

The 8th Lifchitz Family Reunion (2015)

On June 26-28, over 85 family members gathered in Ann Arbor to celebrate the 102nd year since our ancestors came to America. We had a great time; many said it was our best ever. Cousins came from the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, West Coast, Canada and Switzerland.

Some highlights:

- “Speed meeting” exercises. We had opportunities to spend time with cousins we didn’t know (or know well). With over 275 members of our far-flung clan, we need gatherings like this to meet, connect and re-connect with one another.
- We watched a trailer and a scene from a movie that Andy Kirshner is producing and directing: “Liberty’s Secret” (to watch the trailer and learn about the film: <http://www.isawthekiss.com>)
- Jack Adolph read a beautiful letter written by Bob Rosenzweig about what he learned from “Lifchitz University.” That led to a discussion of ...
- Our ancestor’s remarkable journey from Bobroisk, Russia, to Detroit. And we had a discussion of our family’s “story” – the narrative of our ancestors’ and our lives.
- A great brunch hosted by Vicki and John Goldwyn at their beautiful home in Brighton, MI.
- We looked at a huge new version of our current Family Tree. We’ve grown so large that the tree graphic is 27 feet long! Kudos to Jonathan and Joy Davidson for editing and producing the tree.
- Great food (we’re a Jewish family; food is important!) at the two dinners and the Goldwyn’s brunch.
- The best part, as usual, was simply having time to be together, hang out, catch up, etc.

Thanks to all who helped:

Jonathan and Joy Davidson
Vicki and John Goldwyn
Reva and Hank Green
Liz Hertz
Michael Hertz
Andy Kirshner
Jackie Lichtman
Jack and Marilynn Lifszitz

Rick Lifszitz
Jim and Nancy Linden
Danny Malamud
Rick and Caroline Ratner
Bob Rosenzweig
Stephanie Rowden

Reunion attendees:

Becky, Ayla and John Ackerman
Bebe, Bob, Ben and Jack Adolph
Lorien Benet
Erwin and Leslie Bruder
Nina Bruder, Gary and Avi Pretsfelder
Jonathan, Joy, Brittany and Danielle Davidson
David Goldwyn and Meg Nisch
Samantha Goldwyn and Stephen Wells
Vicki and John Goldwyn
Reva, Hank and Rich Green
Elizabeth Hertz and Woof Kurtzman
Michael and Karen Hertz
Morgan Hertz and Patrick Durocher
Steven Hertz and Jessica Rusnock
Patti Krause
Becca Linden, Ari Hart and Hodi Lindenhart
Jim and Nancy Linden
Russ and Josh Linden, and Jackie Lichtman
Seth, Sara and Ezra Linden
Dina Lindenberg and Hans Pandora
Gail Lindenberg
Terri Lindenberg, and Darin, Adam and Samantha Sullivan
Joanne, Michael, Ben, Adri and Lisa Margolin
Bob Rozenzweig
Stephanie Rowden, Andy and Eli Kirshner
Wendy Rowden, John Carton

The following Sendlers:

Benjamin, Chana, Chani, Chaya Rochel, Dena, Eliyahu, Hadassah, Leah, Leeba, Malky, Schlomo Yaakov, Sue (Safta), Tova, Tzvi.

The following Friedmans (part of the Sandler branch):

Nechama, Shimshon, Tehilla, Yosef.

Missy, Rich and Randi Small
Judy St. Clair