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Class of 1978 30th Reunion

Name: Mark S. Cohen

Mac or PC? PC

LP, CD, or IPOD? No IPOD yet

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

Politics, with enough NEJS to have double-majored.

While I did not go into Politics, I did proceed to obtain my JD (from Georgetown University Law Center) and an LLM (in Taxation, which is not my present field of practice) from New York University School of Law

I have certainly “continued in the field” of NEJS with my community involvement in Jewish and Israel-related activities.

Career? Do tell!

I have practiced law for the past 27 years, more than 20 of which have been with the New York City Law Firm Hahn & Hessen LLP, where I am Special Counsel, specializing in commercial finance.

Favorite memory from Brandeis days?

The Blizzard of 1978!

Favorite Brandeis professor?

Reuven Kimelman (although I had him as a teacher not at Brandeis but as part of the Wexner Heritage Program). Other favorites, from my undergraduate days, include Marvin Fox, Marshall Sklare, Peter Wohl, Leon Jick and Professor Oppenheim, who was my Politics advisor for our first two years before he left Brandeis during our junior year.

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

Other than creating and raising my family, I am most proud of the fact that I organized seven Missions to Israel earlier this decade during the “matsav” when Israel was in dire need of tourists.

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

Happily married to Roberta Weinstein-Cohen (Brandeis 1979) for 28 years and the father of three wonderful children: Hanna (who will be graduating Brandeis this coming December, moving to Israel in January 2009 and then getting married in Israel in March to Yoni Winkler), Yaakov (who is presently studying in Yeshivat Eretz HaTzvi in Jerusalem) and Rivka (who is an 8th grader at HANC and will be attending high school at the Yeshiva University High School for Girls).

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

Continue practicing law with my present firm and then semi-retire early and spend increasing amounts of time in Israel. I also hope to see my children complete their education, get married and (at least 2 of the 3) move to Israel and create grandchildren with whom Roberta and I can spend much quality time. I hope to continue to be in good health and to travel and hike extensively. Finally, after two shoulder operations, I hope to soon resume playing tennis on a regular basis.

What items are on your bucket list?

A trip around the world (which I actually have “planned” for spring 2014).

Become a citizen of Israel.

Hike as much of the Israel Trail as possible, and visit and hike as many National Parks in the United States and Canada as possible.



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