

## Introduction

I am Dianne Siegel, married to Leighton Siegel. This family tree and history, with its stories and pictures is about one branch of the Milavitz family. This branch (or twig perhaps, of a huge family tree) follows the descendents of **Shopse (Sam) Milavitz and Malka (Mary) Weynberg**. It includes my husband, Leighton Siegel and our children and grandchildren as well as many others. Each of these forbearers had stories to tell if only we had thought, or had the opportunity, to ask.



This example tree leads to my husband, Leighton Siegel. You should be able to find enough information here to easily construct your own or other trees.

- 1) **Sapsel Kaner (b.1785 and the earliest known relative) (m. Chasa Malka)**
  - i) **Soloman Shmuel Shebsel Karon (b.1808) (m. Getal Rasa Karon)**
    - (1) **Baruch Shoul Milavitz (b.?) (m. Raiza)**
      - (a) **Shopse (Sam) Milavitz (d. 1920) m. Malka (Mary) Weynberg**
        - (i) **Fannie Pia Milavitz (b. 1876 d. 1966) m. Chaim Siegel**
          1. **Clarence Siegel (b. 1911 d. 1978) m. Rose Ostrin**
            - a. **Leighton Siegel (b. 1937)**

Why last names changed is revealed on the next page.

Much of the information and most of the pictures found here are the product of my own research with the help of many others. Websites and contacts who have contributed to this history and who are available for more information about the larger Milavitz family tree, genealogy and history are:

**Alan Garon:** [www.garon.us/Family%20trees%20987.html](http://www.garon.us/Family%20trees%20987.html)

**Jack Abramson:** [jackabramson@aol.com](mailto:jackabramson@aol.com)

**Leighton Siegel:** [www.SiegelPhotos.net](http://www.SiegelPhotos.net) You can find a more complete Milavitz family tree, other items of family interest and many links to aid in genealogic research. (Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on the **Family Web Site** link to get going.)

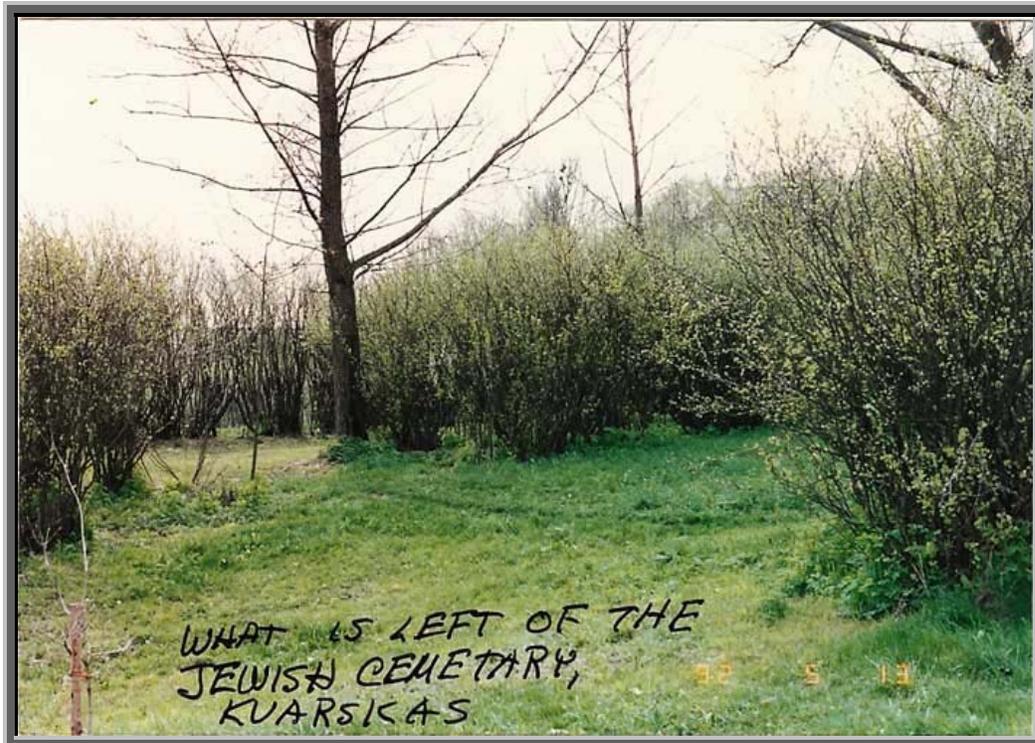
## Where did the Milavitz family come from?

Why do siblings and children have different last names? We learn that of the children born to Solomon and Getel Rasa Karon, there were at least three different last names. It is thought that the original family name was Kahnerson. This name was easily transferable to Karon, Kaner and Kenner. Part of the family later changed their name to Schmielevitz. The story most often heard is that the name was purchased from a gentile man (or perhaps men) in order to avoid having sons drafted into the Russian Army. The Russian Army required 8 years of basic training followed by 25 years of active service. The idea was to purchase a name from someone who had only daughters or at most one son. The first son was exempt from the Army.

Jewish families in Russia were not required to take surnames until the middle of the 1800s. After that, families frequently changed names to confuse the Russian authorities and avoid having to send their sons into the army. Families also used more than one name at any given time, sometimes having both a Russian name and a Jewish name. Sometimes names reflected towns people lived in or to which they had some connection. Sometimes names indicated professions. Sometimes names were given to families by Russian officials who assigned them according to whim or bribe, some flattering, others not. It is obvious, therefore, that last names did not have the same importance as we give to them today and that names were easily changed.



The family came from Kavarsk, in Kovno, Gaberna. The town of Kavarsk is still in existence. This was the part of Russia that is now Lithuania. Gaberna can be thought of as meaning state or area, so Kovno was the state or area in which Kavarsk was located. For those who came to the United States, they appear to have all settled in or near the Duluth/Superior area and most are buried there.

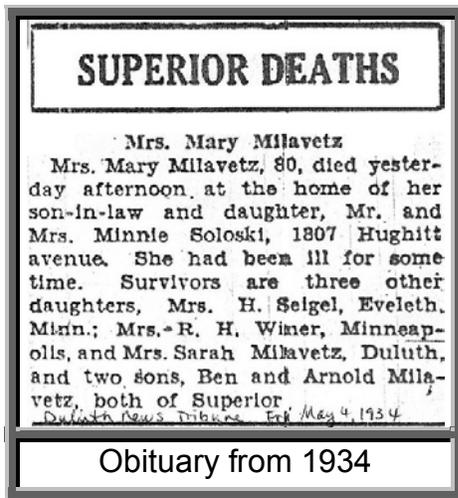


**The children of Baruch Shoul Milavitz and Raiza.**

There were six children: 1.) Shopse "Sam", 2.) Hyman "Molewitz", 3.) Solum Shale "Salum", 4.) Francis "Bruena Freda Fanny", 5.) Anna "Chana Baila" and 6.) Rachel Layah "Lena".

**Shopse (Sam)** (son of Baruch Shoul Milavitz and Raiza) **married Malka (Mary) Weynberg.**

This history is about the descendents of Shopse Milavitz, also known as Sam. This particular Shopse was also called "Shopse The Royt Hor" which is Yiddish for "Shopse with the red hair." There were many Shopses in the family and each had a nickname to differentiate him from the others. According to Elaine Arohson, the other Shopses were: Shopse the yellor (had yellow hair) and was a Kanner, Shopse the svartze (had black hair) and was a Karon and Shopse of Connor's point and also Shopse the langer like in langer loksh (very tall), maybe a Levine. Our Shopse (the Royt Hor) was the first of his immediate family to come to this country. Interestingly, all of his children were born in Lithuania or perhaps in the Ukraine. According to Elaine Arohson, the picture below of Shopse and Mary and several of the children was taken in the Ukraine. They



could possibly have moved from one location to the other as often happened or ??? At any rate, Shopse saved money and sent it to his family, as was the custom of the time, so that they could also come to America. Whenever a new family member arrived in Duluth, Minnesota or Superior, Wisconsin everyone went to the railroad station to greet them.

The story is told that Mary was the daughter of a Rabbi and that there had been twelve generations of Rabbis before them. The story continues that Shopse Milavitz was very good looking with reddish yellow hair and a gentle disposition. While a young man in Lithuania, he

hired a horse and buggy to take Mary riding. The couple went over to the Polish part of town and he led her to believe that all of the land was his. She was very impressed and accepted his proposal of marriage. For him, it was a good marriage because he married the daughter of a Rabbi. Future relatives have remembered that their marriage was less than perfect, and that life for them as for most Jewish families of the time was very difficult. Shopse (Sam) was a rag peddler and was in charge of the dump in either Duluth or Superior up to the time that he died. Shopse is remembered as a very religious man and a very loving man. Mary is remembered as a tiny lady, believed to be very bright and educated in Europe. She spoke Yiddish, Russian, and Polish. They had eight children.



**The family of Shopse and Mary Milavitz**

Back row: Benjamin Milavitz; Middle row left to right: Shopse, Arnold, Mamie and Mary; Front row left to right: unknown twin and sister Esther (sitting). Three older girls, Cyril Celia, Fannie Pia and Sarah Sorifka are missing from the photo. Esther's twin, whose name we do not know, died of a wasp sting or similar insect not long after the photo was taken.



Mary Milavitz

Esther Berger

Esther (Milavitz) Berger, a cousin, was killed by a freight train that hit the car she was in as it crossed the tracks.



Shopse (Sam) Milavitz & Malka (Mary) Weynberg Milavitz  
Parents of Pia, Syryl, Sara, Arnold, Ester, Benjamin & Mamie

This photo of Shopse was taken after his death. Syryl is generally spelled "Cyril".

***The Children of Shopse and Mary are*** They had eight children. The children were: 1.) Fannie "Pia" b. 1881, 2.) Benjamin b. 1883, 3.) Cyril Celia b. 1884, 4.) Sarah Rivka b. 1885, and 5) Esther b. 1888, 6) Mamie Ines Anne b. 1893 and Arnold b. 1894. Also, Esther had a twin sister whose name is not known. Pia was my husband's (Leighton Siegel) grandmother. The following history is not in birth order.

***Cyril Celia Milavitz*** (daughter of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) ***married Israel Henry Winer.***

They had two sons who were both physicians. Julius Winer was a Urologist and Louis Winer was a Dermatologist. Each of them married and had two children. Both families settled in California. Henry Winer was a peddler. At one time they lived in Eveleth, next door to Pia and Chaim Siegel.

***Sarah Milavitz (Sorifka)*** (daughter of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) ***married Samuel S. Milavitz.***

Sara and Samuel were first cousins. They had two daughters. The daughters were Ruth and Jane. Sarah and Sam had a grocery store.

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**Esther Milavitz** (daughter of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) **married Morris Berger.**

Morris Berger opened the Berger Hardware Store in 1915 in Superior, Wisconsin. His son, Sam took over the Hardware Store and operated it until 1993 when his son took over the store and then sold it. The store closed in 1999 and the merchandise was auctioned off.

(just a memory to those of us who visited Berger's Hardware Store in the 1980s and loved it. Dianne and Leighton)



Morris Berger and Esther Karpelovsky 1956



Teddy and Julie Soloski

## SELLING NEWSPAPERS STARTS MORRIS BERGER IN BUSINESS

Selling newspapers is as good a stepping stone to success as any of them, says Morris Berger. Morris sold newspapers for the News Tribune a day or two ago. Now he is manager of his own cigar store at 432 East Fourth street, having made his capital through the sale of the News Tribune.

As a business foundation Morris is strong for the newsboy's experience. "It brings a fellow close to human nature," he says, "and is a good start in business for an ambitious boy."

Morris started in with the News Tribune nine years ago, selling papers on the street, then securing a street car agency, and finally taking a job in the office. In his new venture he has many friends and former patrons to wish him luck.

## ..NEW.. MANAGEMENT

I wish to announce to my friends and acquaintances that I have bought the cigar and confectionery store located at 432 East Fourth street. I will be pleased to meet all my old friends at my new store and assure everyone the same prompt and courteous attention shown them while I was selling newspapers on the streets of Duluth and on the street cars. My stock is complete and I earnestly solicit your business.

**MORRIS BERGER**  
432 East Fourth Street.

*Excerpted from an MPR report March 26, 1999 and an earlier Duluth News-Tribune article.*

*In Superior, Wisconsin, a hardware fanatic's Aladdin's-cave is on the auction block, and drawing visitors from around the country. Berger Hardware Store opened in 1915 and closed 70 years later, crammed to the ceiling with stock that often dates back to the 1920s and 30s. The store was known to locals as the one place that stocked everything, even if it was decades out of date.*

Berger Hardware was a store in disarray to everyone except its owners. It was never intended to be an antique store or a tourist attraction, but time and human curiosity caused those evolutions. Determined to have the best-stocked general goods store in the region, founder Morris Berger used to buy huge amounts of stock, often from stores and factories going out of business.

For more than 60 years, he crammed nuts and bolts, ropes and tools, hinges and household goods higher and higher on shelves barely a foot and a half apart. Store goods hang from the ceiling and spill seemingly at random across three floors, a basement and an adjoining storage building.

Berger ran the store until his death in the late 1970s. His son Sam kept the business another dozen years until he died at his desk. Jim Kremer bought the store in 1994. (Charles Berger, Sam's son, ran the store for a short time.)

As Jim Kremer soon discovered, only Morris and Sam Berger really knew where anything was - or even what was there. Jim Kremer found himself lost in a menagerie of merchandise, leaving him wondering at times just why he had bought the place.

The basement is a damp, dingy, and very dim catacomb of shelves buried under metal piping, bolts and square nuts. There are brand new blacksmith tongs in two sizes. And a couple of used automatic oilers to lubricate steam engines. A factory closeout long ago provided hundreds of brand new ice box hinges.

**Mamie Ines** (daughter of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) **married Harry Soloski**

They had a grocery store. They lived upstairs of Shopse and Mary. Mamie loved to entertain and she set a lovely table, but they never had much money so the food served was sparser than she would have liked.

**Arnold Milavitz** (son of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) **m. St. Onge**

He was also in the meat and grocery business. He was married to St. Onge. I don't believe they had any children. He was the youngest child of Shopse and Mary.

**Benjamin Milavitz** (son of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) **married Anna Rose Pomish**

The children in birth order, are: 1.) Sigmond Milavitz – died at 4 ½ of diphtheria. Don't know birth year, but he was the first born. 2.) Ruth Milavitz Pomish 3.) Edna Milavitz Engelson 4) Hattie Znaida Levinson 5) Lloyd Milavitz 6.) Sheridan Milavitz 7.) Albin Milavitz 8.) Seymour Milavitz

Their daughter, Edna Engelson, recalls that her father Benjamin, intentionally maimed his finger to avoid going into the Russian army. She also remembers that her family brought their feather beds with them when they came to the United States. Benjamin Milavitz was a self-educated man. He owned a meat market, but he began by selling meat out of his house. Benjamin died in 1955 and Anna died in 1974.

**Edna Engelson** (son of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) **discusses her family history - October 2008** (interview by Dianne Siegel)

Edna believes that her grandparents, Shopse and Mary, came to the United States through Ellis Island. She believes that they came from Kavarsk, Lithuania or nearby. They went directly to Superior, Wisconsin because they had relatives there. Her grandfather, Shopse, died of a heart attack. The obituary for her grandmother, Mary, says that she died at 80, but Edna thinks she was much, much older, perhaps nearly 100 years of age.

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Her father was so grief stricken over the death of his first-born son, Sigmond, that he closed his meat market and did nothing but mourn for six months.

The family lived well in Superior. They had running water in the house, but collected rainwater to wash their hair and water the tomatoes. They had a telephone and a car. The car was one of the first Fords that had to be cranked up in the front. Even the lights ran on gasoline. One time, instead of making a left turn, Shopse ran off the road, causing considerable injury to Edna. The telephone number was 2718. The bakery was 3718. People would make a mistake and call the wrong number to order bakery goods. Sheridan kept a garden. Edna planted flowers along the edge.



Benjamin Milavitz and Anna  
Rose Pomish  
1905 engagement photo

They had a Murphy bed and always slept at least 2 to a bed. Her mother, Anna, loved cut glass. She would buy it and hide it from her husband, Benjamin. She kept it hidden in a sock. Edna has several of those pieces. They kept strictly kosher. Dishes were changed for Passover. It was an exhausting holiday, often too much for her mother, who often fell ill at the end. The synagogue was orthodox. The women sat in the balcony. They always had a rabbi. The main meal was always at noon and they had meat every single day. Their father was the boss of the family.

Edna attended Superior State College and became an English teacher. She taught English in Junior High. She taught at Rice Lake, Cassville, and Superior, all in Wisconsin.

The complex block contains two images. On the left is a vintage advertisement for 'MILAVETZ'. The ad features the name 'MILAVETZ' in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below it, it lists phone numbers: 'Both Phones: Ogden 373 Broad 637'. The text continues: 'I have a large supply of fresh meat. Smoked meats, salt meats, groceries and provisions at the right prices.' and 'All goods best of quality. Free delivery. A trial order will convince you.' At the bottom of the ad, it reads 'MILAVETZ—The Solver of Economy' followed by the address '627 Baxter Avenue, Superior, Wis.' On the right is a black and white photograph of a horse-drawn delivery wagon in front of a multi-story brick building. A man is standing near the wagon, and a young boy is sitting on the wagon. The scene is set on a city street.

Ben Milavitz's meat market in Superior, WI, pictured with his delivery wagon. Sigmond, a young son is pictured on the wagon. He died at 4 ½ of diphtheria.

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**Sigmond Milavitz** (son of Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

Died at age 4 ½ of diphtheria

**Ruth Pomish** (daughter of Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

was a teacher and lived in Iron River, Wisconsin. Ruth was married to Louis Pomish. Ruth was born in 1907 died in 1991. She and her husband had two children.

**Hattie Znaida Levinson** (daughter of Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

went to beauty school. She was married twice, first to Irving Znaida who died in 1976 and then to Jack Jacob Levinsohn. Hattie had one daughter. Hattie was born in 1914 and died in 1997.

**Lloyd Milavitz** (son of Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

was born in 1919 and died in 2008.. Lloyd was severely injured in the Second World War. He was in a foxhole and was shot in the arm. He almost lost the arm, but they were able to save it. It remained shorter than the other one. He got a stipend from the government, both for rehabilitation and for education. He got his optometry degree from North Dakota University. He was an Optometrist in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He and his wife Rose had four children

**Sheridan Milavitz** (son of Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

was an Optometrist in Whitehall, Wisconsin. He was born in 1921 and died in 1995.

**Albin Milavitz** (son of Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

was in the nursing home business. He was born in 1924 and died in 1991.

**Seymour Milavitz** (son of Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

is a retired pharmacist in Minneapolis. He was born in 1929. He is married to Sharon Jacobs. They have two children. Information about the children and grandchildren can be found in the family tree at the end of the document.



Seymour, Edna and Sheridan Milavetz

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**Edna Milavitz Engelson** (daughter Benjamin Milavitz and Anna Rose Pomish)

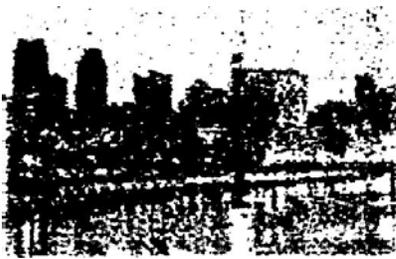
Edna was born in 1909. She was originally an English teacher and later switched to electrolysis, which she practiced until well into her 90s. Edna was married three times. Her first husband and the father of her son, Lanny Berke, was Ed Levine. He was very good looking, but not a good husband. Her second husband was Julius Barcovitch (Berke). He became mentally unstable. Her third and happiest marriage was to Charles Engelson. Edna worked hard all the years. In January, 1950 she opened the Berke Electrolysis Salon and stayed there until 1997 when she mostly retired. She still saw some clients at home.



Edna' celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2008



Lanny Burke and wife Charlotte



**Electrologist has worked "long enough"**  
*Around St. Paul* by Joe Kimbal  
OCTOBER 6, 1997. St. Paul Pioneer press

It's the end of an era: Edna Engelson has zapped her last hair follicle in downtown St. Paul. It was a long era. She started the Berke Electrolysis Salon in January 1950 on the fifth floor of the bustling Bremer Arcade in downtown St. Paul. Now, almost 48 years later, the nearly empty Bremer Building is about to be razed, and Engelson is gone; she carried the last boxes of needles, equipment and mementos out the door Tuesday. 'I'm going to miss the people in the building - the folks at Heidi's Chalet, the popcorn people, the barbers - but I'll be back [downtown] to visit and shop,' she said. Engelson, who is short, bright, funny and kind, won't reveal her age. Age is just a number, and mine's unlisted" she said. Let's just say she's not yet 90. And now, she says, it's time to slow down. "I keep hearing my son's voice echoing in my brain: 'Mother, winter is coming. You're likely to slip and fall. Besides, you've worked long enough.' "So I'm leaving."

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**Lanny Berke** (son of Edna Milavitz Engelson) **is married to Charlotte Resnick Spitalnic.**

Lanny, who is retired from Minnesota Mining, is a mechanical engineer and an expert on product safety issues. Lanny has two daughters from a previous marriage.

**Pia Milavitz** (daughter of Shopse [Sam] Milavitz and Malka [Mary] Weynberg) **married Chaim Siegel**

Shortly after their marriage in Europe they left for the new country. According to their son John, the voyage was supposed to be a honeymoon, but Pia had an eye infection and was held back in Europe before she could sail. Chaim waited for her in New York. They lived in New York for several years and the first two children were born there. They had five children: 1.) Pearl, born in 1897, 2.) Isadore, born in 1900, 3.) Anne, born in 1906, 4.) Clarence, born in 1911, and 5.) John born in 1912. They later moved to Superior, Minnesota then Eveleth, Minnesota and finally Virginia, Minnesota. Chaim Siegel was a cattleman, buying cattle, slaughtering it in his slaughterhouse and selling it to others in town. Chaim was a kosher slaughterer (shochet). Pia is remembered for her baking, especially her sour dough rye bread. Pia continued to bake her bread for Sholom Home in St. Paul residents after she moved there near the end of her life. Pia died in 1966.

A couple of favorite Pia stories: Pia and Chaim were living in Eveleth on Harpes Street. Pia decided that their bed would look better on the opposite side of the bedroom so she moved it. That night, Chaim went up to the bedroom. It was their habit to conserve electricity and anyway, why bother to turn on the lights when he was getting right in bed? So – Chaim jumped into bed as was his habit, right where he thought the bed would be and fell flat on the floor. He yelled at Pia and she said nothing. Next day, the room was changed back to the original way – nothing said. That night, same scene, same action, Chaim jumped into bed right where he thought the bed was from the night before and again landed on the floor.



Siegel house in Eveleth, Minnesota as seen in the 1990s. John and Clarence born here. The Winer family lived next door.

Pia often took Chaim's money out of his pocket when he was sleeping. One day, Chaim decided to outwit her and he put the money into the stove, figuring it would be a good hiding place. Unfortunately, Pia turned the stove on.



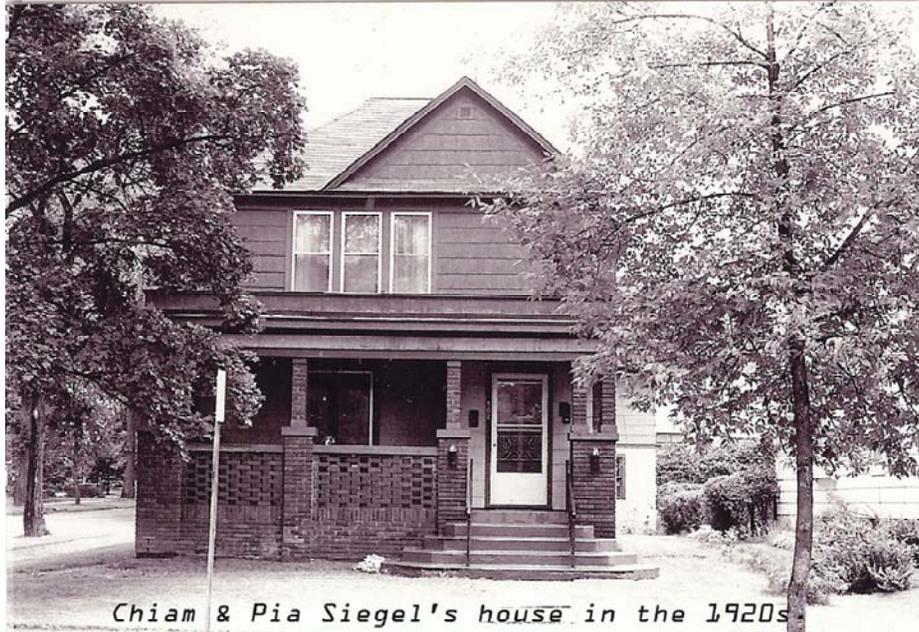
Chaim and Pia Siegel with Pearl, Ann and Isadore, 1907



**Chaim Siegel and Pia (Milavitz) Siegel's Fiftith wedding anniversary  
celebrated at B'nai Abraham synagogue in Virginia, MN.**



**From Left: Harry Soloski, Mami (Milavitz) Soloski, Sara (Sarival) Milavitz, Pia (Milavitz)  
Siegel, Chiam Siegel, Anna (Pomish) Milavitz and Ben Milavitz**



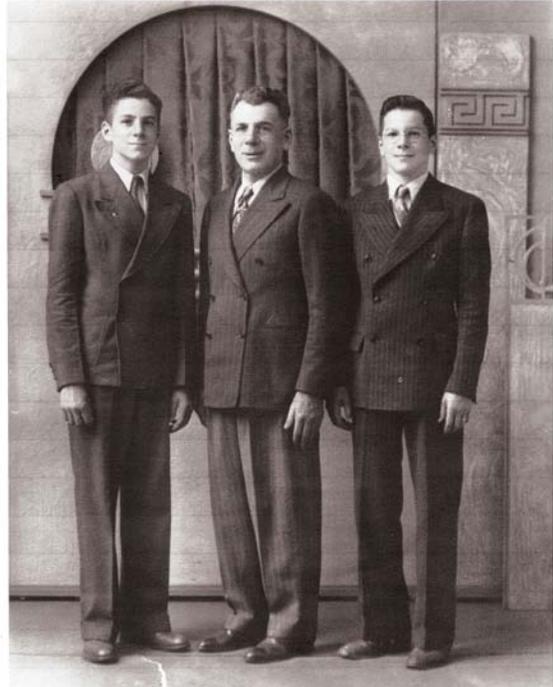
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**Pearl Siegel** (daughter of Pia Milavitz and Chaim Siegel)

was the oldest child of Chaim and Pia. She married Ben Walt and they lived in Virginia, Minnesota. Pearl died at age 60, in 1957. They were married for 42 years. Pearl and Ben had four children: 1.) Ruth, 2.) Helen, 3.) Sherman and 4.) Rolland.



Pearl (Siegel) Walt in the middle with daughters Ruth and Helen.



Sherman, Ben Walt and Rolland

**Helen Eder Lattin** (daughter of Pearl and Ben Walt)

was married to Martin Lattin after her first husband, Sam Eder, had passed away. Helen and Marty lived in Southfield, Michigan. Both are deceased. Helen and her first husband, Sam Eder, had four children: Myra, Cheryl, Joanna and Karen. Myra Helfer and her husband, Murray live in Hazel Crest, IL. She has three children, Josh, Sarah and Jessica. Joanna is married to Peter Bailey and lives in California. Karen is married to Howard Gutman. They have three boys, Eric, Robbie and Brian. Cheryl is married to Stanley Chodun and they have two children, Pam and Scott. (If ever in Detroit, watch for Cheryl on Channel 7, ABC. She is a news anchor.)

**Sherman Walt** (son of Pearl and Ben Walt)

was the next child of Pearl and Ben Walt. He had the distinction of being the first

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chair bassoonist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and had been called the world's greatest bassoonist. Sherman married twice. He and his first wife, Gerry, had three children: Stephen, Barbara and Nancy. Stephen is married to Marlene and they have two children, Matthew and Timothy. Barbara is married to Daniel Gustin and they have three children: Elizabeth, Jeremy and Jonathan. Nancy is married to John Partridge. They have four children: Sarah, James, Jennifer and Pria. Sherman spent most of his professional career living in Boston and he continued to live there after he retired in 1989. Unfortunately he died in October of that same year after being hit by a car. He was 66 years old.

### **Rolland Walt** (son of Pearl and Ben Walt)

Is the next son of Pearl and Ben Walt. He is married to Ada and they live in Michigan. Rolland was in the retail furniture business, from which he is now retired. In keeping with his Minnesota roots, Rolland loves to fish. He and his wife, Ada, have three children: David, Judy and Gary. David is married to Michele May. They have two children: Stephanie and Rachel. Judy is married to Benn Perry and they have one child, Darren Perry and Gary is married to Debbie and they have two children, Ben and Adam.

### **Ruth Siegel** (daughter of Pearl and Ben Walt)

was first married to Morris Greenspan. After he died, she married to Irving Bitterman. They lived in Florida. Ruth died in 1984.

### **Isadore Siegel** (son of Pia Milavitz and Chaim Siegel)

was the second child of Chaim and Pia Siegel. He was a businessman in Chicago. He was married to Sarah Barr. They had no children. He died in 1952 at the age of 52.



Isadore and wife Sarah with  
Leighton Siegel, son of Rose and  
Clarence Siegel

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## **Ann Marans** (daughter of Pia Milavitz and Chaim Siegel)

was born in 1906 in Superior, Wisconsin. She lived in Southfield, Michigan. Ann had a degree in education. She traveled extensively and was an excellent bridge player. Ann died in 1995.



Ann Marans

She was married to Albert Marans who was the manager of the Continental Coffee Company in Michigan. They had one son, Robert.

## **Robert Marans** (son of Ann and Albert Marans)

is married to Judy Bloomfield. They have two daughters, Gayl and Pamela. Gayl has three daughters: Emily, Amanda, and Allison. Pamela is married to Jim Katz. They have a daughter, Nicole and a son, Daniel. Bob and Judy live in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Bob is a retired professor of architecture and urban planning, who travels all over the world consulting and giving speeches. Judy is a former kindergarten teacher.



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### **Clarence Siegel** (son of Pia Milavitz and Chaim Siegel)

was the fourth child of Pia and Chaim Siegel. He was born in Eveleth, Minnesota in 1911 and died in 1978 of lung cancer. He married his wife, Rose Ostrin, during



Clarence Siegel – This picture won a baby picture contest

his medical internship year. They were secretly married for a short time because interns were not allowed to marry. Clarence specialized in internal medicine, diseases of the chest and allergy. He did a great deal of work in treating tuberculosis, and published many articles on the subject. He practiced medicine in St. Paul for many years. Rose was very active in community affairs in St. Paul. She served on many boards and committees and contributed her talent and leadership to each agency to which she gave her time. Rose was particularly active in raising money for Israel and was the recipient of the Tower of David Award for Israel Bonds. After Clarence retired and until the time of his death, he and Rose spent half of their year in Florida. Rose remarried Leon Bernstein in 1987. Leon was originally from Philadelphia. He was an accountant and a partner in a prestigious Philadelphia firm. Rose and Clarence had three

children: 1.) Leighton, 2.) Andrea and 3.) Carolyn.

### **Leighton Siegel** (son of Clarence Siegel and Rose Siegel)

was born in 1937. He is a retired Otolaryngologist and practiced medicine in St. Paul. He is also a software developer and founded a company, called Navicare, that made hospital-based software. He is married to Dianne Ziskin and they have three children: twins 1.) Pam and 2.) Lesli, born in 1968 and 3.) Jeffrey, who was born in 1972. All three are married and have children. Pam is married to Jon Passman and they have three children, 1.) Abraham, 2.) Jordan and 3.) Eve. Lesli is married to Mike Marasco and they have two children, 1.) Sophia and 2.) Andrew and Jeff is married to Andrea Onell and they have one son, Ezra. Dianne is a retired professional social worker and worked for the Jewish Community Center in St. Paul. Andrea was born in 1944. She has a degree in education and a master's degree in social work.

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### **Andrea Karsh** (daughter of Clarence and Rose Siegel)

is a retired hospital social worker. She is married to Dr. Robert Karsh, who is a child psychiatrist. They have two children: 1.) Julie, born in 1969 and 2.) Jonathan, born in 1971. Both are married and have children. Julie (Karsh) Chinn is married to Dan Chinn and they have two children, 1.) Benjamin and 2.) Olivia. Jonathan Karsh is married to Jennifer Axen and they have one child, Maya. The Karshes and their offspring live in California. Andrea and Rob live in Sacramento, California.

### **Carolyn Mittler** (daughter of Clarence Siegel and Rose Siegel)

is the youngest daughter of Rose and Clarence. She was born in 1947 and grew up in St. Paul. Carolyn is married to Dr. Elliot Mittler and they live in Woodland Hills, California. Carolyn has a master's degree in nuclear medicine and is employed in area hospitals. Her husband, Elliot, has a Ph.D. in social biology and, among many other things, is an expert and appraiser of art.



From the left: Judy Marans, Leighton Siegel, Bob Marans, Dianne Siegel, Andrea Siegel Karsh, Robert Karsh – 2008 Ann Arbor, Michigan

**John Siegel** (son of Pia Milavita and Chaim Siegel)



John (right) and Clarence Siegel (left)

was the youngest son of Chaim and Pia Siegel. He was a physician, who had a general practice in Virginia, Minnesota. He was married to Jane Sher, from Duluth. John died in 2005 and Jane died in 2004. They had three children:

- 1.) Elliot,
- 2.) Kay Ruth, and
- 3.) Phyllis.

**Elliot Siegel** (son of John and Jane Siegel)

has a degree in psychology and lives in St. Paul.

**Kay Ruth Webber** (daughter of John and Jane Siegel)

is an educational psychologist and lives in Minneapolis. Kay Ruth has two daughters, 1.) Miriam and 2.) Deborah.

Deborah is an attorney and she and her husband, Steven Soronow have a daughter, Robin. Miriam is a nutritionist and works in a Minneapolis nursing home.

**Phyllis Gordon** (daughter of John and Jane Siegel)

is married to Herman Gordon. Herman is an attorney. They have two children: Nicole and Steven. The family lives in Texas.

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I hope that those of you who read this will add to it and share the information with me. I would especially love any old pictures that could be added to the document.

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