

Dear friends,

It has been our custom to write a year-end letter to share news of our family with the many friends whom we seldom see but still like to maintain connection with. You all know who you are.

This year has been a year like no other. Because of COVID our travels consisted of trips to medical appointments, pick ups at the grocery store, and at the drug store. In addition, we have taken walks in our neighborhood. We have attended meetings and lectures via Zoom.

Our children and grandchildren visited as did Jerry's brother and sister-in-law. We appreciated this as it is always a treat to see them. Because of COVID we were unable to attend Joshua's graduation from Princeton or Lexi's graduation from Fieldston, but we did watch the streams.

As you may recall, nearly three years ago, Judy was injured after being blown over by a strong gust of wind. Despite numerous medical visits that included steroid injections, regenerative medicine, and visits to physical therapy, the injury is still painful and inhibits our activities.

We are fully vaccinated and boosted. Before the onset of Omicron, we went to dinner to celebrate our birthdays and our anniversary but that was the extent of our dining out this year. Since Judy's injury, Jerry has taken over the culinary responsibilities, and we have delicious vegetarian and pescatarian meals. Photos of some of these have been posted on our Facebook page.

Jerry and Judy are cochairs of the Philadelphia section of the [Princeton Prize in Race Relations](#). The PPRR honors high school students who have worked to advance racial equity in their communities. By honoring these students, we encourage others to do this important work.

We are also strong supporters of the [Petey Greene Program](#), which organizes college students to provide tutoring to incarcerated individuals. This program began as a project of the Princeton Class of 1958 but has now expanded to a national program.

Jerry continues as a pre-major advisor at Penn. Each year he is assigned ten freshman whom he advises, primarily on course selection until they select a major during their second year. Usually, he meets with his advisees twice a year for spring/fall course selection. Due to Covid, this year his advising was done via email despite the fact that Penn held in person classes. Advising is a good way for him to keep in contact with the College and with students.

As a past-president Jerry is a non-voting member of the Council of the Emeritus Association (PASEF). PASEF and the medical school counterpart, ASEF, present interesting lectures which can be viewed on Zoom.

Healthwise, Jerry has the aches and pains one would expect in an octogenarian. He wakes up every morning with back pain, does about 90 minutes of exercise and is okay until he gets back in bed at night. Before Covid, Jerry went to the gym four or five days a week. He has not resumed that, and it is unlikely, due to Covid, that he will return to the gym in the near future.

Judy spends much of the day reading. Beyond the Philadelphia Inquirer and the New York Times she has compiled an impressive [reading list](#). She very much misses the active life that she formerly enjoyed. Her interpersonal contacts are limited to telephone calls or Facetime. As a member of the Board of Women Against Abuse and a member of the (Philadelphia) Mayor's Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission, she attends meetings via Zoom.

Enough about us! Let's turn to updates about our children and grandchildren.

Michael, Elaine and Henry



This has been a year of change and challenge for Mike, Henry and Elaine. Henry started the year at school hybrid but was back full time in April. In the fall, he started 7th grade at Trevor Day School. The school is on the upper east side of Manhattan, and he now takes himself on the bus from our home in upper Manhattan. He likes school and excels while still adjusting to the increase responsibilities and workloads of middle school

Throughout the pandemic Henry became very close with a group of friends in the neighborhood. Most days they would meet outside after school and play baseball, football or basketball. Some days they would just hang out and chat. He was especially excited to play his final season of little league with (and against) many of those same friends. Given his experiences of the past year it was an uplifting experience for all.

His big plans for 2022 include building his own gaming computer, studying for his Bar Mitzvah (planned for the Fall) and going to sleep away camp.

Elaine continues her work as the Trevor Day School Lower School librarian. She has been in person throughout the pandemic and, although this school year posed challenges, she has been thrilled to see all of her students in person every day.

Mike also continues his job in the Division of Environmental Health at the NYC Health Department where he oversees an informatics team that creates and supports the Division's data collection, analytics, and data sharing infrastructure. In addition to his day-to-day activities, he has been very busy supporting the City's pandemic response. In that role he has created systems to help enforce citywide mandates related including those requiring vaccination at restaurants and citywide re-opening protocols for schools, businesses, and events.

In addition to his job, Mike has participated in several single-day long-distance biking events including several 200Ks and one 300K. He looks forward to continuing this in the coming year.

Rebecca, Steve, and their family



It is always a treat to have a visit from Rebecca and her family. Rebecca, Lexi, and Caroline made my 84th birthday special.



Since we were isolating because of Covid, the Madsens brought an early Thanksgiving to us.

Lexi had a fun spring, post Princeton acceptance. She has a large group of friends with whom she went to the Dominican Republic for a senior trip, enjoyed the prom and had an in-person graduation from Fieldston. She spent the summer traveling to Vermont, Nantucket, and the beach. She plans to spend this summer in London. Despite the challenges of COVID, she is off to a good start at Princeton, having made many friends and adjusted well to college.



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Jake is an Economics major with a Certificate in Finance. He loved his finance classes and wrote an amazing junior paper on economics and health care. Last summer, he worked at Accenture. He is excited to have an offer to join the Accenture Strategy Practice after graduation. To the great joy of his parents, this job is in New York City.

At Princeton, Jake is an investment manager in Tiger Capital Management, a premier student-run investment fund managed entirely by Princeton undergraduates. He is a member of the Princeton Entrepreneurship Club and an active member of his fraternity, Zeta Psi. He is also a member of the University Cottage Club. He hopes that campus life opens up more this spring so he can enjoy the end of his senior year. He has a fantastic group of friends and they have had fun skiing and enjoying the Florida-Georgia football game. Hard to believe that his four years at Princeton will soon end.



Caroline is a 10th grader at Fieldston where she is a 2D visual arts major, participates in Model UN, is in charge of the middle school Model UN conference, tutors math, mentors freshmen, and plays soccer and lacrosse. She has many friends, although Bella is still her favorite. She is actively engaged in her schoolwork. Last summer, she returned to Tripp Lake camp in Maine and is looking forward to going back this coming summer for her final year. She is a talented photographer and artist.





Rebecca is the Chief Consumer Officer at United Healthcare, a position she has held for over a decade and is in her 25th year at the company. This year she had responsibility for the *special needs* and *complex care members*. She spends a lot of time at Princeton visiting Lexi and Jake. Rebecca is the Chair of the Princeton Schools Committee for Manhattan and Staten Island and Chair of the New York Committee for the Princeton Prize in Race Relations.

Steve is fixed income portfolio manager for Imperial Capital. He spends a lot of time upstate taking care of their house. He undertook a huge project clearing trees from the house and is always finding new projects.

Steve is hopeful the Packers make it to the Super Bowl. Last spring he and Jake went to golf school and are working on improving their games.

Dan, Melanie and their family



This was an exciting year for Dan, Melanie, Joshua and Miles.

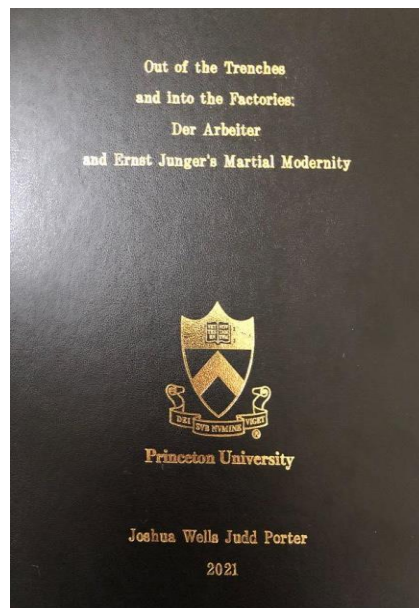
We were very happy to have two visits from Dan and Melanie. Melanie was the photographer and, alas, didn't get into the picture.



A major event was Joshua's graduation from Princeton. Unfortunately, due to COVID, attendance was limited to parents of the graduates. But we did attend on-line.



We are proud of Joshua. He graduated with honors and received a prize in his department for the best senior thesis.



Following graduation, Joshua traveled to Europe where he spent the summer doing research for one of his Princeton professors. He did get an opportunity to travel to Greece with a friend. Back in the USA, Joshua continues his work for the professor. He is very excited about starting a position at the ***New York Review of Books*** in January.



Miles is a sophomore in The Gallatin School of Individualized Study at NYU. Gallatin is a small interdisciplinary college within NYU, where students design their own interdisciplinary program that meets their specific interests and career goals. At this time, Miles is interested in analyzing large data sets. Large data sets play an important role in Artificial Intelligence.

As part of his program at Gallatin Miles had an internship at Statespace Labs. A video of his final project for his internship is at https://youtu.be/18wSKQml_hc Outside of academics, Miles has taught himself Python and Unity, computer languages used for data science, game development and virtual reality programming and is applying those to various projects he is building on the blockchain. Miles anticipates majoring in data science with a minor in robotics.

As we wrote last year, Dan is the CEO of **Overtime**, which he and Zack Weiner founded in 2016. **Overtime** is a sports network focused on young, digital-native sports fans. The company's programming focuses on talented young athletes, in particular high school athletes who play basketball and football. **Overtime** is a distributed sports network. Overtime's programming is available across [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Snapchat](#), and on TV.

This year Overtime launched Overtime Elite (OTE), a professional basketball league based in Atlanta. OTE. OTE gives high school basketball stars the opportunity of becoming professionals while still in high school. These players receive generous contracts as well as room and board and, more importantly, a high school education. Their eventual goal is, as might be expected, a career in the NBA. Finally, OTE provides a college scholarship when their NBA playing days are over or if they fail to play in the NBA. Details about OTE are available at <https://www.overtimeelite.com/facts>

OTE was featured in stories in [Time Magazine](#) and in the [New York Times Magazine](#) section. Those links provide more details about OTE.

Melanie manages the international content strategy for Overtime and she and Dan were able to sneak in a business trip to France before the Omicron wave for Melanie to work with some of her connections there. Outside of work, Melanie and Dan hosted the extended family for Thanksgiving. Dan and Melanie spend much of their summers upstate where Melanie has a prodigious garden.



If you plan to be in Atlanta, be sure to go to an OTE game.

We usually conclude our letter by remembering our friends and colleagues who have died since our last letter. We will do that again this year, but we must also take note of the fact that the pandemic has cost the lives of nearly 5.5 million people world-wide and 842,000 in the US. That is a staggering figure and it is our hope that we succeed in lowering this tragic death rate, here in the US and throughout the world. We urge all of you to wear a mask, social distance and stay safe.

Among the many we lost this year are:

Our neighbors Elaine Stretch and Martha Ludwig

Rabbi Henry Cohen

Princeton Classmate and good friend, Paul Dunn

Math Colleagues: Lida Barrett, Steve Mauer, and Fritz Hartmann

Refuseniks, Irina Brailovsky and Ida Nudel

Vartan Gregorian and Hugo Sonnenschein, Deans with whom Jerry worked as Associate Dean

Mark Evans and Norm Eavenson, Political button collectors and friends

This list is not intended to be exhaustive and we apologize for not mentioning many others who have died.

*Life is short and we have not enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may love, peace, hope, and justice be with you always.*

Judy and Jerry

