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1. Reflections

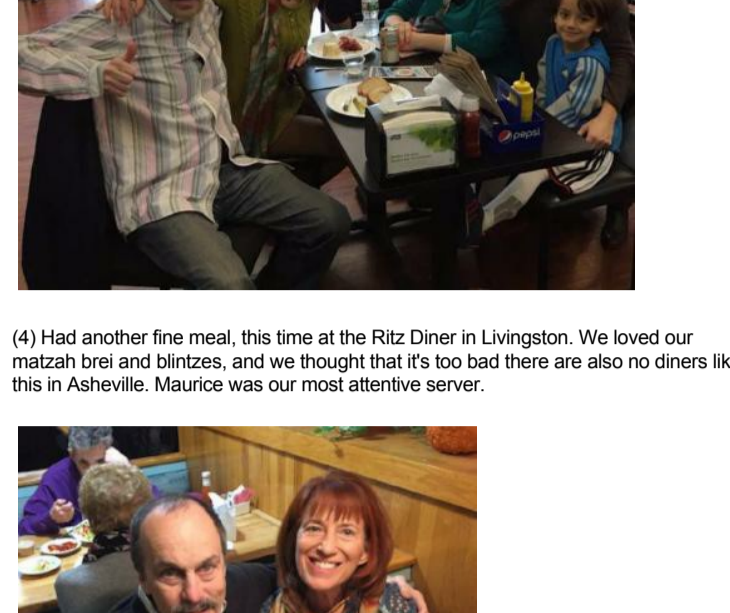
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Enjoyed our recent trip up North--and especially the chance to meet the twin sons of Cynthia's niece Rachel: Matan (left) and Eli (right) Shanken.



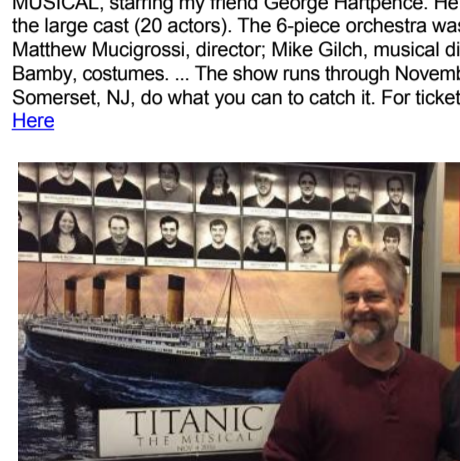
(2) Got to spend with other members of her family: (left) brother-in-law Marty, sister Joyce Litchman, Cynthia and Blaine; and (right) Joyce, Cynthia and their brother Alan Rubin.



(3) Joined our friends, I-r: Berta Dtillo, Edina Hegguler and Erin Hegguler. The picture was taken at one of our favorite eateries, Livingston Bagel, where we split a delicious corned beef sandwich, a black-and-white cookie and a Dr. Brown diet creme soda. We also received friendly service from Dave, Tasha and all the other staffers who help make us realize how much we miss such places. (Unfortunately, here is nothing even remotely similar in Asheville.)



(4) Had another fine meal, this time at the Ritz Diner in Livingston. We loved our matzah ball and blintzes and we thought that it's too bad there are also no diners like this in Asheville. Maurice was our most attentive server.

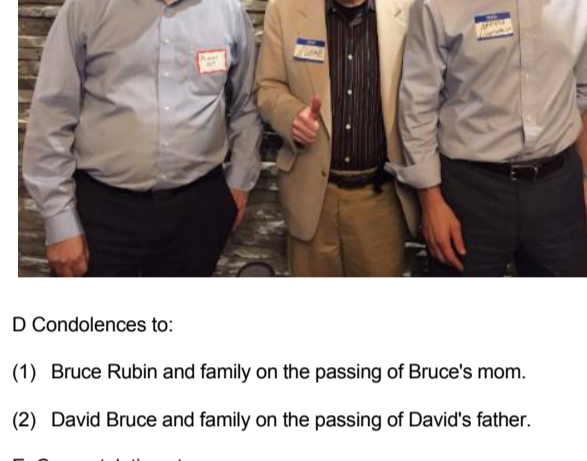


B. During the trip, I:

(1) Got to meet my friends Chic and Joni Dowburd for dinner at the Stage House Tavern (previously O'Connor's O'Connor's Beef 'n Chowder House) in Somerset, NJ.

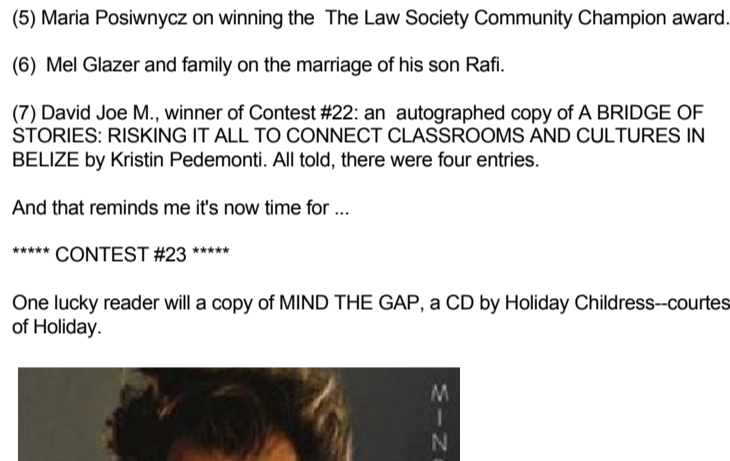


(2) We then saw an excellent Villagers Theatre production of TITANIC--THE MUSICAL, starring my friend George Harpence. He was excellent, as was the rest of the large cast (20 actors). The 6-piece orchestra was also outstanding. Kudos to Matthew Mucigrossi, director; Mike Gulch, musical director; and Mucigrossi and Bamby, costumes. ... The show runs through November 20. If you're anywhere near Somerset, NJ, do what you can to catch it. For tickets, please click: [Here](#)

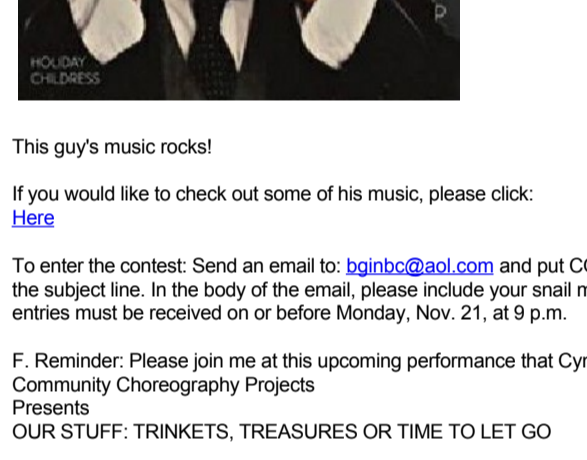


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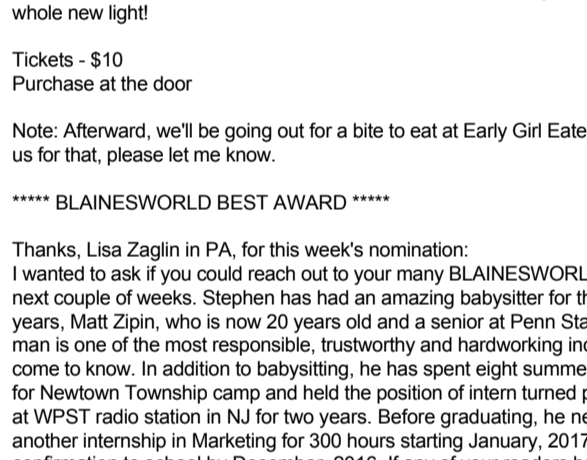
(1) Recently learned about the exciting future of Asheville Community Theatre at a reception where I met up with friends Michael Lily (left) and Doug Hauschild and Bray Creech (right). The improvements are going to make the place even better than it is!



(2) Heard a terrific presentation from Richard A. Kort (left) and Harris M. Livingston (right), attorneys with McGuire, Wood and Bisette Law Firm, on "Estate Planning" to the Asheville Jewish Business Forum at the Crowne Plaza Resort. ... Thanks, Andi Block, for taking care of the arrangements. ... For more pictures from the evening, please click: [Here](#)



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D. Condolences to:

(1) Bruce Rubin and family on the passing of Bruce's mom.

(2) David Ruben and family on the passing of David's father.

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Bill Abramson on achieving the rank of NABC Master from the American Contract Bridge League. Just now

(2) Terry Van Duyn on her reelection to the NC Senate.

(3) Brian Turner on his reelection to the NC House of Representatives.

(4) Shari Azar and Robert Dale Walker on their marriage.

(5) Maria Posiwnycz on winning the The Law Society Community Champion award.

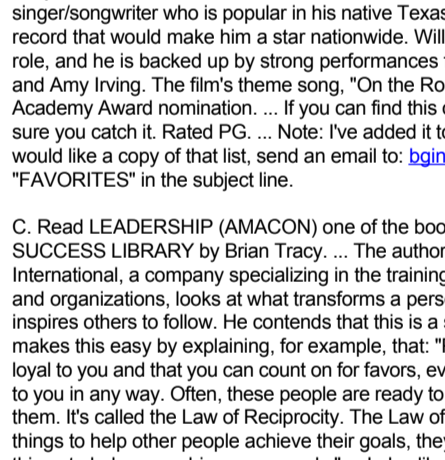
(6) Mel Glazer and family on the marriage of his son Rafi.

(7) David Job-M., winner of Contest #22, an autographed copy of A BRIDGE OF STORIES: RISKING IT ALL TO CONNECT CLASSROOM AND CULTURES IN BELIZE by Kristin Pedemonti. All told, there were four entries.

And that reminds me it's now time for ...

***** CONTEST #23 *****

One lucky reader will a copy of MIND THE GAP, a CD by Holiday Childress--courtesy of Holiday.



This guy's music rocks!

If you would like to check out some of his music, please click: [Here](#)

To enter the contest: Send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #23 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your snail mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Nov. 21, at 9 p.m.

F. Reminder: Please join me at this upcoming performance that Cynthia will be in: Community Choreography Projects Presents OUR STUFF: TRINKETS, TREASURES OR TIME TO LET GO

Sunday, Nov. 20

5:30 p.m.

Jubilee Community Church

Come experience this Story/Choreography performance of 16 cast members as they interweave stories, movement and multimedia into a montage of the human collective - personal and universal.

Enter our world of objects as eyewitness to our past as well as mirrors to our internal landscapes. An invitation to see your tangible world in a whole new light!

Tickets - \$10

Purchase at the door

Note: Afterward, we'll be going out for a bite to eat at Early Girl Eatery. If you can join us for that, please let me know.

***** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD *****

Thanks, Lisa Zaglin in PA, for this week's nomination: I wanted to ask if you could reach out to your many BLAINESWORLD fans several the next couple of weeks. Stephen has had an amazing babysitter for the past seven years, Matt Zipin, who is now 20 years old and a senior at Penn State. This young man is one of the most responsible, trustworthy and hardworking individuals I have come to know. In addition to babysitting, he has spent eight summers as a counselor for WPST radio station in NJ for two years. Before graduating, he needs to complete another internship in marketing for 300 hours starting January, 2017. He must give confirmation to school by December, 2016. If any of your readers has an available position in their company (near the Newtown, PA area), and would like to consider this fine young man, it would be most appreciated. Just email Lisa at knightzag@comcast.net for his contact information. Thank you.

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2. FYI

Media's Next Challenge: Overcoming the Threat of Fake News by Jim Rutenberg

The last year has turned the United States into a country of information addicts who compulsively check the television, the smartphone and the good old-fashioned newspaper with a burning question: What fresh twist could our national election drama and its executive producer, Donald J. Trump, possibly have in store for us now?

No doubt about it: Campaign 2016 has been a smash hit.

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

(1) Teacher uses LEGOs to explain math to children. (2) Henry W. in NY: "Loving" is an intensely powerful and emotional movie. (3) Breathe. Eohale. Repeat: The Benefits of Controlled Breathing. (4) Paula L. in NY: Really enjoyed this edition. (5) John D. in PA: I was looking at previous issues and didn't see it, just wondering if you reviewed Mr. Church.

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3. Joke 1

"If you had a dollar, how much the teacher, "and you asked your father for another dollar and fifty cents, how much money would you have?" ... "One dollar," answered little Herbie. ... "You don't know your basic math," said the teacher shaking her head, disappointed. ... Little Herbie shook his head too, "You don't know my daddy."

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4. Reviews

A. Saw THE ACCOUNTANT, an action thriller about a math savant who does better with numbers than he does with people. Though he seemingly works for a small-town CPA office, in reality he is a freelancer for some of the world's most dangerous criminal organizations. Ben Affleck and Anna Kendrick are fine in the leading roles, but overall, the film didn't do very much for me. I also found it to be more violent than it needed to be. Rated R.

B. I just revisited HONEYBUCKLE ROSE, a 1980 musical about a country singer/songwriter who is popular in his native Texas, but who hasn't yet had the hit record that would make him a star nationwide. Willie Nelson is terrific in the leading role, and he is backed up by strong performances from Dyan Cannon, Slim Pickens and Amy Irving. The film's theme song, "On the Road Again," earned a well-deserved Academy Award nomination. ... If you can find this on TV, Netflix or streaming, make sure you catch it. Rated PG. ... Note: I've added it to my list of favorite films. If you would like a copy of that list, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put "FAVORITES" in the subject line.

C. Read LEADERSHIP (AMACON) one of the books in THE BRIAN TRACY SUCCESS LIBRARY by Brian Tracy. ... The author, CHAIRMAN and CEO of Brian Tracy International, a company specializing in the training and development of individuals and organizations, looks at what transforms a person into the kind of individual who inspires others to follow. He contends that this is a skill that can be learned. ... Tracy makes this easy by explaining, for example, that, "Power is having people who are loyal to you and that you can count on for favors, even though they are not subordinate to you in any way. Often, these people are ready to help you because you have helped them. It's called the Law of Reciprocity. The Law of Reciprocity says that if you do things to help other people achieve their goals, they will be compelled internally to do things to help you achieve your goals." ... I also liked his use of such real-life examples as this one: "When I conduct strategic planning exercises with corporations, I have gathered leaders to imagine a future where in five years the company was the very best in its industry. Once everyone has developed the ideal features and attributes of this future ideal company, I ask: 'Is this possible?' One by one, the executives will nod and say, 'Yes, it is possible. Maybe not in one year, but if five years, yes.' We then discuss how to reach that ideal over the next five years. Once you have a clear vision of what you want, the next question is always, 'How?' ... LEADERSHIP is an especially worthwhile book for anybody at the beginning of his or her business career.

D. Heard BITE ME: HOW LYME DISEASE STOLE MY CHILDHOOD, MADE ME CRAZY, AND ALMOST KILLED ME (Hachette Audio), written and read by Ally Hilfiger. ... The author, a producer, actress, artist, fashion designer and writer, woke up in a psych ward at the age of 18. She couldn't put a sentence together, let alone take a shower, eat a meal or pick up a phone. Although she had already produced a feature film and been on a popular reality show, she had also suffered since she was 7 with physical symptoms that included joint pain, night sweats, memory loss, nausea and brain fog. ... Fortunately, when in the psych ward, she encountered a doctor who gave her the diagnosis that she had Lyme disease. And that put her on the road to recovery that took her several more years. ... The book is interesting, in that it shows how one individual was able to finally survive many years of being misdiagnosed. What it doesn't do is give you the answer on how to cure Lyme Disease.

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5. TV alert

A. MARS: Begins Monday, Nov. 14, at 9 p.m. on NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL. This 8-part series, according to TV GUIDE, is "an innovative hybrid of documentary and speculative outer-space drama. Mars toggles between the reality of 2016 and the fantasy of 2033."

B. SOUND-BREAKING: STORIES FROM THE CUTTING EDGE OF RECORDED MUSIC: Begins Monday, Nov. 14, at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at pbs.org) Sir George Martin, the legendary Beatles producer, is first up on this 8-part series that airs weeknights through Nov. 23. Other segments will feature such performers as Adele, Am Winehouse, The Rolling Stones, Little Richard and James Brown.

C. BILLY ON THE STREET: Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 10:30 p.m. on TRUTV Billy Eichner returns with new episodes of his quentilla comedy series, in which pedestrians are harangued. MAD MEN's Jon Hamm guests in the opener.

D. THE 2016 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS: Sunday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. on ABC Bruno Mars opens the show, which will include performances from Lady Gaga and Sting.

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6. Joke 2

Soooo glad that my wife bought five bags of Halloween candy to distribute to the two--that's right, two--trick or treaters who came to our door!

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Suzanne R. in FL: Adon Olam to the tune of Hamilton song [Here](#)

(2) Cynthia G. in NC: A Thanksgiving Miracle [Here](#)

(3) Robbie J. in NC: Guy uses fake child to trick or treat [Here](#)

(4) Donna A. in PA: Man of Constant Sorrow [Here](#)

B. Thanks, Carol D. in NC, for the following website: Do you want to help America become great? You can do so by submitting your ideas to President-Elect Trump via the link below. In addition, you can find out how you can become a Presidential Appointee. All you need to do is click: [Here](#)

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running. . . to view it, please click: [Here](#)

D. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#)

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8. Technology tip

Hillary Clinton's campaign got hacked by falling for the oldest trick in the book by Ben Gilbert

More specifically, her campaign's chairman, John Podesta, had his personal Gmail account compromised earlier this year. The hack, which US intelligence agencies have blamed on the Russian government, revealed more than 50,000 emails; the website WikiLeaks has since published thousands of those emails.

Some of those emails have led to discomfort in the Democratic Party in the final month leading up to the November 8 election, revealing the inner workings of Clinton's presidential campaign across the past year, insecurities and all.

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9. Joke 3

Amen--and awomen, too!

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10. A quote I like

Leonard Cohen (1934-2016), R.I.P. He was a Canadian singer, songwriter, poet and novelist. His sold-out concert in Asheville in 2009 was one of the best shows I've ever seen. It ran for three hours and featured 37 songs and two encores. ... For the song (below), please click: [Here](#)

Even better, you can see an entire 2012 concert by clicking: [Here](#)

And for his obituary, please click: [Here](#)

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11. Thought for the day

It can buy a House
But not a Home
It can buy a Bed
But not Sleep
It can buy a Clock
But not Time
It can buy you a Book
But not Knowledge
It can buy you a Position
But not Respect
It can buy you Medicine
But not Health
It can buy you Blood
But not Life
So you see, Money isn't everything.
And it often causes pain and suffering.
I tell you all this because I am your Friend,
and as your Friend I want to take away your pain and suffering ...
So send me all your money, and I will suffer for you.
A more true Friend you will never find!

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) A NEW HYKA CLASS STARTING IN HENDERSONVILLE, NC. (2) Choosing Gratitude and Ease.

B. PA/NJ event

'Babes in Toyland' Gets Holidays Off to Bright Start at MCC's Kelsey Theatre.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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