

# Fort Hamilton High School Alumni Association

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## A Message from the FHHSAA President

July 2021

Dear Alumni Association Members & Friends,

After a very challenging year and a half, I hope this finds you and your families well and ready to face a changed world with vigor and optimism.

When I was a student at Fort Hamilton, English teacher Marilyn Berkon introduced us to the poem *Renascence* by Edna St. Vincent Millay. This lyric poem about life, death and rebirth has been rattling around my brain in these vaccinated days like an ear worm (but a welcome one) triggered by a figurative and literal "sky grown clear and blue again."

Not only has this poem been a reminder to me about our place in the universe and the joys of living after the weight of the world's suffering is lifted, it's another example of how the lessons we learned in high school resonate in our lives, even fifty years on.

Though we carry scars and acknowledge that some parts of the world are still in the throes of the pandemic, here at least, we've come a long way, and signs of hope, renewal and rebirth are everywhere. In 2020, my potted pink hydrangea yielded one blossom; it now has over 46 flowers! To many of us, this spring was the springiest. Tulips were taller; trees greener and the touch of a breeze on our safely unmasked cheeks never felt more refreshing. Reunions, large and small, are once again in the offing — and this newsletter is back in print for our active FHHSAA members! The previous issue was digital only: posted on the website and sent out via email (a reminder to check that we have your current email address.)

Among the items in this newsletter, we bring you this year's commencement address from one of our most illustrious graduates, Janet Yellen '63. In her remarks, she too has a poem on her mind.

Yes, finally, poetry is in the air! And I wish you days worthy of sonnets.

Regards,

*Valerie Hodgson '73*

President, FHHSAA

Quick link to the poem *Renascence*: [bartleby.com/131/1.html](http://bartleby.com/131/1.html)

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to our "stars" and ALL sustaining members who continue to "Support the Fort"

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*Kaye Houlihan*  
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July 2021

Dear Fort Alumni:

A BIG FORT HELLO! We finished up the 2020-21 school year with 82% of students fully remote and the balance coming for in-person learning several days per week once high schools reopened in March 2021. Our teachers worked hard to engage students remotely, and we have a full summer program to help students recover courses they were unable to complete in SY2020-21. While the platform for learning changed with the pandemic, the human element at FHHS remained essential.

The major flood at the Fort that occurred January 2, 2021, caused damage to 20% of our building. The damage was devastating and we needed to replace floors, lights, furniture, computers, etc. Fortunately, most of the restoration was completed by the time NYC DOE high schools returned to in-person learning in March 2021. We reorganized spaces to better serve students during the restoration and everyone is pleased with the brighter lights and new tiles.

The arts remained active during the pandemic, and our Arts Department produced virtual winter and spring concerts, art exhibits, and dance concerts that are available on our website at [fthhs.org](http://fthhs.org). Three different drama performances were also recorded and shared for specified times. Auditions for our performing arts screened programs were done virtually and we look forward to new talent joining us in September 2021.

We had four beautiful in-person graduation ceremonies on the field June 23, 2021. It was a gorgeous day, and it was wonderful to be home to celebrate the class of 2021. Up to 200 graduates participated in each ceremony with 2 guests each to maintain social distancing. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, FHHS class of 1963, was the virtual keynote speaker. *The NY Times* released a piece about Secretary Yellen on the same day and they highlighted the graduation ceremony at FHHS. The day was filled with happy graduates, families, staff, and alumni. We also produced a virtual graduation ceremony that included all speakers and graduates.

We stand firm in our commitment to provide students a safe and secure environment that prepares them for college and career.

Respectfully,

*Kaye Houlihan*

Principal



In 1963, Janet L. Yellen addressed Ft. Hamilton's graduates as their valedictorian. For this year's ceremony, our Alumni Hall of Fame member, Treasury Secretary Yellen returned virtually with a recorded address for the class of 2021.

To watch the virtual ceremony, visit [fthhs.org](https://fthhs.org)

## Fort Hamilton High School Commencement Address

June 23, 2021

To Principal Houlihan and the Fort Hamilton faculty and staff; to the proud parents and family and friends; and, of course, to the graduating class of 2021: Congratulations!

I am especially honored to be part of your graduation. Because for more than fifty years, I have been saying what you can say now: "I am a proud alum. A proud alum of Fort Hamilton High School!"

The Fort provided the foundation for my life's journey. It has been a half century since my graduation; but I retain the values that I learned here. And I am confident that they will serve as the same solid foundation for your lives that they have for mine.

I would like to recount two stories that illustrate how Fort Hamilton provided that foundation for me.

The first story is about being open to what life throws at you; rolling with the punches.

Of all my high school memories, the ones of *The Pilot* — the school newspaper — are among the most vivid. That is largely due to our advisor, Jacob Solovay. He was a poet and our English teacher.

Before I had arrived at the Fort, Mr. Solovay had started a course to train *The Pilot's* writers. I took it in my sophomore year. He cared deeply about every student. He also cared about every single story in *The Pilot*.

We worked on many special articles together. For example, we uncovered Bay Ridge's forgotten Revolutionary War Cemetery. The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge was being built. And we reported on its construction, which progressed rapidly during our senior year.

Mr. Solovay cared about such special articles. But he was equally fastidious regarding every story: such as the announcement of the homecoming theme; the interview with the valedictorian; the usual stuff.

We learned the lesson that you could not always choose your assignment. He taught us that you should look for the joy in every assignment, in every story, big and small. And, furthermore, those presumably small stories might be the ones that ended up as your favorites.

I never became a reporter, and after leaving Fort Hamilton, Mr. Solovay — and his big lesson about journalism — slipped to the back of my mind. It was not until I was around 30, and starting a new job, that I began thinking about *The Pilot* again.

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I had been denied tenure at my first job, which was at a university. I confess that failure was a real disappointment.

I took a new job, at the Federal Reserve. And my previous disappointment vanished from my mind. My respect for the incredible Federal Reserve staff, and the important work of the Federal Reserve became the heart of my life. I had discovered a new joy.

There was also another joy that I discovered at the Federal Reserve. Shortly after I came there, I sat in the cafeteria across from a young economist named George. We struck up a friendship, and over the next four decades, we did some of our best research together. Fast forward to 2014. When I was sworn in to be Chair of the Federal Reserve, there he was again. He had become my husband.

I have been incredibly fortunate. I have lived a life of Big Joys and Small Sorrows. There's really no accounting for what assignment life will hand you next, but as Mr. Solovay taught me, it is important to find the joy in what you do.

Of course, your class knows something about this. In many ways, you are experiencing two graduations now — this one and a national graduation of sorts, a graduation from a very difficult chapter in our history.

I know that your last two years have been tough. I know you missed things, and especially your friends. And I know some families are still missing so much more. Some lost jobs. Some lost loved ones.

I want you to know I am sorry. But you should also know I am inspired by your resilience. I still keep tabs on *The Pilot*, and I noted that in last June's issue, there was a page with students' observations about the pandemic.

*What was life like in quarantine?*

Everyone acknowledged the loss, the loneliness. But everyone also managed to find at least some small unexpected pleasure. One student described dusting off an old piano in the basement and learning how to play again.

Another student wrote about the terrible loss of his grandfather. But he also related how in his grief he gained a new appreciation for his grandfather's life — from learning the remarkable story of how he had come to America as an immigrant.

My second lesson is about this community, Bay Ridge — and keeping a piece of it with you.

A few years ago, I met with a dozen close friends for an informal Fort Hamilton reunion. It was our 50th, give or take a few. We were a bit surprised at how gray we had all become. But we were much more surprised that all of us had chosen careers involving public service: such as in education; in social work; in health care; in journalism; in other forms of government.

*Was it all a coincidence? Or was there a common reason we all chose working on behalf of the public — and loved the jobs too?*

My classmate Jackie Leo gave the answer: "Growing up in Bay Ridge," she said, "was a gift."

I, myself, was born in Bay Ridge because my father had come here. He had trained to become a doctor. He had studied in Scotland, and when he returned to New York, he looked for a place to start a practice and raise a family. He chose Bay Ridge. From an early age, it seemed to me that Bay Ridge was a community that just worked.

We lived in a house off Ridge Boulevard. My dad's office was on the ground floor, and some of my earliest memories are of watching his patients walk up to our stoop. They would stop and chat. Over the years, so many became our friends, our neighbors.

It was clear: Bay Ridge was home to people of many different backgrounds, but there was a mutual respect, an abiding desire to make the neighborhood work.

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That was the gift my friend Jackie had been talking about, and it was the reason, I think, so many of us went into public service. The lesson Bay Ridge taught us was that a happy and successful life — like a happy successful community — depends not just on others’ love and respect for you, but, even more, on your love and respect for them.

Of course, I know your Bay Ridge is different than mine. No community goes unchanged over half a century. But that gift is still here.

When I became Treasury Secretary, quite a few people mentioned Alexander Hamilton. That made sense. The man helped establish the Treasury Department, and even now he is having a moment. The Broadway show is a hit.

But I confess: the Hamilton association I am proudest of — the one closest to my heart — is my association with this school. Because if any institution deserves to bear the name of our first Treasury Secretary — of Alexander Hamilton — it’s this one.

This school, this place, and all the people in it are living monuments to the man and what he represents: that a community isn’t just something that happens; it’s not just a group of people living in proximity to one another. A community — like a country — has to be made. And made by people. People who come here and pour their heart and their soul into building it.

So, that is the piece of this place I especially hope you take with you. Take it with you wherever you go and in whatever form it works.

At that reunion with my friends, they brought tokens of our high school years. For example, some of them brought old issues of *The Anchor* and *The Pilot*. I also have my own special keepsake. It is Jacob Solovay’s book of poetry. Let me give you an excerpt from that which may be particularly appropriate for this occasion.

It is from his poem titled, “Commencement Address.”

*Cling fast to learning, you who bid farewell,  
With ribboned scroll clutched tightly in your hand,  
Proud in your moment’s wonder as you stand  
Between two worlds, like one caught in the spell*

And then he writes: “Wisdom is living, but where you live determines wisdom, too.”

I am so lucky to come from Bay Ridge and to be a graduate of Fort Hamilton High. My heart will always be here. Fifty years from now you will be saying the same thing. And, as you know, your heart will be here too.

Let me finish with one more remark, beyond a second, “Congratulations!”

I know that because of the pandemic you missed going to *Hamilton* — the show. I wish I could make that up for you.

Unfortunately, I don’t have any theater tickets. But sometimes Treasury Secretaries get to commune with one another. Accordingly, let me introduce you to my predecessor, Alexander Hamilton. More precisely I will introduce you to the man who will play Hamilton on Broadway. He is the actor, Miguel Cervantes.

— Janet Yellen



This address was also the focus of a profile of Secretary Yellen in *The New York Times*:  
[Yellen Steers the Economy with Brooklyn on Her Mind.](#)



When I was invited to profile my niece and goddaughter **Jessica Dell'Alba '10**, I jumped at the opportunity. Not only is she an amazing human being but Jessica is also a proud, third generation Fort Hamilton alumna. Her grandmother Teresa DeMuccio Gigante graduated in 1954, while her mom Elizabeth Gigante Dell'Alba was in the class of 1980. Jessica played goalie and forward for the girls soccer team, and in her senior year, they were division champs. ("Thanks, Coach Coyne!")

More than a decade later, several staffers at the Fort still stand out for Jessica. Mr. Fried made economics fun and guidance counselor Ms. DiCunto was also a favorite. Jessica credits her well-rounded education at FHHS with preparing her first for Hunter College, where she majored in English and minored in psychology, and later, when she enrolled in Touro College's nursing program, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2018. In her final semester, she was a Dean's Scholarship recipient.

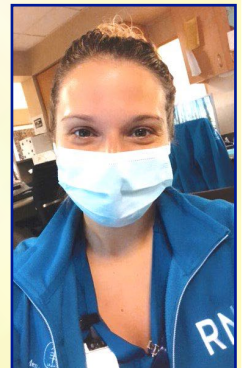
Both before and during her studies at Touro, Jessica worked part-time in orthopedic and pediatric medical offices which helped hone her winning combination of empathy, kindness and gentle care. Now a registered nurse in Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Center's Bone Marrow and Transplant Unit, Jessica says she was always drawn to nursing, especially after her grandfather's death from cancer.

At MSK, Jessica works primarily with patients who "receive stem-cell transplants but need high-dose chemotherapy beforehand so their bodies can 'start from scratch' when they form new, healthy blood cells." It can be a long process. "The most rewarding part of my job is seeing patients discharged," Jessica admits. "It's nice to be able to help them through their difficult journey."

Because her patients are immunocompromised, Jessica wears a mask and gloves in their rooms. But since COVID-19 struck, the staff dons PPE their entire shift. "We were always careful but we have to be even more so now," she explains. Tacked onto her job description is screening patients regularly for COVID, educating them and keeping up with the ever-changing CDC guidelines "to protect our patients as well as ourselves," she adds.

Jessica had the opportunity to administer the COVID vaccine (overtime!). "Everyone was excited to get it," she recalls. "One lady was so overjoyed she took a selfie with me and thanked me for being a nurse. It was sweet."

Jessica's advice at the tail end of the pandemic? "Wash your hands!" she says emphatically. "Plus, stay positive and hopeful. For me personally, getting outside was important. The pandemic gave me a new appreciation for nature. I think exploring the outdoors and getting fresh air is good for everyone's well-being." With such a high-stress job, the ability to relax and unwind is key. Her boyfriend Steve, a NYC firefighter with a high-pressure job of his own, encourages Jessica to do new things like skiing and camping. Making plans for adventures gives her something to look forward to, especially after working three night tours in a row. While "glamping" on Governor's Island recently, Steve proposed and Jessica has a 2022 wedding to look forward to.



— by Catherine Gigante-Brown, '77



# Tidbits *from* TIGERVILLE



Let's hear from our members! Send your news to [FHHS1973@earthlink.net](mailto:FHHS1973@earthlink.net)

**Evelyn Poggi Lambert '49** dropped a line to let us know that she's doing great at "90 years young." With get-togethers happening safely once again, she's resumed weekly mahjong games with friends and enjoys the company of her grandsons who keep her on her toes and are a source of pride. Evelyn is looking forward to BBQs, weddings and traveling in 2021. She'd love to hear from any other 49ers, who can reach her at [elambert199@yahoo.com](mailto:elambert199@yahoo.com).

**Stuart Sylvester '52**, the former photography editor of *The Pilot* and *The Tower* whose images were a highlight of the school's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, has generously donated his archives to the school as he prepares to move from Long Island to New Jersey.

**Bob Casale '53** will be a first-time great-grandfather in November, thanks to grandson Rob. Adding to Bob's happy news, his granddaughter Kristina recently got engaged.

**Barbara Venito '58** shared her historical documents and memorabilia — including the buttons which adorn this issue's Alumni Directory page — with the FHHSAA and the school.

**Joan Arida Bacon '67** welcomed granddaughter Reese Marie on June 9.

**Sandra Arida '67** wrote to share the sad news of the passing of beloved former music teacher, department chair, and choral conductor Herbert Lessell, who died in Scottsdale, Arizona at the age of 91. Sandra recalled that he was affectionally referred to as "Uncle Herbie" by his students and she has especially fond memories of the time when the mixed chorus was invited to sing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Brooklyn Philharmonia.

**Joanne Sgroi Pischiera '73** is excited to have a new granddaughter, Sage, who was born in December, 2020.

**Juan Colon '74** hopes everyone is doing well. He's still DJing (with a photo booth!) and available for Fort reunions, now that the world is reopening. Contact Juan at [jcnycsi@yahoo.com](mailto:jcnycsi@yahoo.com).

**James Coppola '74** sent a wistful reminder of the days when we all blithely enjoyed rock concerts in crowded arenas.

## Gettin' Together *and* Reuniting



(L-R): **Larry Senechal, Carol Smith '65, Cori Yamazaki '66 and Rick Facas '65.**  
This group of Fort grads (except for Larry) got together in Seattle, where Cori and Larry live. Cori retired from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development after nearly 40 years. Carol and Rick live in Mill Valley, California.  
Cori would also love to reconnect with her old best friend **Jay (Josephine) Cardinale.**  
If anyone knows of her whereabouts, please contact Cori by emailing [larry\\_senechal@mac.com](mailto:larry_senechal@mac.com)

### The Class of 1980 will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> REUNION

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

7:30 PM to 12:30 at the Ray Ridge Manor

Tickets are \$110 per person

Having the party in the 42<sup>nd</sup> year means it will also be a giant 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for many: 2 cakes!!

A block of rooms will be available at the Best Western Gregory Hotel

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(L-R): **Maria Logus '73** and FHHSAA board member, **Jody Hedlund Campderrich '73** enjoyed a micro mini class reunion at a Bay Ridge restaurant recently.

### The Class of 1958's 65<sup>th</sup> REUNION

will be held in Las Vegas in 2023.

Plan ahead with **Dominick Sorrentino:**

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This year's senior awards were part of the graduation ceremony. Below is a list of the awards associated with alumni or FHHSAA members.

**THE 2021 FORT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS**  
*for outstanding service to the school and community*  
went to Victoria Brzezinski and Zhenting Ling.

**ELI THOMAS ABDALLAH SCHOLARSHIP**

*for excellence in mathematics and athletics*.....Derek Huang

**ANTHONY BATCHKOV MEMORIAL AWARD**

*for demonstrating kindness, compassion, creativity and a love for learning*.....Hesham Khamis, Xiaoya Tan,  
Jonathon Tung, Wilson Xu

**NETTIE CHARNEY HUMANITIES AWARD**

*for outstanding achievement in the study of the humanities*.....Maya La Croix

**DR. GEORGE B. CURY VALEDICTORIAN AWARD**

*for the student with the highest average*.....Clarissa DiDonato

**NY STATE SENATOR ANDREW GOUNARDES AWARD**

*for outstanding character and community service*.....Olivia Antosiewicz , Danny Ip

**JOSEPH GRAFFAGNINO PROFILES IN COURAGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

*for courage, commitment, teamwork, leadership, sacrifice and determination*.....Lesly Arroliga , David Harrell, Danny Ip,  
Jinghui Li , Brendan McCormack, Souad Najm , Kelly Wu

**FHHS PTA THOMAS GREENE AWARD**

*for grit and courage, for a student who has overcome personal and other obstacles, in and out of school, to succeed,  
and has made a lasting contribution to the FHHS community*.....Evangelos Koutsopetras

**VIVIAN HODGSON MEMORIAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

*for a demonstrated commitment to peace and the protection of civil rights* .....Maya La Croix

**ELIAS ILLIOPOULOS MEMORIAL AWARD**

*for outstanding accomplishments*.....Evangelos Koutsopetras

**KRISTI BETH KVALHEIM SCHOLARSHIP**

*for outstanding character, spirit and love of participation in interscholastic sports  
and service to the school and community* .....Elizabeth Trifos

**EDUARD NOGAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*for being a leader both on and off the field/court*.....David Harrell

**EDUARD NOGAY OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AWARD**

*for loyalty, love of sport, academic strength, leadership, and the ability to persevere/overcome challenges*.....Elizabeth Trifos

**ROBERT ROHL MEMORIAL AWARD**

*for sustained excellence in scholarship*.....Jacob Aznavoorian



VICTORIA BRZEZINSKI  
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FORT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Contact the school's College Office if you'd like to make a future award to a deserving senior.



# Generally Speaking

BY TED GENERAL

## Fort Hamilton High to Mark 80 Years

I'm proud to announce Fort Hamilton H. S. will soon be celebrating its 80th anniversary. The school, originally scheduled to be an all boys institution, opened on September 8, 1941, as a coed school. Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, known as "The Little Flower," reportedly set the cornerstone on September 24, 1940.

It was constructed on the former site and surrounding grounds of the historic Crescent Athletic Club, and the previous land owners were members of the Van Brunt family.

While the principal and school staff were making plans for a formal dedication ceremony, the Japanese Imperial Forces attacked Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, plunging the nation into WW II. Preparations for the ceremony were scrapped and later graduates joined the US Armed Services; five were killed during the war.



(Photo courtesy of Brooklyn Public Library)

Mayor LaGuardia sets the cornerstone at FHHS

(Photo courtesy of Harold Egein)



**Susan Pulaski '63** died on June 6, 2021, at the age of 75. She was a graduate of P.S. 102, an honor graduate of Fort Hamilton, and Ithaca College in 1967, with a degree in mathematics. She was an iconic community leader, lifelong historian and preservationist. She served on Brooklyn's Community Board 10 for many years and has been recognized as President Emeritus of the Bay Ridge Historical Society. Pulaski's career includes development assistant at Lutheran Medical Center and a court assistant with the Brooklyn Surrogate's Court and Family Court. In 2014, she received the prestigious Historic Preservation Award from the Historic Councils of Brooklyn. While at FHHS, she told me, she attended math classes with Janet Yellen.

State Senator **Andrew Gounardes '03** was the guest speaker at the 2021 in-person graduation ceremonies. Prior to getting elected to the NYS Senate, he served as general counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.



(Photo by Ted General)



**Recycle & help us grow.** Please share this newsletter with another alum when you no longer need it.

Students from Fort Hamilton High School's *Make a Difference Club* decided to make a difference by cleaning up at Owls Head Park last fall. They all wore masks and worked at safe distances as they raked up huge masses of leaves that were bagged to be converted into mulch to make healthy soil.



Under the direction and supervision of science teacher **Blanca Ching** and retired art teacher **Ellen Cokines**, the students showed how outdoor environmental education can be safely practiced during a pandemic as a more meaningful alternative to distance learning at home. These cooped up students eagerly engaged in healthy hands-on activities that earned them Community Service Certificates as evidence of civic engagement.

Ms Ching and retired Fort science teacher **Tom Greene** are also involved in the continued cleanup of Denyse Wharf. There, on June 12, students got to see horseshoe crabs during breeding season while learning lessons about being stewards of the environment.



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## IN MEMORIAM

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<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nytimes/obituary.aspx?n=sheila-robbins&pid=195334343&fhid=2058>

**Vincent A. Bocchino '57** June 16, 2021 \*

<https://www.clavinfuneralhome.com/obituary/vincent-bocchino>

**Barbara Clausen '58** May 24, 2001

<https://www.clavinfuneralhome.com/obituary/barbara-clausen>

**John DeMuccio '62** May 2, 2021

**Susan J. Pulaski '63** May 2, 2021

<https://www.westchesterfuneralhome.com/memorials/susan-pulaski/4642414/>

**Audrey Frolander McCarey '64** May 15, 2019 \*

<https://www.vanderplaat.com/obituaries/Audrey-McCarey?obId=12737555#/obituaryInfo>

**Peter A. Amentas '68** October 11, 2020

<https://www.clavinfuneralhome.com/obituary/peter-amentas>

**Helge Henriksen '71** November 20, 2020

<https://www.clavinfuneralhome.com/obituary/helge-henriksen>

**Kathryn Bianco '72** June 18, 2021

**Norman Sorensen '73** April 19, 2021 \*

<https://memorials.mclaughlinandsons.com/norman-sorensen/4597913/obituary.php>

**Isaac Feinberg, math teacher and grade advisor** June 26, 2021

<https://guttermansinc.com/funeral/isaac-feinberg/>

**Herbert Lessell, music teacher and choral conductor** October 10, 2020

<https://csa-nyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-2020-CSA-News-Final.pdf>

*To all who are mourning the loss of a loved one, we extend our condolences.*

\* Former FHHS Alumni Association member

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