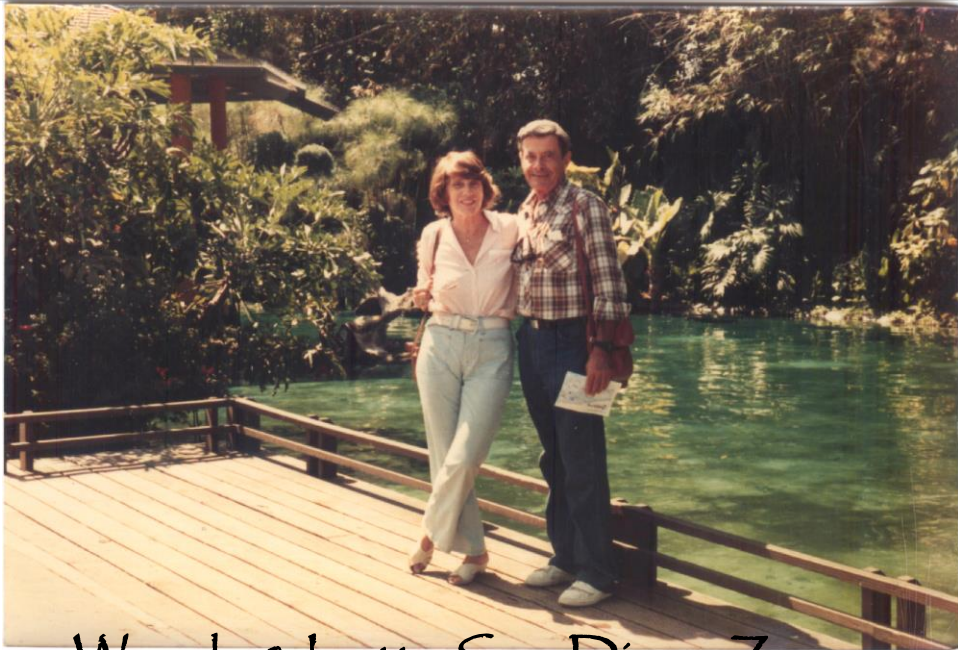


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Sylvia, Sun Valley
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Woody & Lotte San Diego Zoo

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San Diego, 1984

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Nadine Gender-
Desegregating
Harvard College
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Eli & Nadine
together

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Wedding 1980



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Lotte's speech
at Eli &
Nadine's
wedding, 1980

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Elected
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2000 Florida, 80th Birthday

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China Pond with Arno

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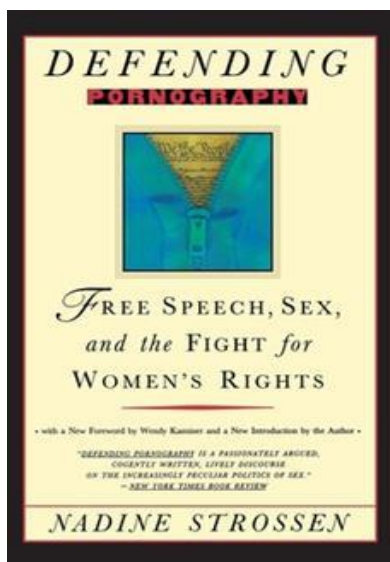
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Squeaky 2.1

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Nadine Books



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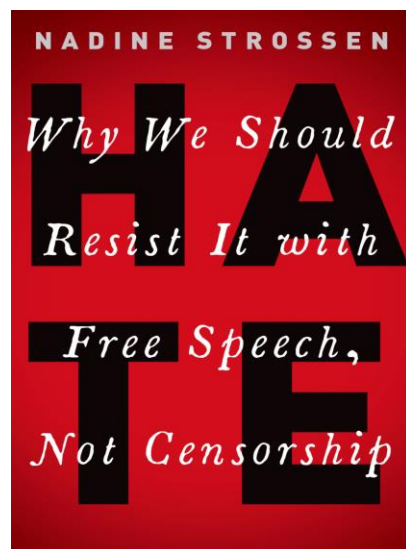


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Nadine & Lotte
China Pond skinny dipping

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At home in St. Legier

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Rafting on Aare River, Switzerland, 2005

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Nadine & Maryann



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Nadine and Eli, 2012



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Riverside Drive

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September 11, 2001

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China Pond

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China Pond House, Carmel, NY

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Breaking the ice: Season's First Swimmer in China Pond, April.



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Eli' & Nadine 1st visit to new house
in CT, on father Ernst's 100th
anniversary (1908-1977)



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Lotte's Island

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Spruce Island Home



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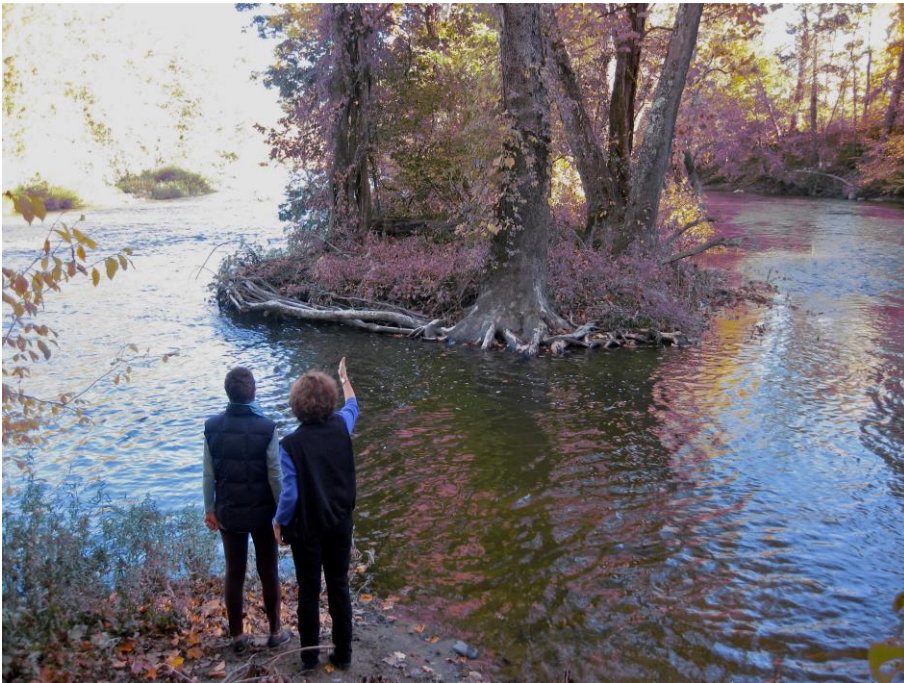
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Chapter 2:

Son Gil

(*4/25/1950)

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Lotte: "We wanted a second child and were trying for it for several months when we thought the time was right. Then Gil was born, and we only had a girl's name on standby. I was not disappointed because I understood myself as a boys' mother, but Gil himself said years later, "I know you wanted me to be a girl, but woe on you if you had succeeded." He knew from early on that it's a man's world in which we live."

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1950,
Eli, Lotte,
Ernst,
Rayah, Gil

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Opa
Dahn
with Gil
and Eli

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Gil, 1954



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Gil's first day of
school, 1956

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Lotte: “He very much clung to Eli, too, like small brothers do, and everything that was good for Eli was good for him, too. He didn’t have Eli’s boundless sense of freedom and independence, he was rather clingy and affectionate, very sweet at times, at others mischievous and obstinate.”

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“When he started talking, he invented the funniest words, sometimes a mixture of Hebrew and German, some of which I have collected. When he was two years old, he left home with a little friend (Ehud), and was found at the banks of the Yarkon River by a Yemenite woman who brought them to the police station.”

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Gil Purim 1957

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Ernst, Lotte,
Gil, 1963



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Gil with his
grandmother
Fanny
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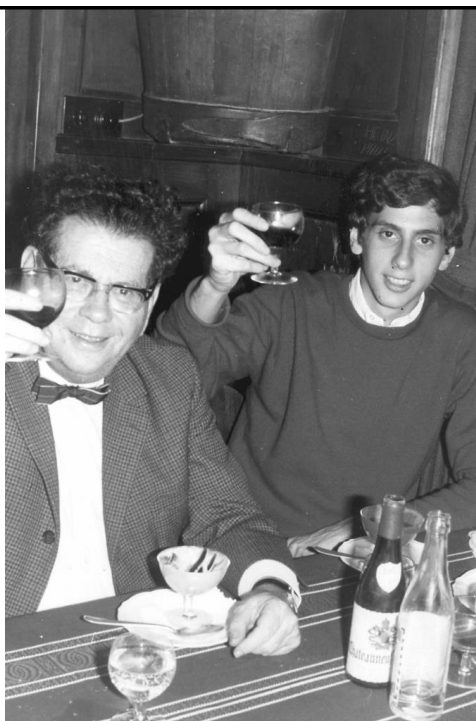
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Lotte: “Gil was always, compared to Eli, the little one, not as high flying, the one who had difficulties at school and was clinging to the nest. At the age of 13 we felt it was necessary to know what would become of him, in which direction to lead. He had a great sense of art and beauty – so perhaps interior architect?”

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“He was psychologically tested and lo and behold – the result was: This is a boy of impressionable intellectual talent, cut out for university studies. Ernst and I were both amazed and looked at each other. So here we had a late bloomer who was to surprise all of us.”

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Norway 1969



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Nantucket
Wolfgang & Monika Edelstein with
Lotte, 1982

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Berlin, Free University

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Harvard Graduate School of Education

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Graduation

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1981 at Lotte's birthday dinner

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Harvard Medical School Faculty

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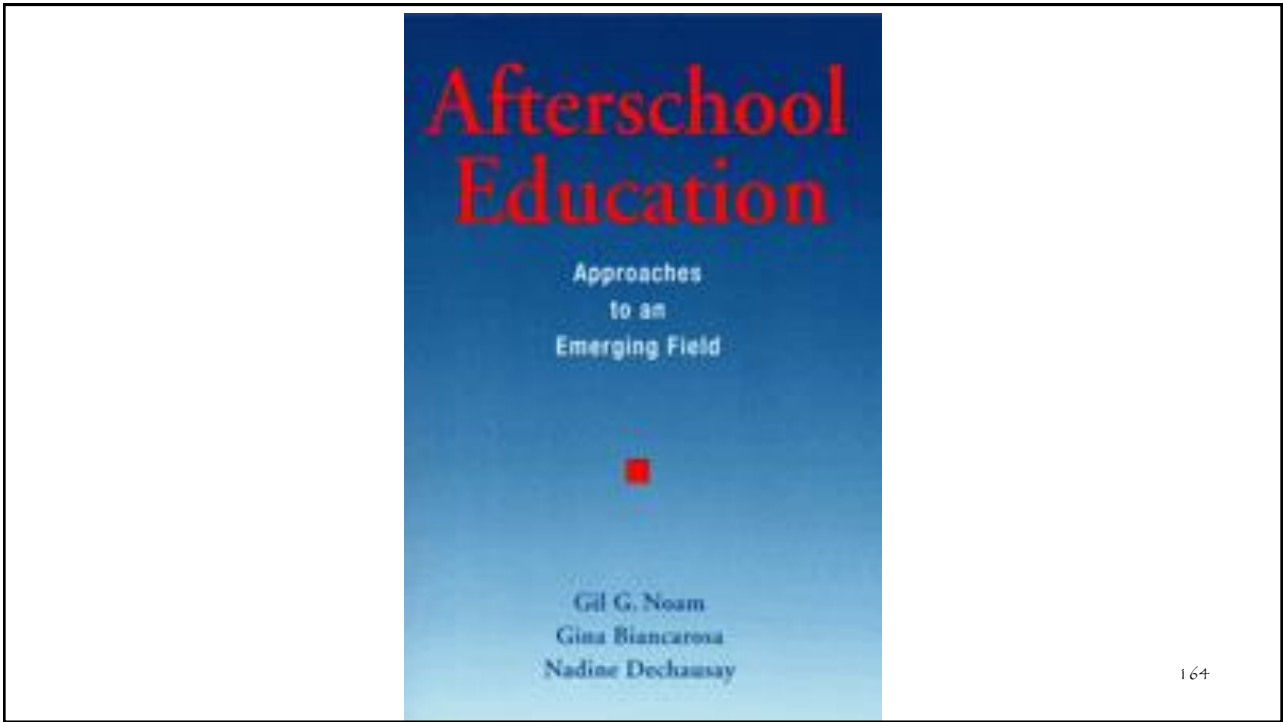
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Gil Books

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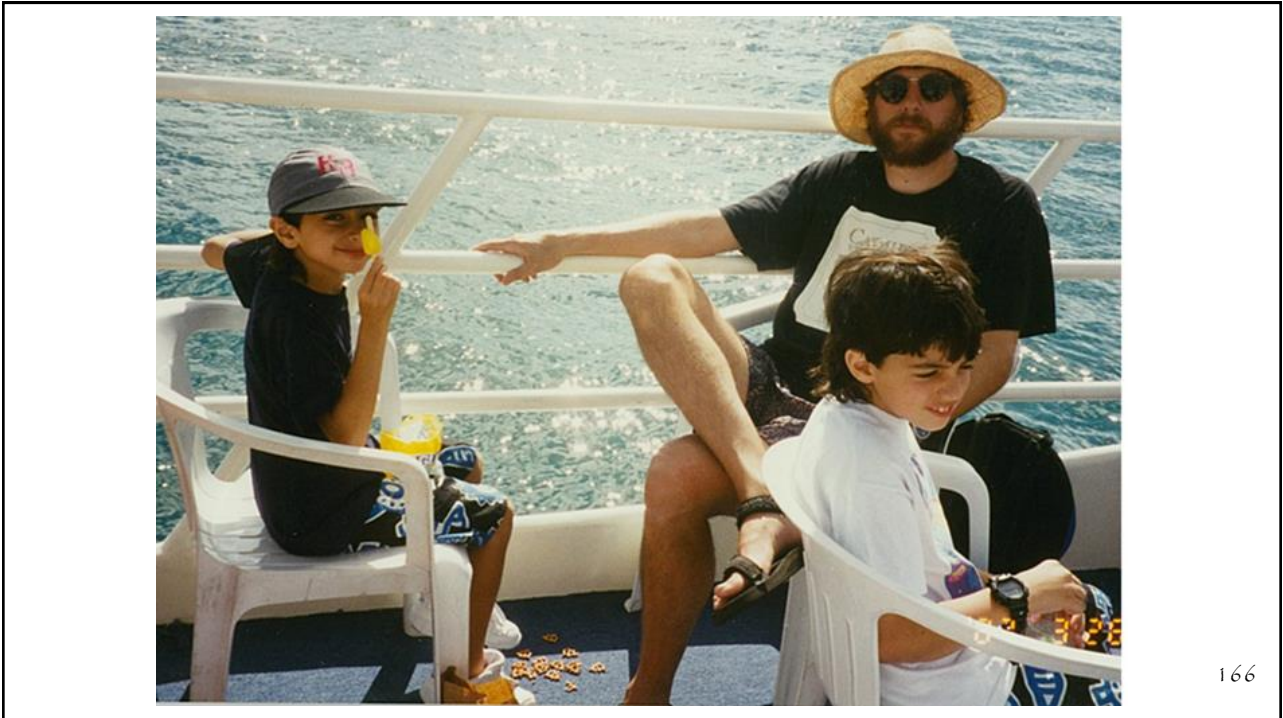
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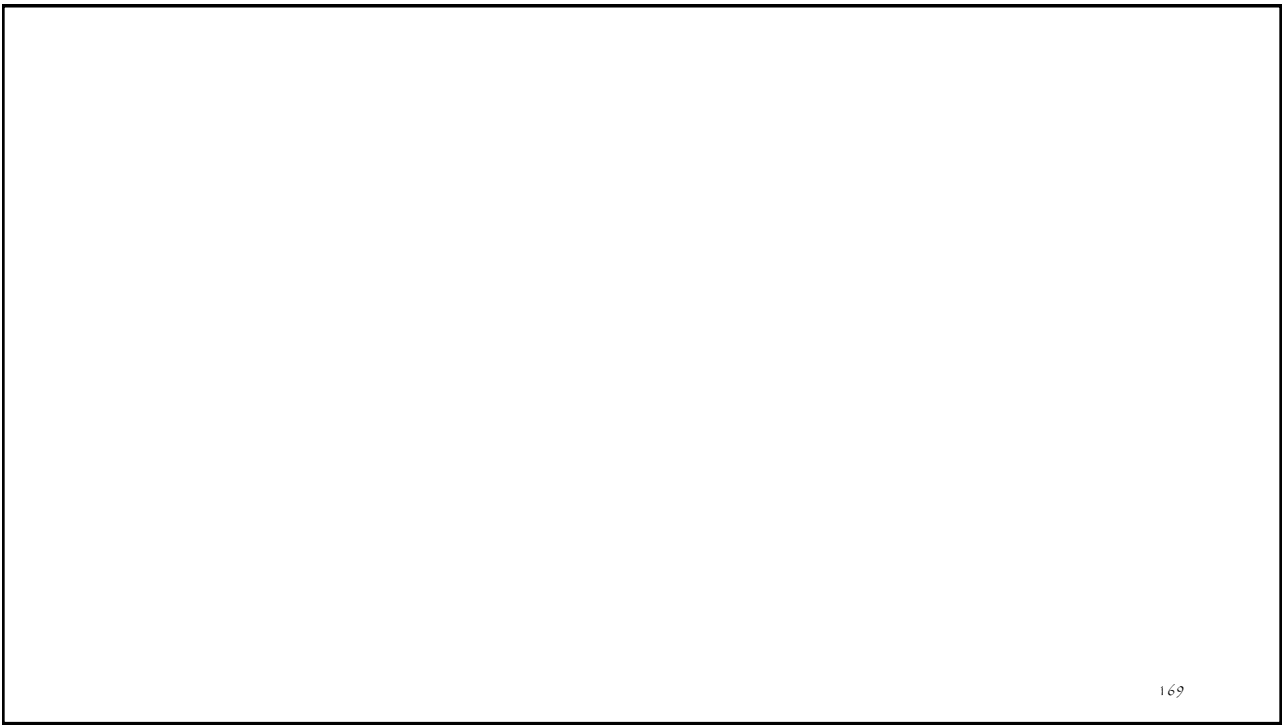
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Chapter: 3
Grandchildren
*Ben(*2.11.1987) &*
*David(*1.13.1990)*

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Grandma at last, 1987



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Lotte with
Ben 1987

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1991
Arrival of
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2000,
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Grandchildren



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David and Ben at Birthday



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Ben

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Ben & Squeaky



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Nadine, Ben, Maryanne



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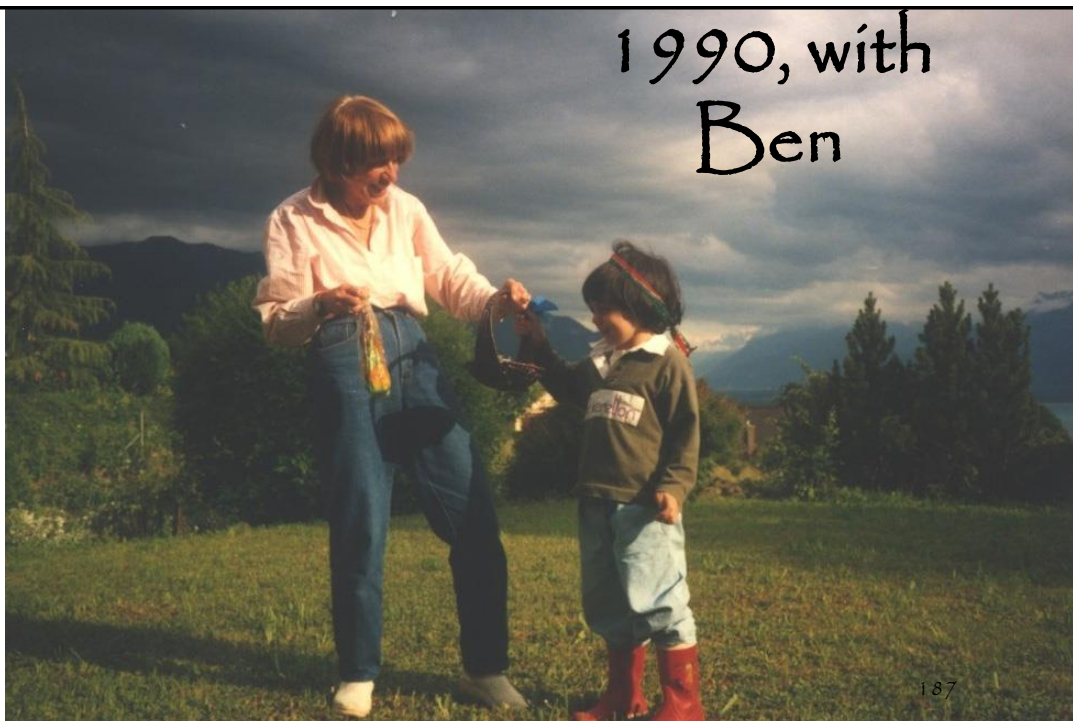
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Lotte with Ben on Lake Geneva, 1989



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1990, with Ben



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Lotte and Ben
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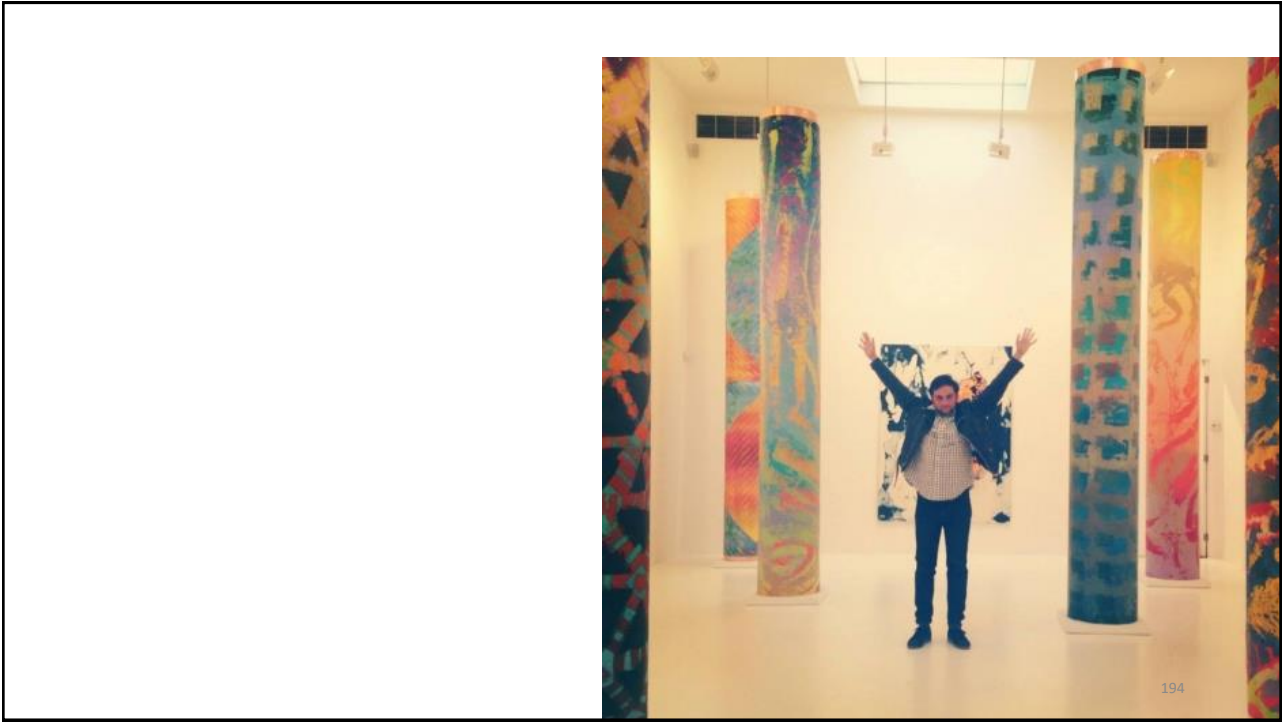
Ben with his art



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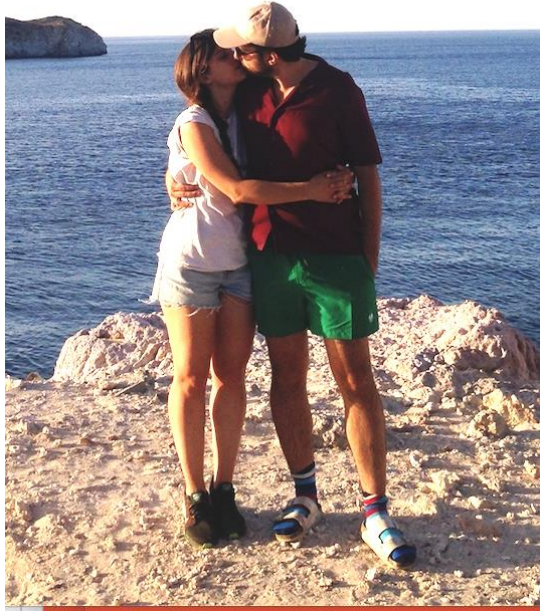


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Ben & Laura



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Creative Spaces: artist Ben Noam feels a sense of freedom in Elysian Park



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As the sun sets over Elysian Park, Ben Wolf Noam is hard at work, lugging his wheelbarrow and collecting fallen leaves, tree bark and twigs. "Even though it looks like we're just collecting tree bark," Ben says, "eventually this will become a painting."

Noam is a Los Angeles-based artist and uses plant matter in his paintings. He arranges the plants flat on a canvas, covers it with boards and drives a truck over the canvas so it gets flat. The finished product is a collage of finely detailed plant shapes and colors.

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Before moving to Los Angeles, Noam lived in New York, where he tried to find nature in urban environments. He was fascinated by how ivy grew on buildings and made a series of related paintings in 2012. His fascination with art and nature began at an early age growing up in New England where he started making art on the beach. "When I was 5 or 6," Noam says, "I would collect different kinds of driftwood and crabs and shells and I would arrange them in different compositions."

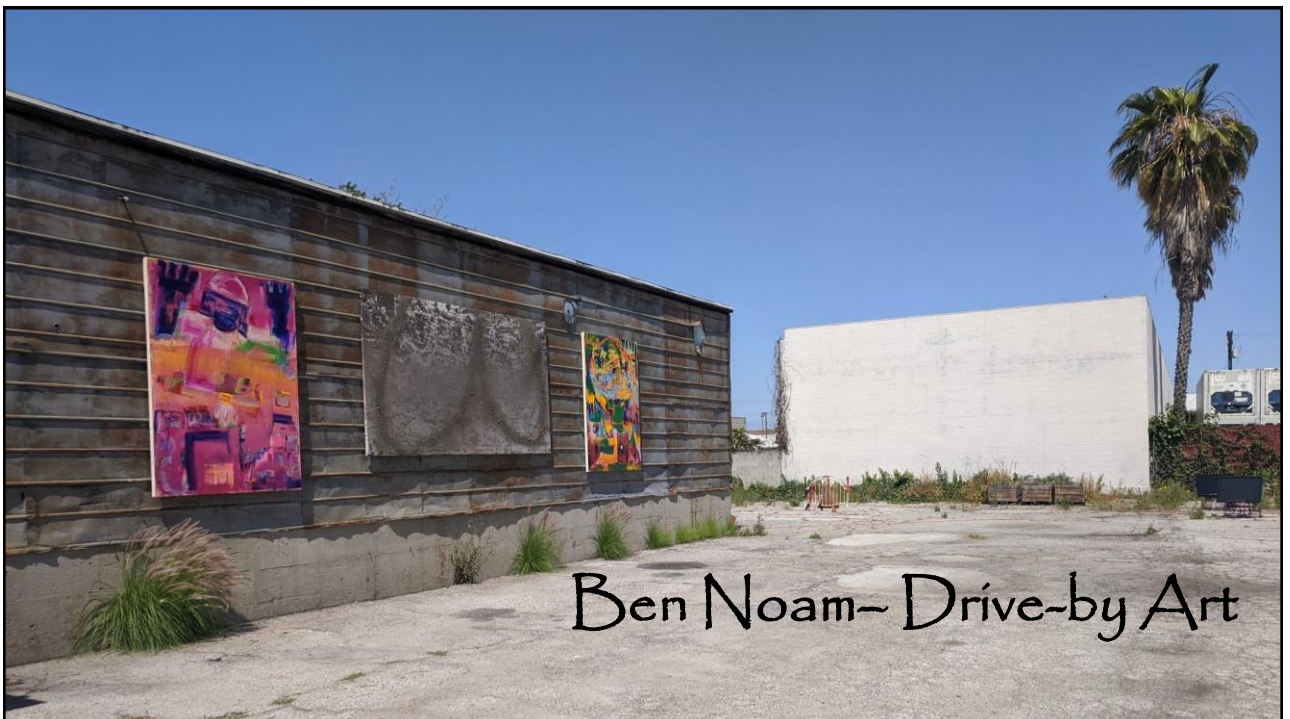
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Noam began taking art classes and his parents encouraged his passion. "Now my process is obviously a lot more involved than just collecting beach wood, but it's the same kind of route." Noam says. In one installation, for example, Noam made a 12-panel painting on canvas stretched over a geodesic dome, with each panel representing a month in a year.

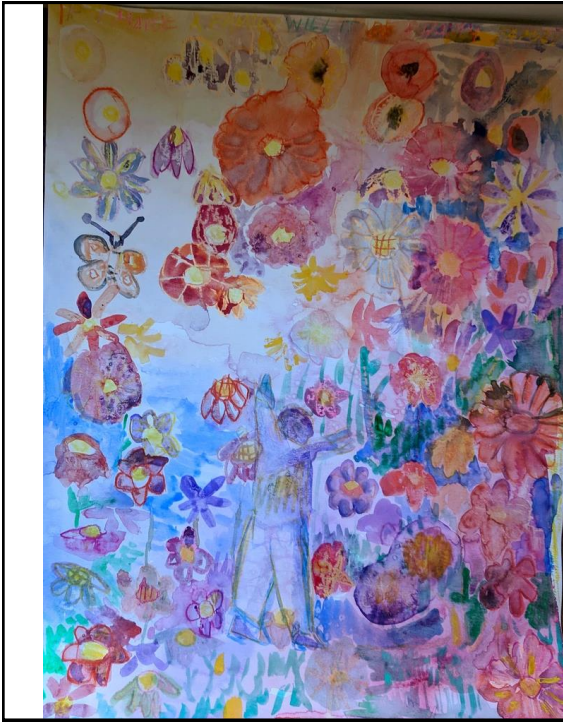
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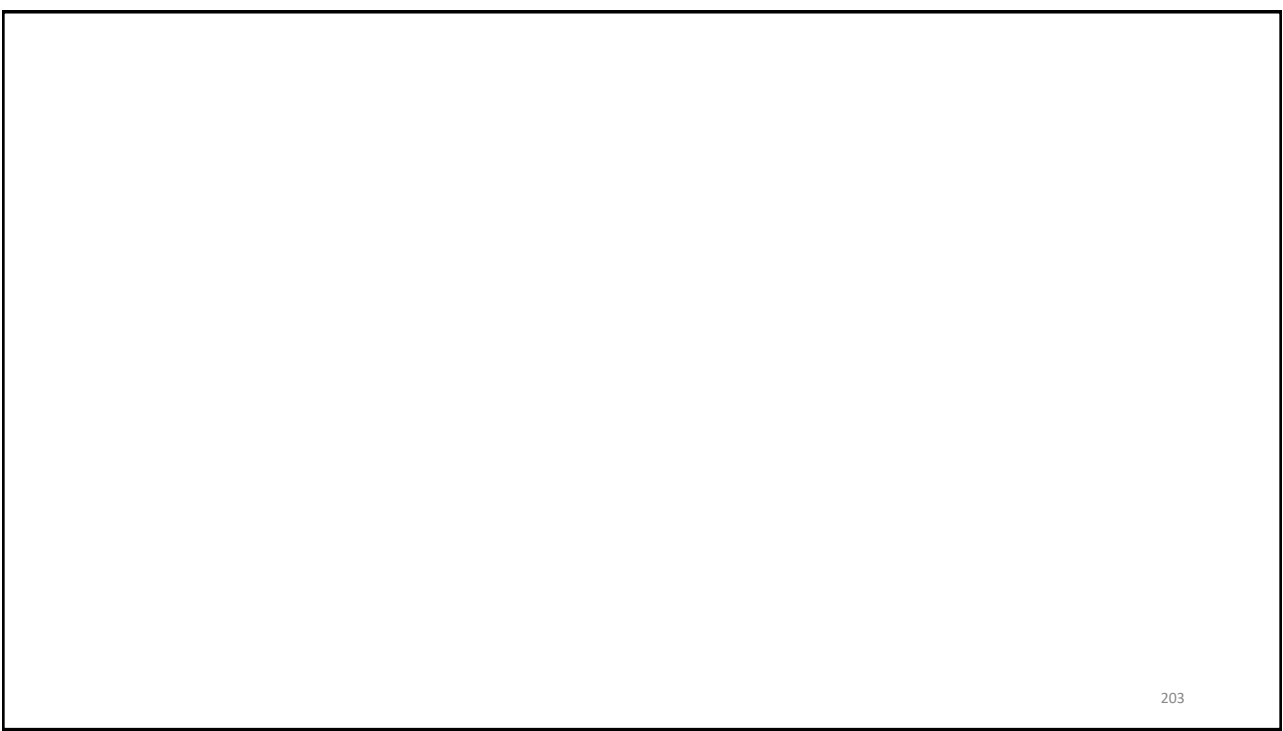


Ben Noam - Drive-by Art

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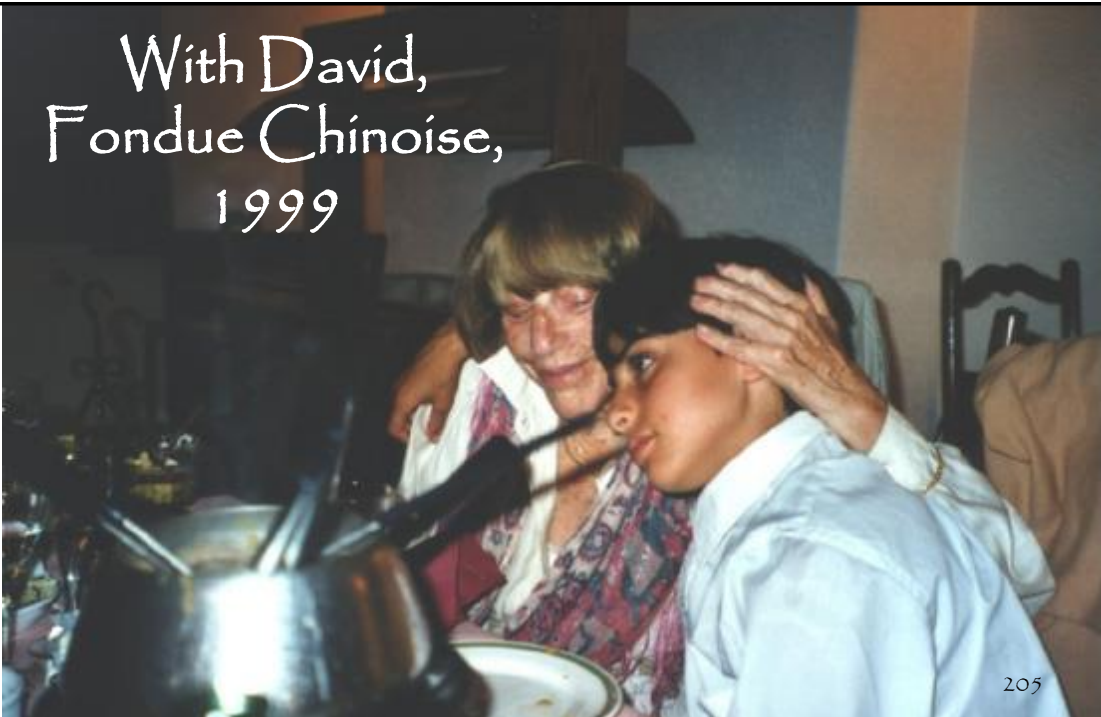
David

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With David,
Fondue Chinoise,
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Maryanne Wolf
and David Noam



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David, Bar Mizvah 2004



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David & Gil



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David & Lotte

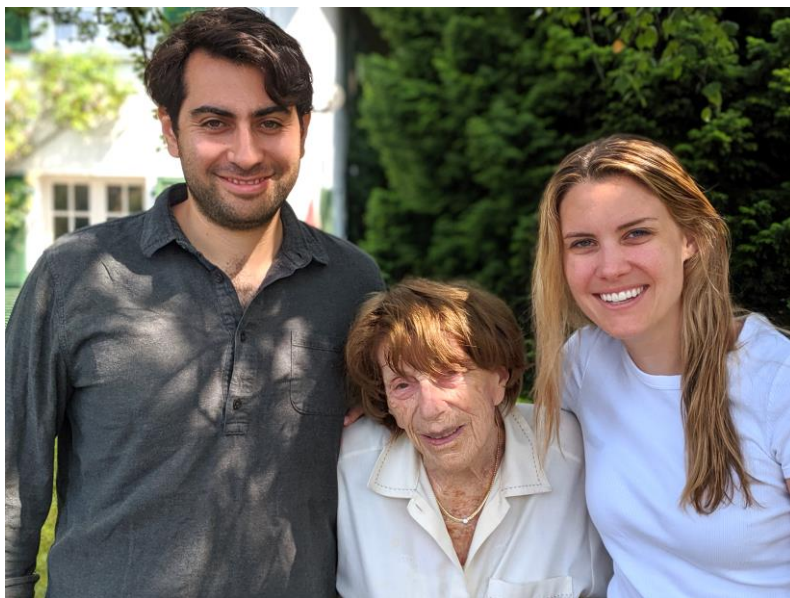


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David, Lotte, & Shaye



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David, Lotte,
with unidentified
ancestors & others



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David & Shaye



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David and Shaye



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Chapter: 4
Stepdaughter Rayah
*(*5/2/1940) and family*

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Ernst with
Lore & Rayah

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Soldier

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Robert in his Citroën racer

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Postage Stamp Commorative

Robert's mentor,
Aharon Katzir-
Katchalski, killed, 1972
by Japanese terrorist
in Lod Airport. His
brother, Prof. Ephraim
Katzir, became Israel's
5th President



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Weitzmann Institute of Science



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Lotte & Rayah, West Bank Settlers

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Rayah, Lotte, Eli



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The happy
couple
Rayah & Gil

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Rayah with Daphne & Dan (almost)



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With Daphne in New York



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Siblings



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Rayah, 1984



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Robert & Rayah, Eli & Nadine

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Robert Blumenthal, Rayah, Lotte,
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Robert Blumenthal at National
Institute of Health

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National Institute of Health, Rayah
& Robert's work place

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Rayah with
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Florida, 2000

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Daphne's & Pete's Wedding

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Daphne & Pete family



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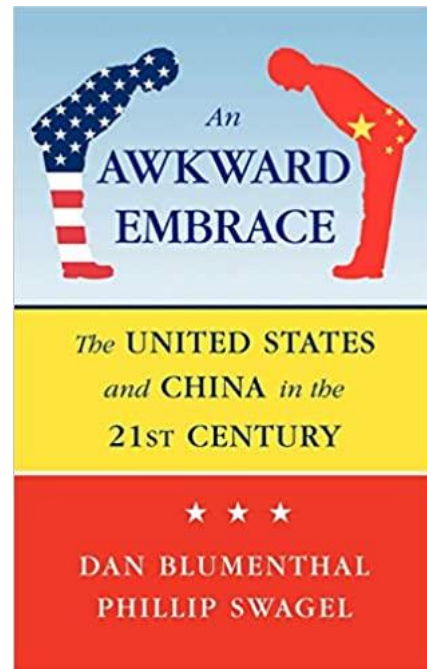
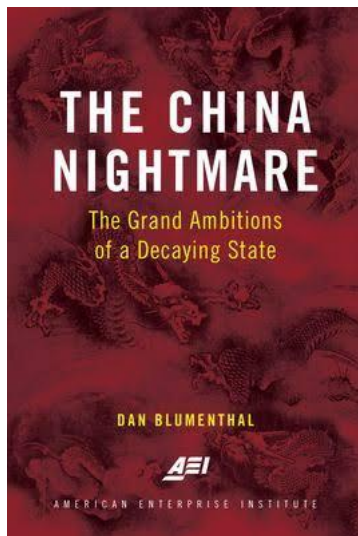
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Dan & Jen's wedding



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Gideon & Lisa's Wedding



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Gideon & Lisa's kids Aviva, Cyrus, & Leora



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Blumenthal
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Blumenthal Family in Jerusalem



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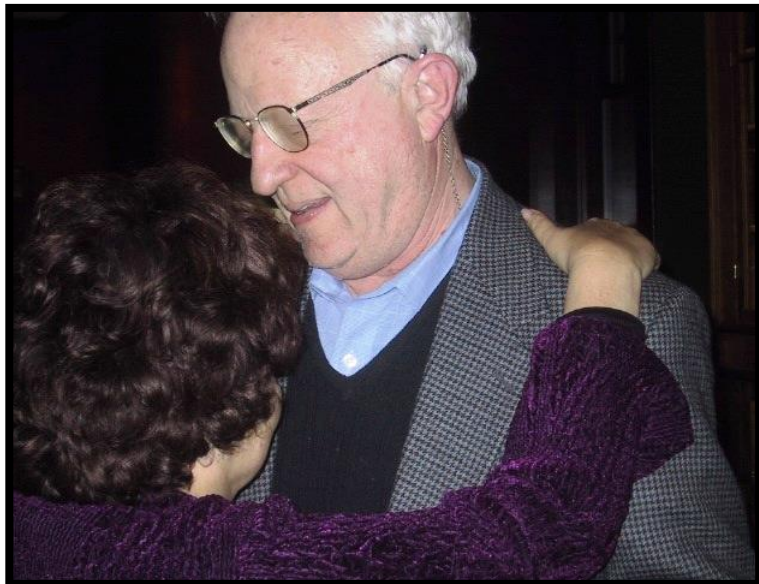
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Rayah & Robert



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Chapter: 5
Brother Hans &
his Family



Lotte's brother
Prof. Hans Dahn
Also reached 100 years
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I. Son

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Hans,
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Hans with father
and Grandmother
Henriette, 1920

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Richard & Hans
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Herr Doktor,
Herr Professor



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II. Brother

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Hans & Lotte,
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At Hans and Alice's wedding

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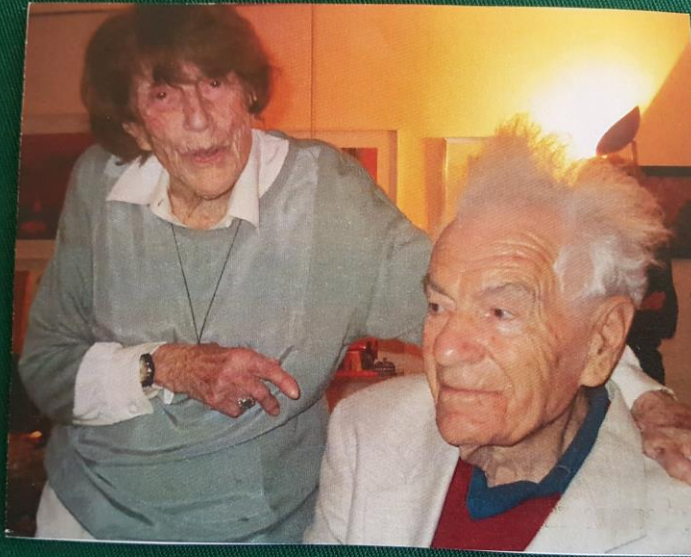
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Sister and brother

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III. Adolescent

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• “[Hans] was a boy and everybody was glad that at last he abandoned his books and research papers and went out into nature with a group of friends.”

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Denmark 1937

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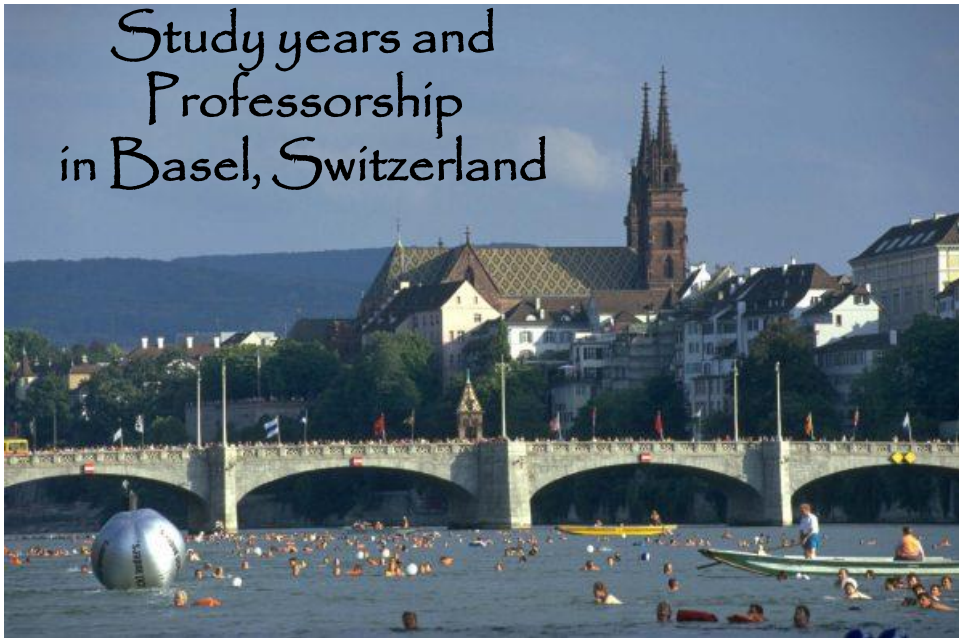
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IV. Student

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Study years and Professorship in Basel, Switzerland



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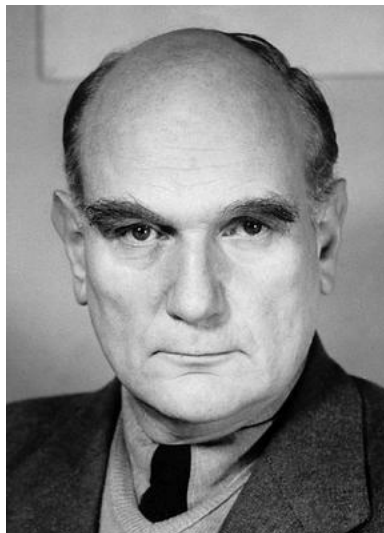
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Laudatio for Hans: “Of Basel origin, Hans Dahn studied chemistry at the University of Basel, and received his doctorate in 1944. Passionate about archeology, he also undertook a parallel study of classical archeology at the Faculty of Arts in Basel.”

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Mentor: Prof. Hans Erlenmeyer



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Erlenmeyer, Swiss citizen since 1934, helped, through his institute, many of those persecuted by national-socialism. His antique collection was exhibited internationally, and he also wrote articles on archeology.

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Hans' First Scientific Paper, 1939, at age 20, with Erlenmeyer

167. Beitrag zur chromatographischen Methode in der
anorganischen Chemie

von H. Erlenmeyer und H. Dahn.
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Die Trennung anorganischer Kationen und Anionen auf chromatographischem Weg ist zuerst von *G. M. Schwab* und seinen Mitarbeitern¹⁾ beschrieben worden. Als Adsorptionsmittel kamen hauptsächlich Aluminiumoxydpräparate zur Verwendung und, wo es nötig war, wurden die adsorbierten Ionen durch weitere Reagentien entwickelt, d. h. in farbige Verbindungen übergeführt.

Im Folgenden wollen wir über einige Versuche berichten, aus denen hervorgeht, dass 8-Oxychinolin als Adsorbens gleichfalls die Möglichkeit zur chromatographischen Trennung von Ionen bietet. Als Adsorptionsgefäße wurden kleine 5–8 cm lange Rohre mit 0,3 cm innerer Weite benützt. Auf einem am unteren Ende angebrachten Wattebausch wurde das Adsorptionsmittel unter Schütteln

¹⁾ *G. M. Schwab* und *K. Jockers*, Z. angew. Ch. **50**, 546, 691 (1937); *G. M. Schwab* und *G. Dattler*, Z. angew. Ch. **51**, 709 (1938); *G. M. Schwab*, Physikal. Methoden der analytischen Chemie III, S. 60 (1939).

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Mentor: Prof. Paul Ruggli



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Mentor: Tadeusz Reichstein Nobel Laureate

Laudatio: "He was assistant and collaborator of Professor Reichstein, winner of the Nobel prize, and a grand figure of chemistry in Basel."



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“Tadeusz Reichstein (1897 –1996) was a Polish-born Swiss Nobel Prize-winning chemist.

He was born into a Jewish family at Włocławek, Poland.

In 1933, working in Zürich, Switzerland, Reichstein succeeded in synthesizing vitamin C (ascorbic acid). Together with E. C. Kendall and P. S. Hench, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1950 for their work which culminated in the isolation of cortisone.”

(Wikipedia)

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V. Professor

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Laudatio: “Under his initiative, the research in organic chemistry at the Faculty of Science has been remarkable. Hans Dahn has furthermore been President of the Swiss Chemistry Society in 1968-69 and served for over a decade on the Board of the Swiss National Science Foundation.”

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“He has educated close to thirty cohorts of students in academic departments and school at Lausanne in the subject of organic chemistry.”

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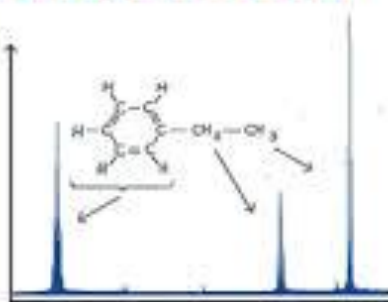
Scientific Work

- Over the years of his Scientific career, Hans has authored and co-authored 450 scientific articles.
- They are too numerous to list
- The first, with Prof Erlenmeyer, was published in 1939, at age 20.
- The most recent identified article was in 2010, at age 91.
- 71 years of scientific contributions!

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NMR - NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTROSCOPY



A proton NMR spectrum of a solution containing a simple organic compound, ethyl benzoate. Each group of signals corresponds to protons in a different part of the molecule.

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“When Professor Dahn retired in 1989, the credits obtained by the ICO amounted to CHF 932'000 from the Canton de Vaud, and CHF 1'253'00 from the Swiss National Science Foundation. Professor Dahn has been a member of the scientific council of the Swiss National Science Foundation for 10 years and during that time has helped to promote scientific research and organic chemistry in Switzerland.”

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“Scientific contributions of Professor Dahn have concentrated on the study of reaction mechanisms and on the invention of new analytical methods, especially the use of heavy oxygen isotopes, first $^{18}\text{-O}$, than $^{17}\text{-O}$. Already in 1961, and together with Prof. P. Diehl of the University of Basel, he signed a first publication on $^{17}\text{-O}$ -NMR spectroscopy. After his retirement, Professor Dahn published 20 articles in the field of $^{17}\text{-O}$ -NMR spectroscopy. He is a member of the Swiss Chemical Society since 1948.”

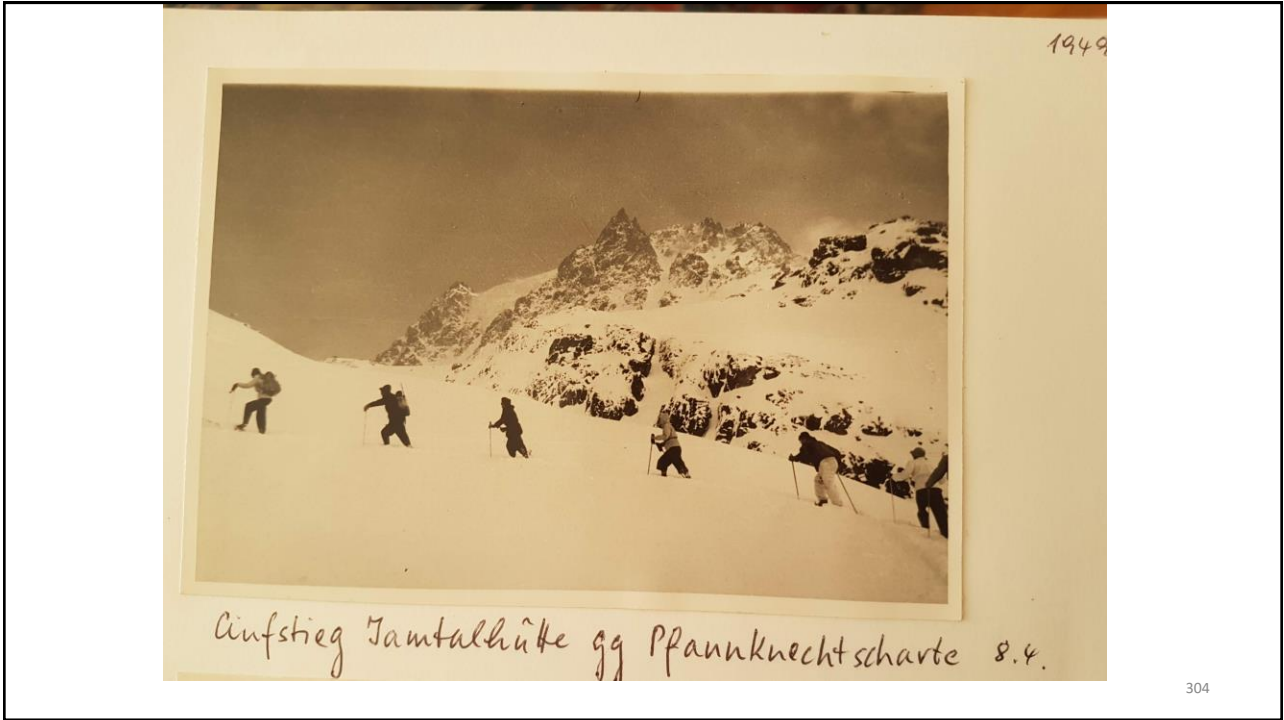
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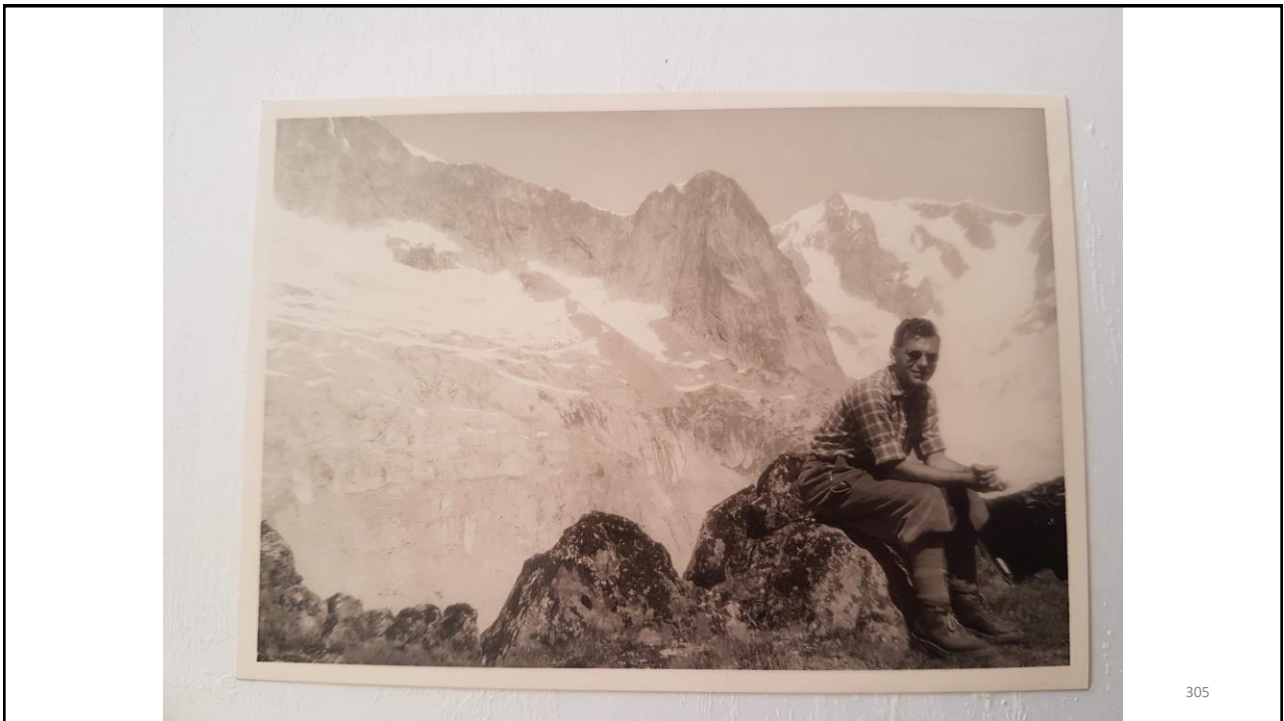
VI. Mountaineer

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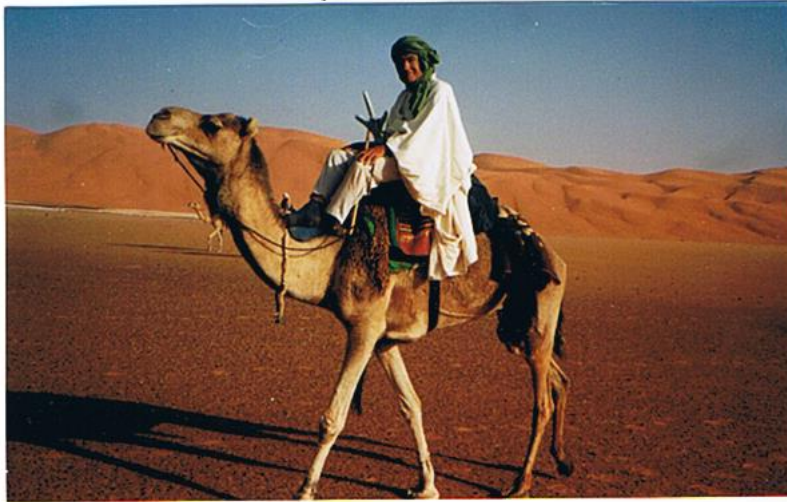
Hans, 1960



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Hans of Arabia. In one of his trips to
Libya & Niger.



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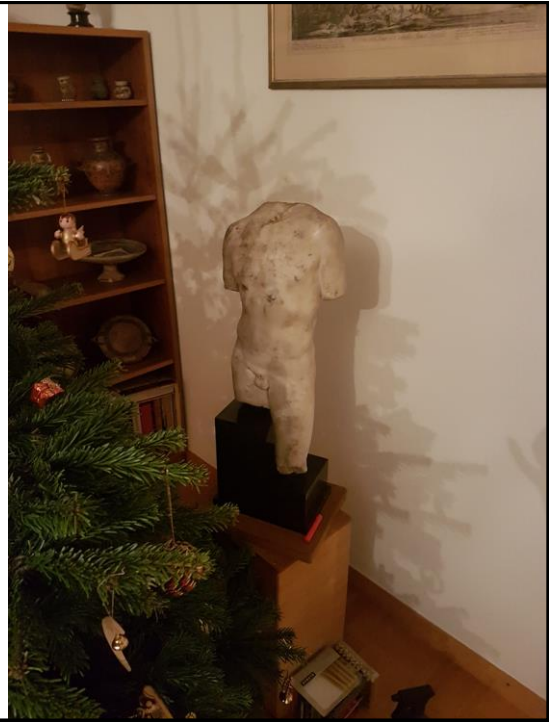
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VII. Family

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Hans, too, collected antiques



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Hans and Alice's
(Winkler)
wedding 1958
(Lotte on right)

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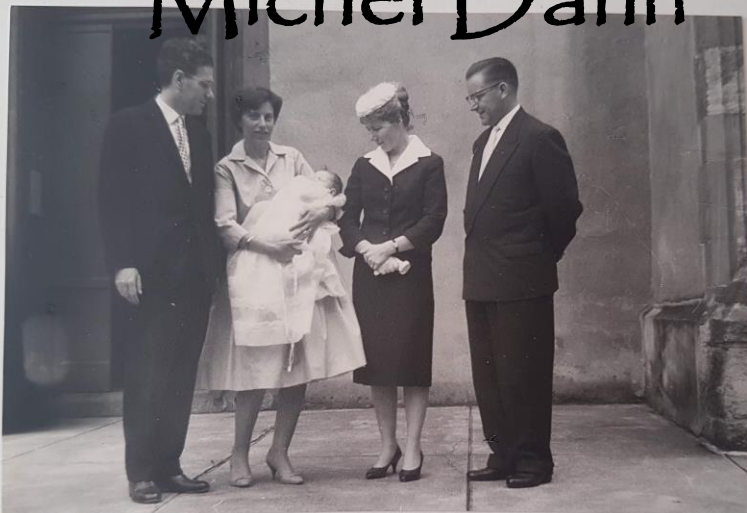


Lotte & Alice
dancing in
Verbier 1963

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Michel Dahn



Vor der Peterskirche : 26.6.60.

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Three Generations - Lotte's mother
Flora, Hans, Michael 1962

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Michael, Alice
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With Ernst



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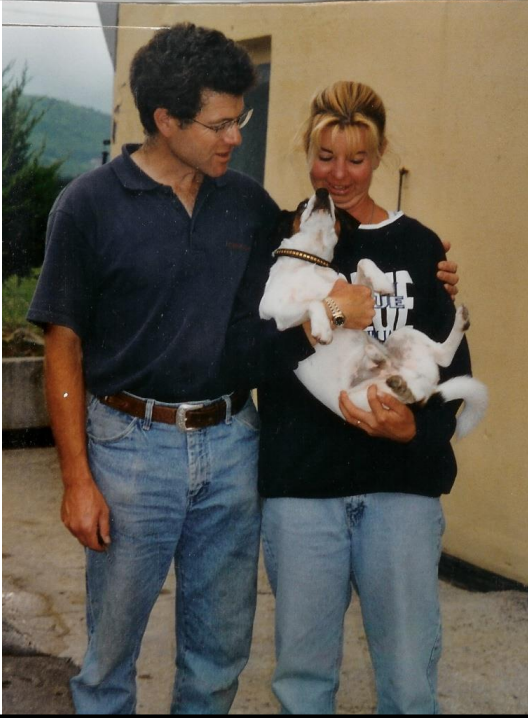
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Mountaineer Michael

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Michel and
Catherine
with Corky
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Veterinarian Dr. Michel & Catherine Dahn
Equestrians

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IX. Husband II

Elisabeth

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Elisabeth
Gay-Fraret

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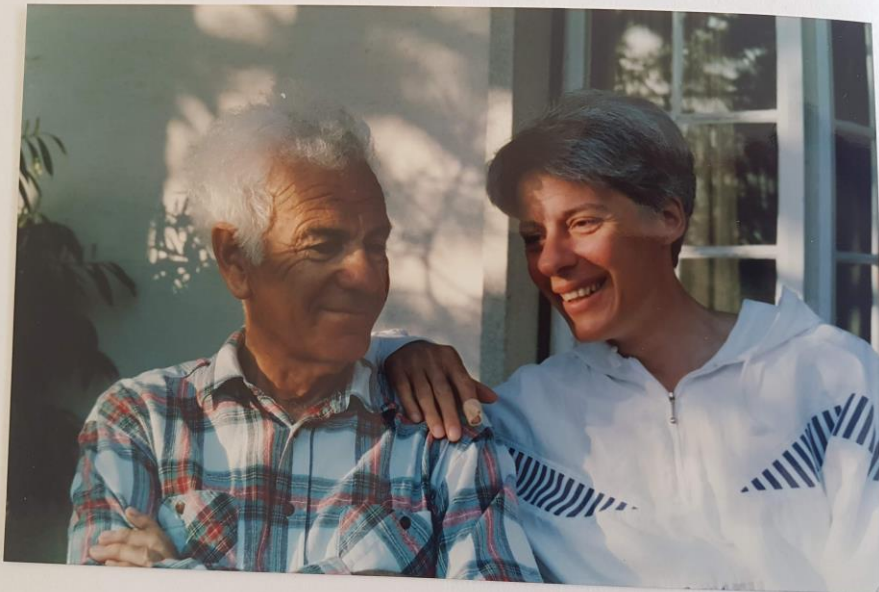
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With Nathalie



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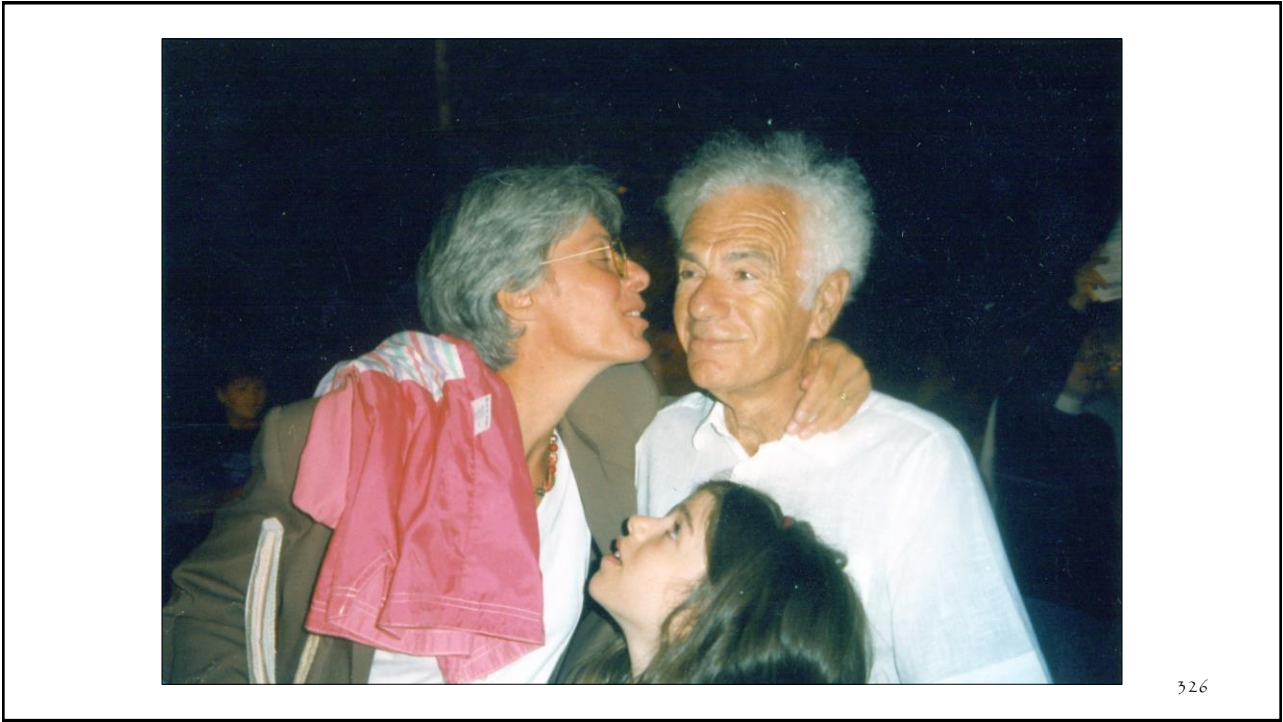
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X. Father II

Nathalie Dahn-Singh

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Fatherhood at 70, Nathalie, 1988



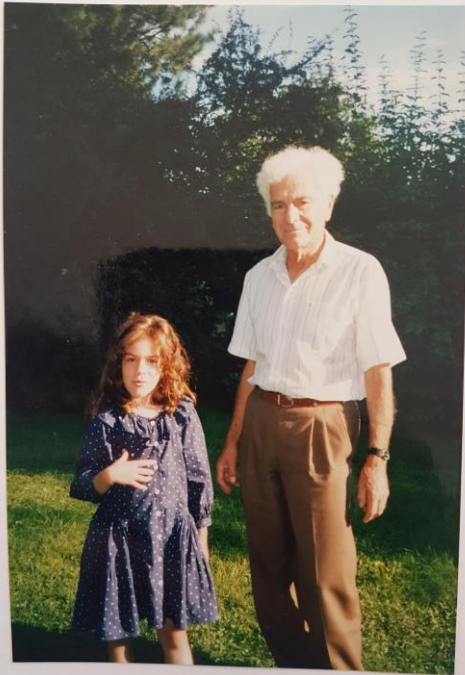
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Nathalie
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Nathalie & Amrit Dahn-Singh



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Natalie & Amrit's Wedding



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Natalie & Amrit's Wedding



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Nephew Eli Noam with wife Nadine Strossen, and Hans' sister Lotte, at wedding of Nathalie and Amrit. On the right Amrit Singh's family: Lia, Agnes Eberhard, Jogishwar, Pritam, and Deborah Haesslein.

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The two fathers



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Lotte's in-law Amrit Singh's father



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Amrit's brother Pritam with twins Ethan and Gabriel

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Nathalie Dahn-Singh & her big Aunt Lotte



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Eli, Nathalie, & Lotte



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Eli, Gil, with cousins Michael & Nathalie Dahn
(center) at Hans' 100th birthday celebration



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Lotte with
Hans & Elisabeth Dahn,
Eli & Deanie



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Nathalie & Eli



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Limerick by Lotte

Nathalie is Dahn-Singh through life
With Amrit, they are husband and wife.
She is lovely and kind
With a wonderful mind.
Let her live till a hundred and five!

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XI. Emeritus

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Hans and Nadine

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At Lotte's 95th Birthday, with Nathalie, Lotte's grandchildren David and Ben, Laura, and a glimpse of Lotte³⁵²

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*Part B:
Lotte's
Partners & Companions*

Chapter 1: Companion Amos Palti (1918-1983) & Family

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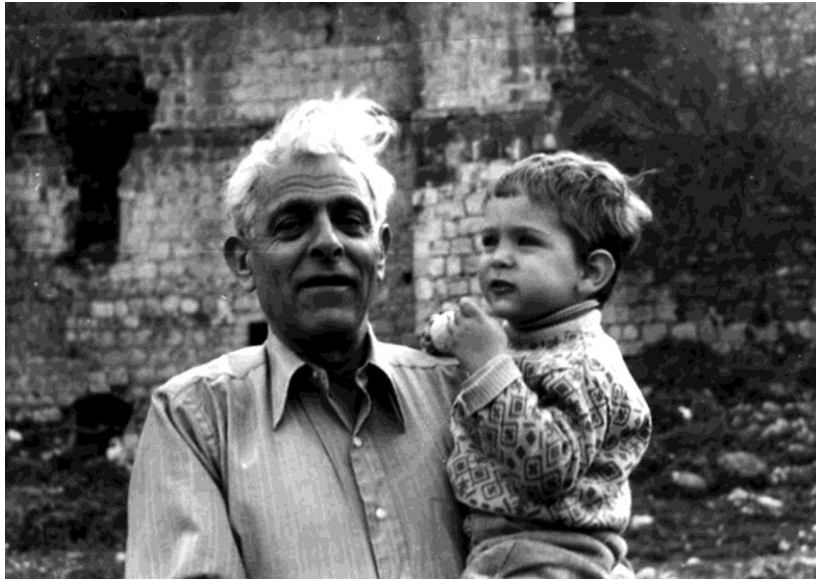
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Amos and Hannah; 1982

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Amos with grandson

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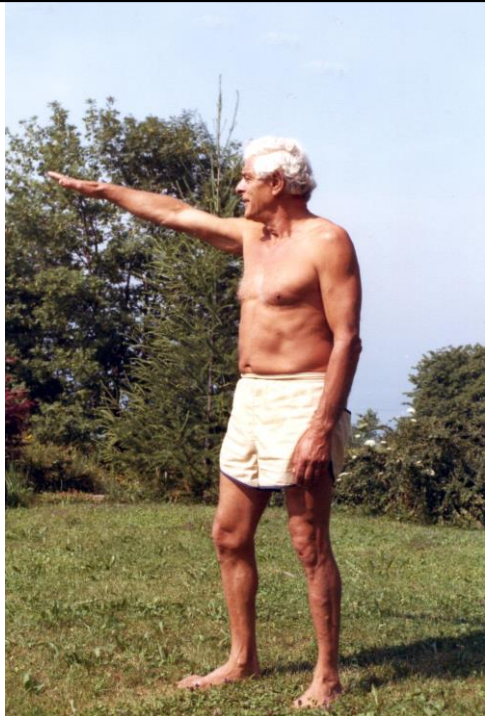
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St. L gier, 1980



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Garden in St. Léger



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Tiberias 1978



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1981 at Lotte's birthday dinner

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1982; Garrison

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Amos and his daughter Talma; 1982

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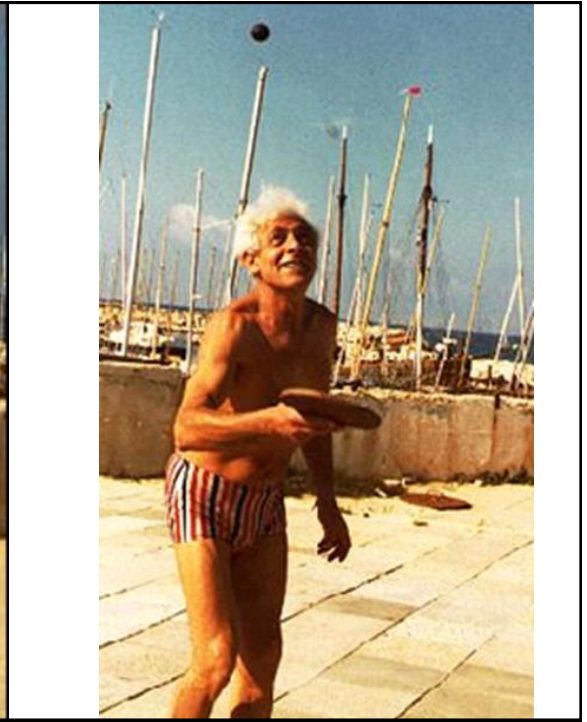
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Hotel Galei, Kineret, Tiberias, 1979



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Back to college: Amos & Lotte
Harvard Square in Cambridge, Mass

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College kids: Spring break at
Lesley College

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Lotte: “[Amos’] cheerfulness was on the surface, mainly for my benefit. He wrote in his diary: Two days ago I was told I have cancer. And not only that – but that it was also a rare kind and very difficult to operate on. How does one swallow this? What is there to be done?

Lotte Noam, *Great Enemy Cancer*, 1983

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Amos: “I am in a foreign country, in a rented flat with Lotte who already lost one husband from cancer. To bury a spouse is not so terrible. What’s terrible is the suffering before it.”

Lotte Noam, *Great Enemy Cancer*, 1983

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Lotte: Two days later the phone rang early in the morning. I answered it. It was Dr. Hedberg telling me he wanted to speak to Amos. ‘I have very bad news for him, unfortunately,’ he said. ‘Let me talk to him.’ I almost let the receiver fall, it burned my hands. I called out for Amos. He took the devastating news quietly.”

Lotte Noam, *Great Enemy Cancer*, 1983

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Amos' diary of this day reads:

17.11.82. "Today at 8:30 Dr. Hedberg called and told us that the cancer had spread to the liver. He said that the planned operation was out of the question now."

Lotte Noam, *Great Enemy Cancer*, 1983

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Amos: "Will I have the strength to finish myself off before those last stages? Why not do it now and spare Lotte a lot of unhappiness at seeing my pain and misery? I could find a high building or a bridge over a highway. But what a mess! That's not my way of leaving the world."

Lotte Noam, *Great Enemy Cancer*, 1983

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Deaconess Hospital Boston



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Amos' farewells in Lesley College

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Walden Pond

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Last walk on the beach, 1982



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Lotte: "He has a glass in front of him with a white powder dissolved in water and a jug beside it. I pour cognac and we raise our glasses."

"To you health," he says, emptying it. "To life."

"To you," I say, "you have made me very happy. Thank you for everything."

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"All of a sudden he seizes the glass with the white liquid and downs it in one big gulp. He pours water and drinks again. Then he sinks back into bed, smiling contentedly. 'You see,' he says calmly, 'It's not difficult at all. Now I can say in all truth that I love you to my last breath.'"

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“I am very calm, too, only my heart is beating like a drum.

He counts till thirteen, then there is nothing, only his quiet breathing. He is fast asleep.”

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“I haven’t moved for many hours, perhaps I, too, fell asleep for a few minutes. But mostly I was awake, watching him sleep, thinking about him and our life together. What a man, what a hero! His life and death made out of one piece.”

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Lotte's Poem

My lover flies to the moon.

His face is stern

And his gaze is remote

And he tells me I cannot come.

He tells me I have to stay

In the purple darkness of fear.

I am afraid of the black bulk of ice

And the sun that crumbles and falls.

My lover has wings

That carry him off

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And I look at the empty sky.

He leaves me behind

And doesn't look back

And tells me to be afraid

I am, yes I am

Afraid of the night,

Of the moon that lurks through the clouds,

Of the stone in my way

Of the rock at my feet

Of the fireplace empty and cold

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Chapter: 2

Companion

Arno Roland

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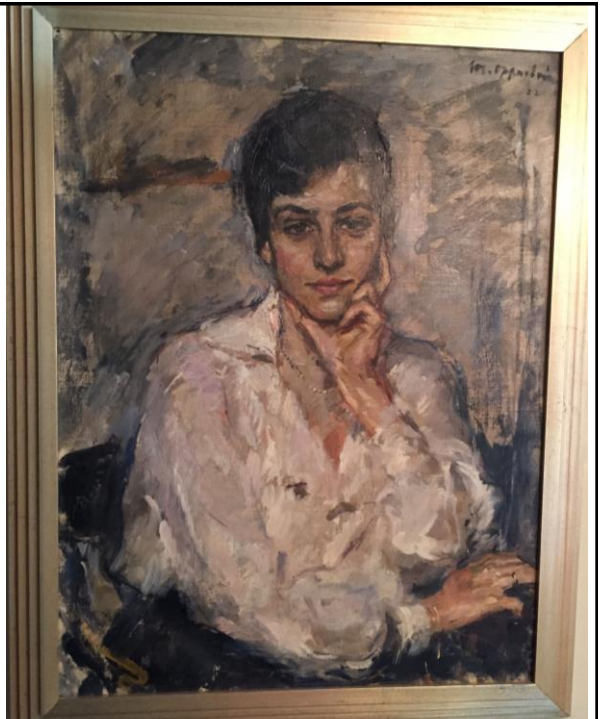
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I. Growing up in Germany

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Mother Gertrude



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II. Escaping Nazi Germany

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Arno: "On 26th September, 1938, my mother went to a hotel at the Anhalter Bahnhof and took an overdose of Veronal, rather than face life elsewhere. The police commentated that many women had done the same recently.

My father left Berlin for the USA, via Portugal, in 1942. He had removed the canvas from the ornate gold frame, packed it, rolled up, into one of the two suitcases he was allowed to take."

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III. Underground in the Netherlands

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I ...came with my brother Ulli in the Year 1939 with a „Kindertransport“ allowed by the Dutch government after the pogroms of „Kristallnacht“ in Germany.

We were put in the Dommelhuis in the city of Eindhoven together with other teenage boys of various middle-class backgrounds.

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It was in this setting that I found myself for the first time in my life in an all Jewish company. There was a mixture of liberals, Zionists and religious youngsters. Coming from a mostly non-observant home, I was intrigued by and drawn to the Zionists because of their idealism. Interesting, one of my best friends was orthodox, whom I admired for his honest beliefs but without fanaticism.

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Refugee children in Drommelhuis; Arno and Ulli are probably in the picture

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Arno was 15 years old at the time,
and all alone in a foreign country

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Arno as a cabinet maker apprentice,
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IV. The Fate of
Arno's Brother Ulli

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Brother
Ulli

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Arno: Ulli found shelter in Amsterdam. There he enjoyed a brief period of teen-age pleasures and woes; he wrote me regularly.

Ulli's sheltered life ended in 1942 when we had to go into hiding to avoid deportation. Ulli's fate in Amsterdam was tragic. He was arrested in the street wearing the yellow star and sent via Dutch transit camp Westerbork to the Auschwitz death camp in Poland.

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Westerbork transit camp

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From 1942 to 1945, a total of 107,000 people passed through the camp on a total of 93 outgoing trains. Only 5,200 of them survived, most of them in Theresienstadt or Bergen-Belsen, or were liberated at Westerbork.

Anne Frank stayed from August until early September 1944, when she was taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

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Memorial at Westerbork

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Trains at Westerbork



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Ulli's Destination: Auschwitz



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Arno: Ulli was killed in Auschwitz on August 21, 1942," at 1500 hrs", reported in response to my search for his whereabouts and fate. He was 16 years old.

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Why I can't go to Auschwitz

A tribute by Arno Roland to his murdered brother Ulli

"they are the unremembered faces of the playmates of childhood
never to mingle with my life.

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V. Arno Goes Underground

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Arno: In 1942 I received a [German] summons to report for 'labor deployment'. The Dutch resistance then brought me into a hiding place. They knew that this summons meant deportation to Poland.

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Arno spent 2 years hiding in an attic in Eindhoven



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Arno: My protectors were a 70-year old couple, Mijnheer and Mevrouw (Mr. and Mrs.) Hurkman, who had declared themselves ready, based on their socialist convictions, to save a young boy from deportation. For this act they would have faced the death penalty if my hiding place had been betrayed.

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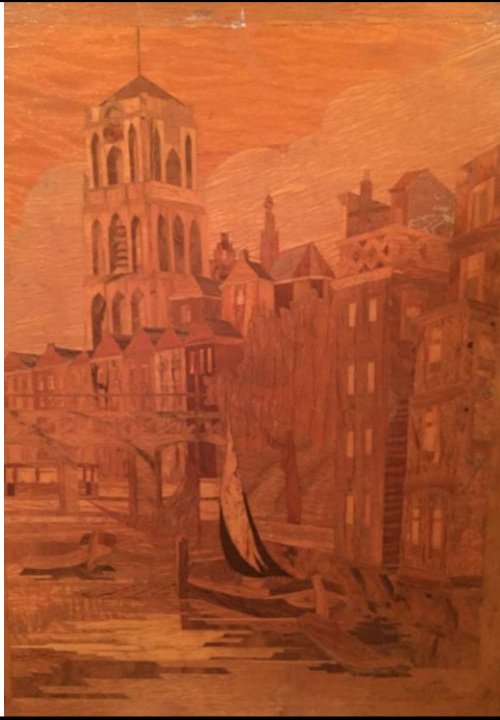
Arno: “Two years alone in a cold attic, staying in bed during winters to keep warm, itching with frostbite and fleas, I created pictures from veneer, played chess games, read English texts and Tolstoy’s “War and Peace” a dozen or so times to keep my sanity.”

“I had never confronted this part of my life in any detail, much less written about it. The workshop [which he attended many decades later] opened my mind to a past I had never revealed to myself, let alone to others.”

[“Three Generations Speak,” pp.67-69]

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Arno's wood works helped the family that hid him

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Arno's wood work in his hiding shelter

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VI. Liberation

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Evening, Dawn, Dusk By Arno Roland

“One night in the autumn of 1944, I peered through the small attic window at the black patch of sky that had been my horizon for endless time, when I saw the air lit white and a sea of huge balloons floating toward the ground.

[“Three Generations Speak,” pp.67-69]

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Then, in seconds, the dark took over again until the next round of chasing light beams rolled across the sky and caught the drifting parachutes. And it began to sink in that the hour of liberation had reached this town at last.”

[“Three Generations Speak,” pp.67-69]

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Liberation of Eindhoven, 1944



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“I ran toward a soldier who sat on the curb at the street corner, his rifle resting across his knees. He was Black, the first Black man I had ever seen. He was smiling and I stared at the whiteness of his teeth. He sat calmly chewing gum, a picture of carefree serenity. A truck with German soldiers came around the corner at the far end of the street.

[“Three Generations Speak,” pp.67-69]

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- The soldier stood up slowly, moved slowly to the middle of the street, chewing, smiling. Slowly he lifted his rifle, aimed, and fired. The truck burst into flames, and bodies tumbled out, spilling into the street. The soldier kept chewing and smiling, walked slowly back to the curb, and sat down again. He savored a sense of satisfaction. So did I.”

[“Three Generations Speak,” pp.67-69]

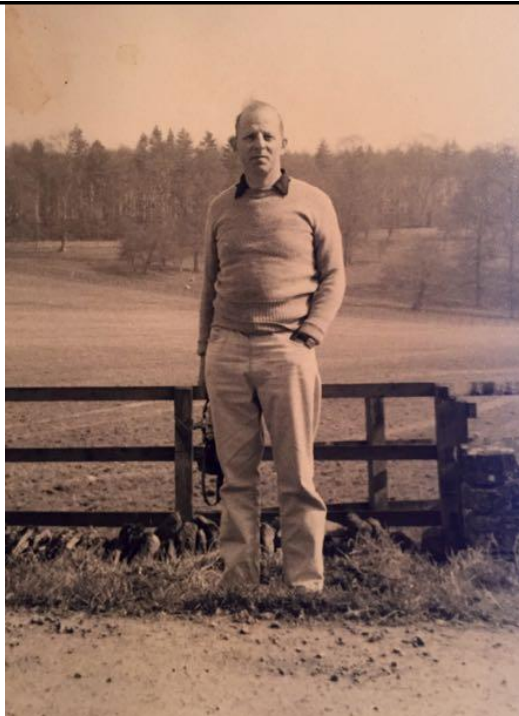
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VII. América

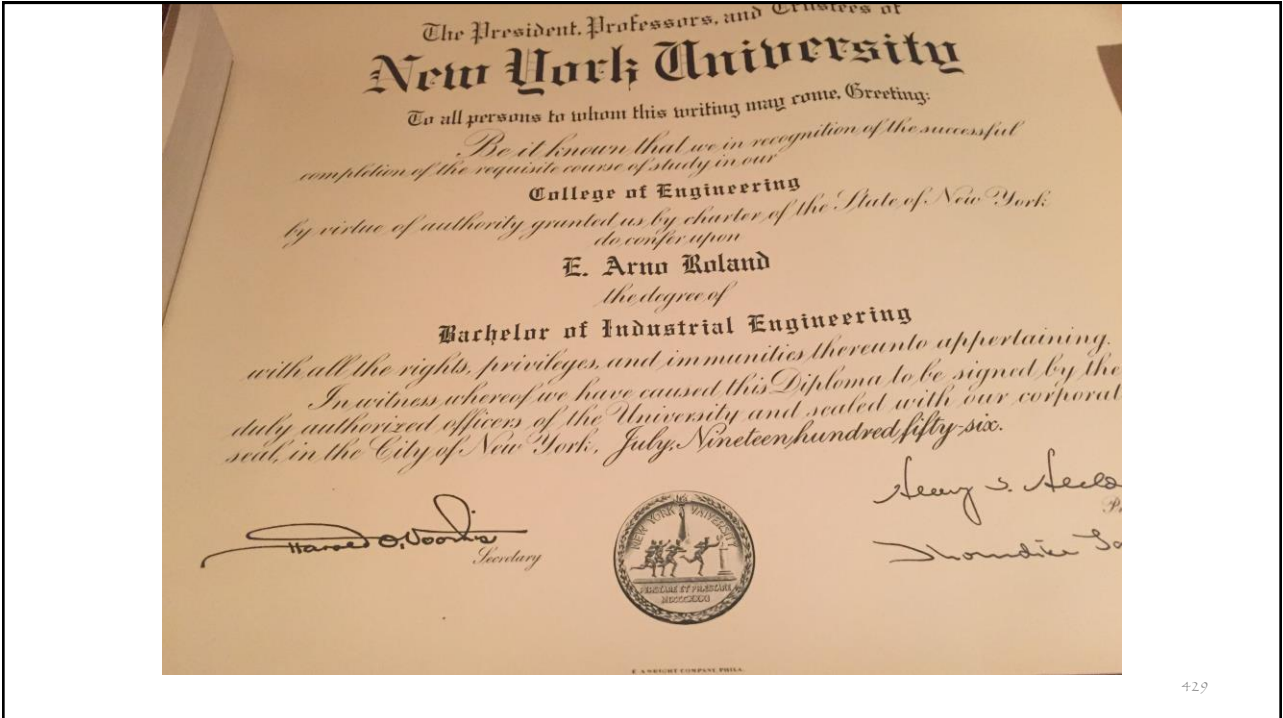
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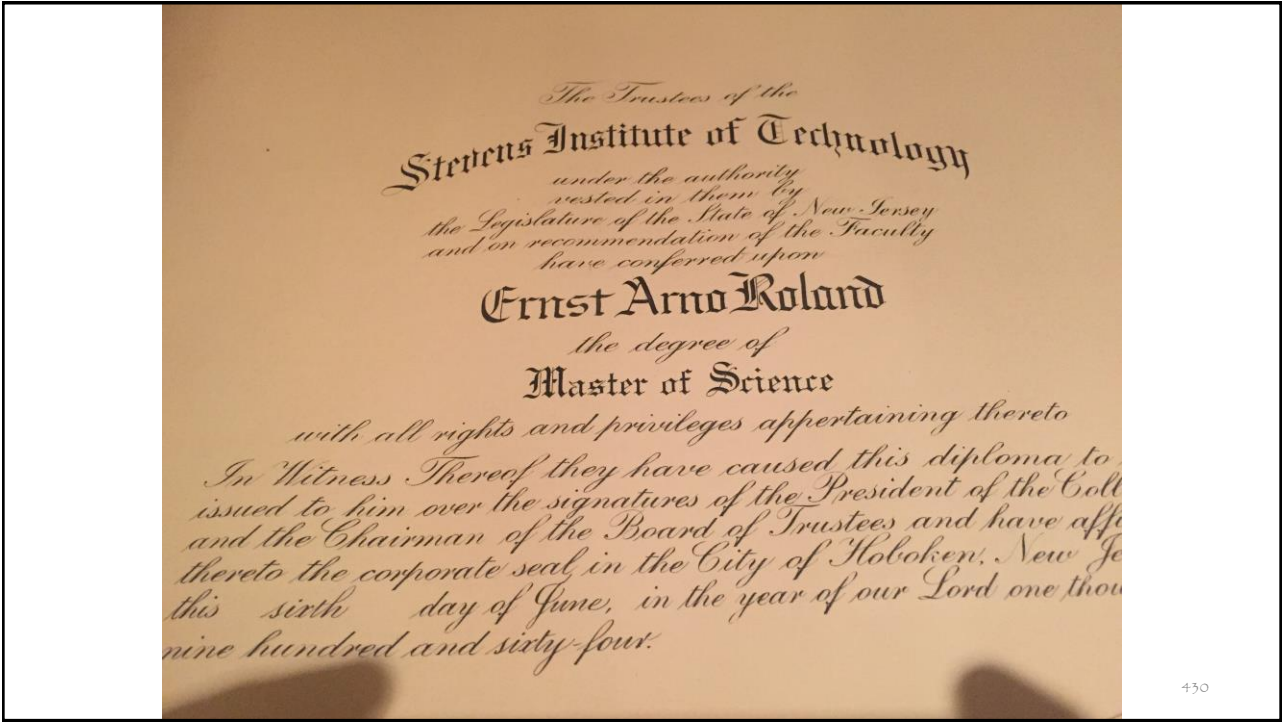


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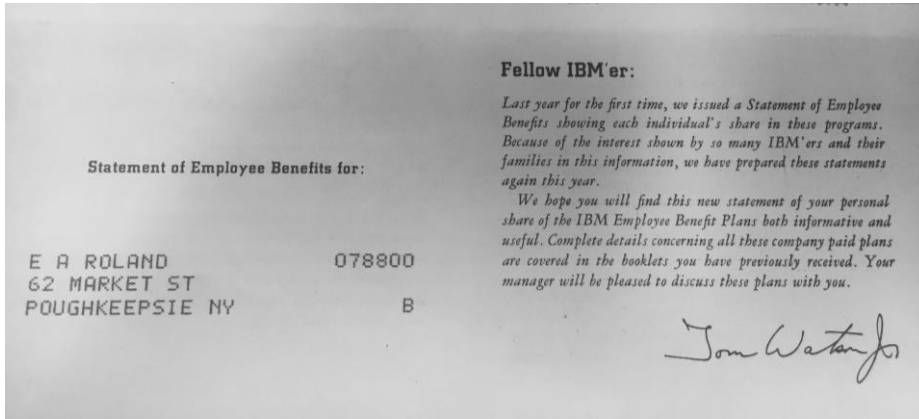


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Work for IBM as Engineer



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New York, 1976



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IX. Community Life

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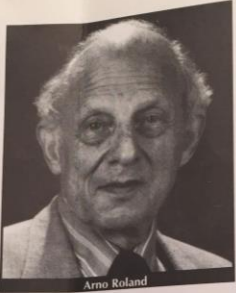
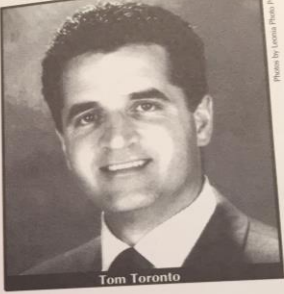
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Taxpayers ask...

“Mr. Roland, Mr. Toronto, what are you going to do to keep me from getting **SQUEEZED like this again?”**



Arno Roland Tom Toronto

Leonians experienced painful property tax increases this year due to Governor Whitman’s misguided fiscal policies. Income tax “cuts” — which turned out to be a Republican election-year gimmick — have resulted in soaring property taxes.

And the gaps in the state budget can be expected to fuel even more property tax increases for each year of the Governor’s promised “cuts.” These increases threaten the ability of older Leonians to afford their homes and of younger prospective residents to buy homes.


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Arno being sworn in as Town Councilor, Leonia

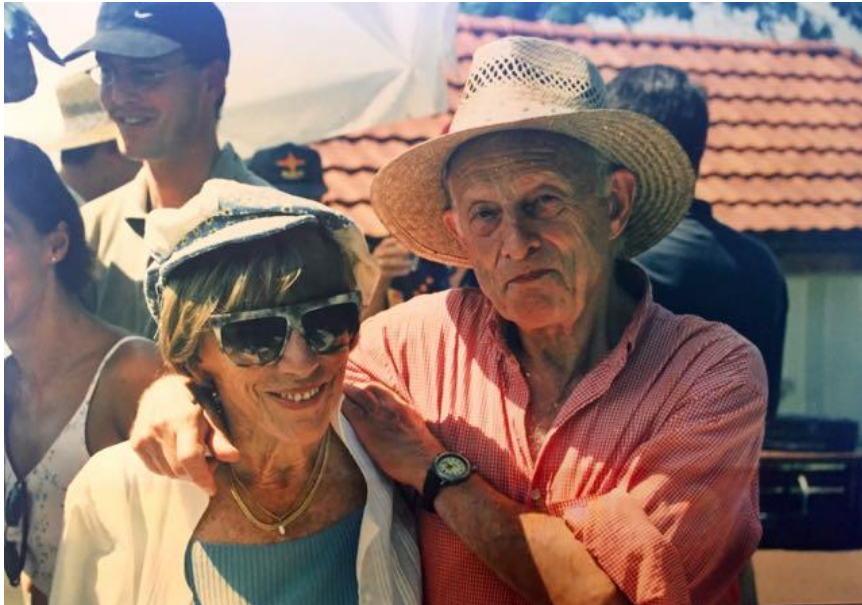
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X. Years with Lotte

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Arno: "I met the love of my Life, Lotte Noam, at a party in Frankfurt where I worked for a time during the 'sixties. But she was married and we lost sight of each other until we met again 35 years later by chance at the same place."

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"That party assumed importance in that I met Lotte. We enjoyed dancing together. But because she was married we lost sight of each other. It was again at Rico's and Ina's, by chance, that Lotte walked through the door one afternoon some forty years later, and I knew I had met the woman of my life. We have been together ever since— although we were apart much of the time due to her residence in Switzerland and in Tel Aviv and mine in the U.S."

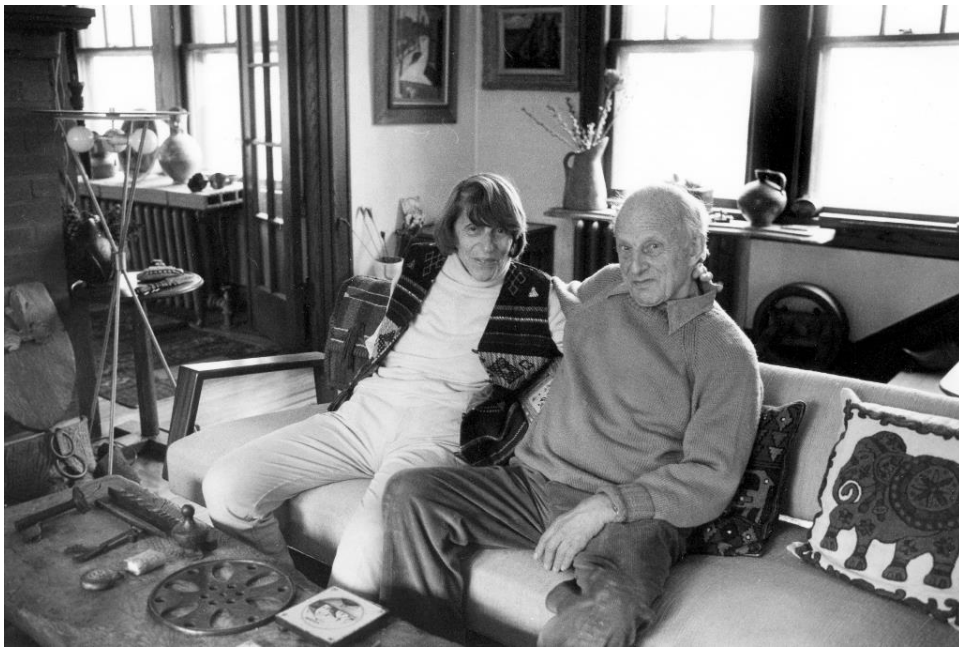
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Arno in Nepal, 1999



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Storm King Sculpture Garden, 2000

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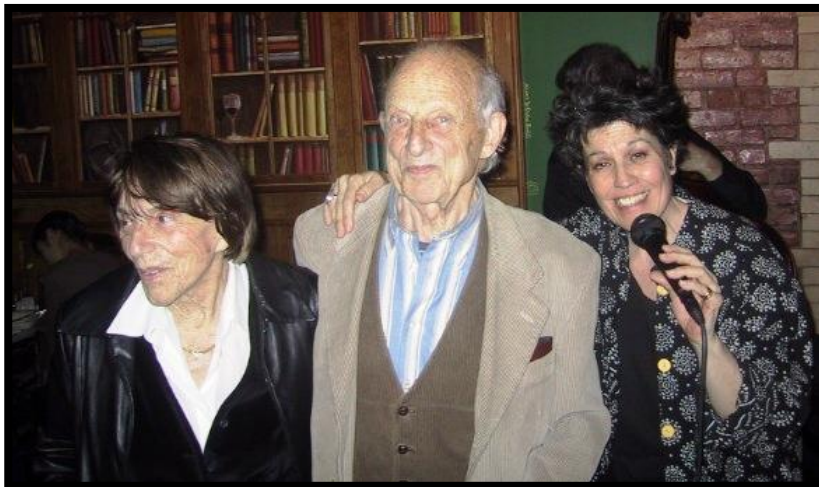
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Arnos 80th Birthday April 2003

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New York, 2003

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Berlin 2004. With Lotte and Gesine,
artificial Tel Aviv beach background

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Munich 2004, at Eli's honorary doctorate, with Paul and Ulrike
Unschuld, Nadine in back

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New York, 2004

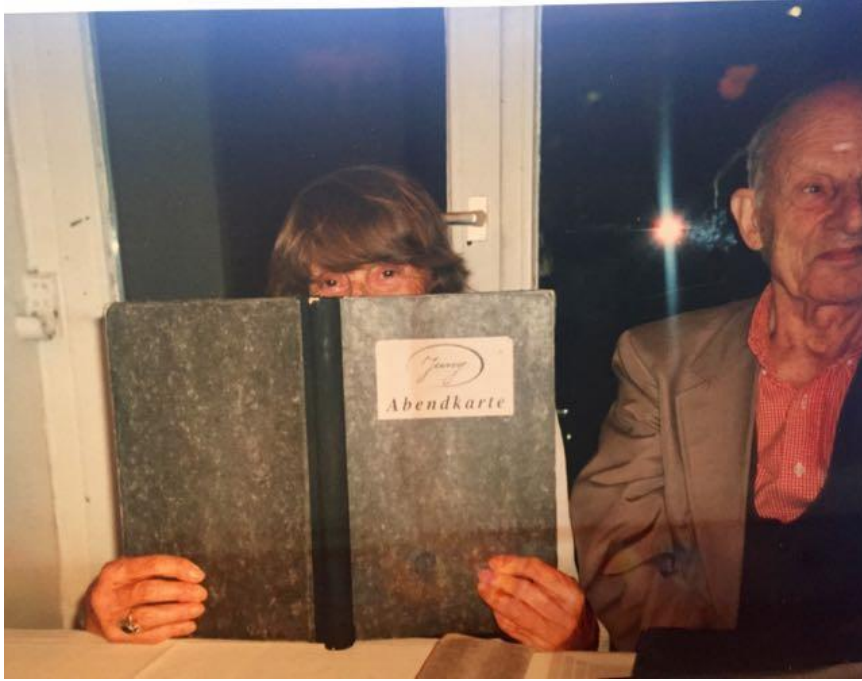
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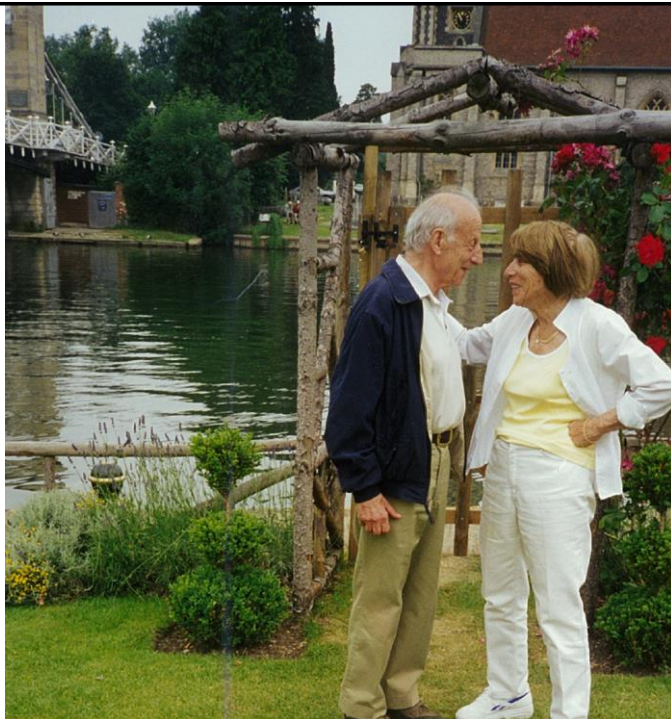
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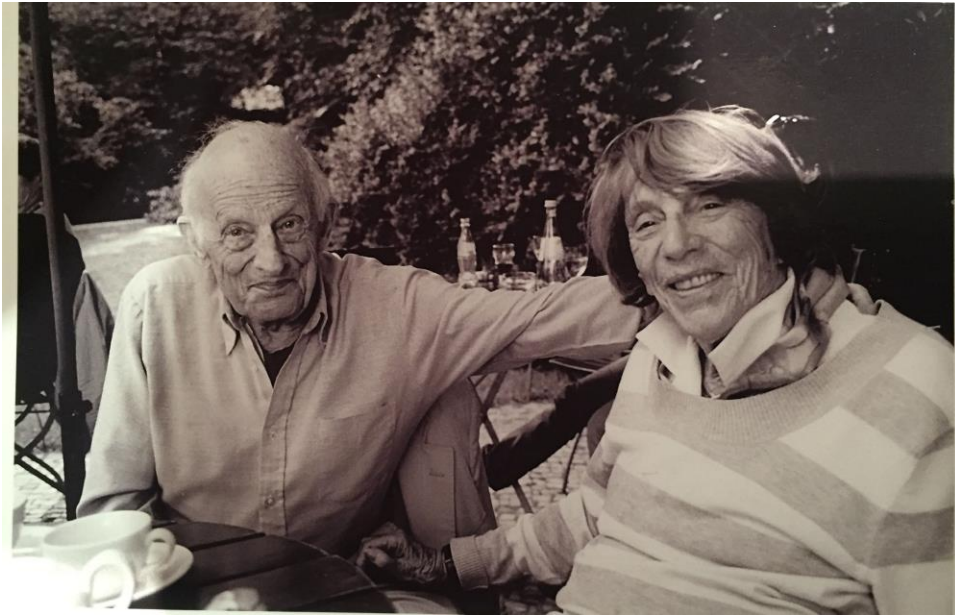


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XI. Last Years

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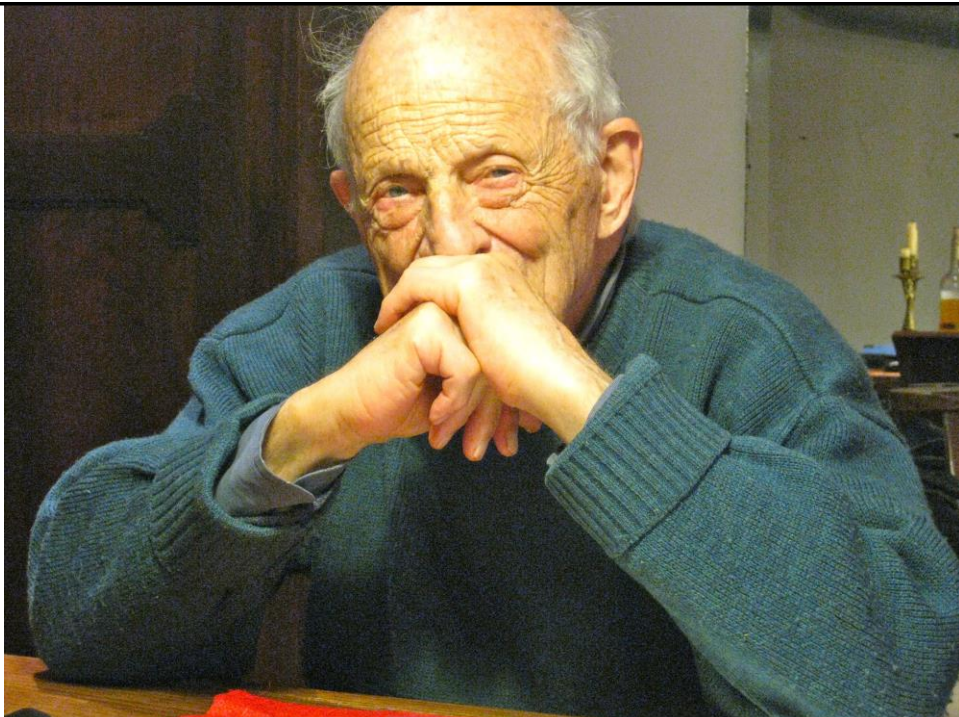
I left Berlin in 1939 with a "Kindertransport"
to Holland where I survived in hiding and
finally came to New York/ New Jersey, but without
my younger brother Udo: who perished in Auschwitz.

I wish to thank Miriam and Harry for their
work to show some of the facts that those
who outlived the Nazi night war.

Leo Rosenfeld

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'Settings', by Arno Roland

There are the unremembered faces of the playmates
of childhood

Never to mingle with my life.

Faded, the faces of the comrades of youth

The faces of family long gone

Of relatives scattered, dispersed,

Unrecognized, the fleeting faces met in war

Dissolved to mist

And vanished behind that horizon,

The faces unmet, unseen,

Hovering over

Vacant benches

Idle sofas

Bare tree stumps.

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