

Brandeis University Class of 1978 30th Reunion

Name: Laura Bailen Kaufman

Mac or PC? PC

LP, CD, or IPOD? CD

What was your major? Did you continue in that field?

Biology. After Brandeis I attended Tufts Dental School and graduated with a DMD in 1982.

Career? Do tell!

From 1983-2001 I was living in Israel and practicing dentistry in Rishon-le-tzion, a suburb of Tel-Aviv.

Favorite memory from Brandeis days?

Meeting my now husband while he was sweeping the stairs (in his student janitor job) in the East dormitory.

Favorite Brandeis professor?

- Ariella Goldberg who taught Hebrew language and Bible
- Gerry Bernstein – art and architecture
- The 2 guys who taught Shakespeare plays

What have you done since graduation that you are most proud of?

I am most proud of the 18 years I lived and worked in Israel, and of the many friendships made there. I am also very proud of the life I have been fortunate enough to have rebuilt in the past 7 years in Boston.

Are you single or married? Tell us about your family:

Married to Howard Kaufman (Brandeis '76) since 1978. Blessed with twin daughters, Merav and Yael, age 15.

What goals have you set for yourself for the next ten years?

Fortunately or unfortunately, in the years I lived in Israel I learned to not really plan ahead. The aphorism **אלקים גדול** which is used often there, translates roughly to man makes plans and g-d laughs.

What items are on your bucket list?

To spend as much time as possible with my daughters, the rest of my family, and my friends.

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