



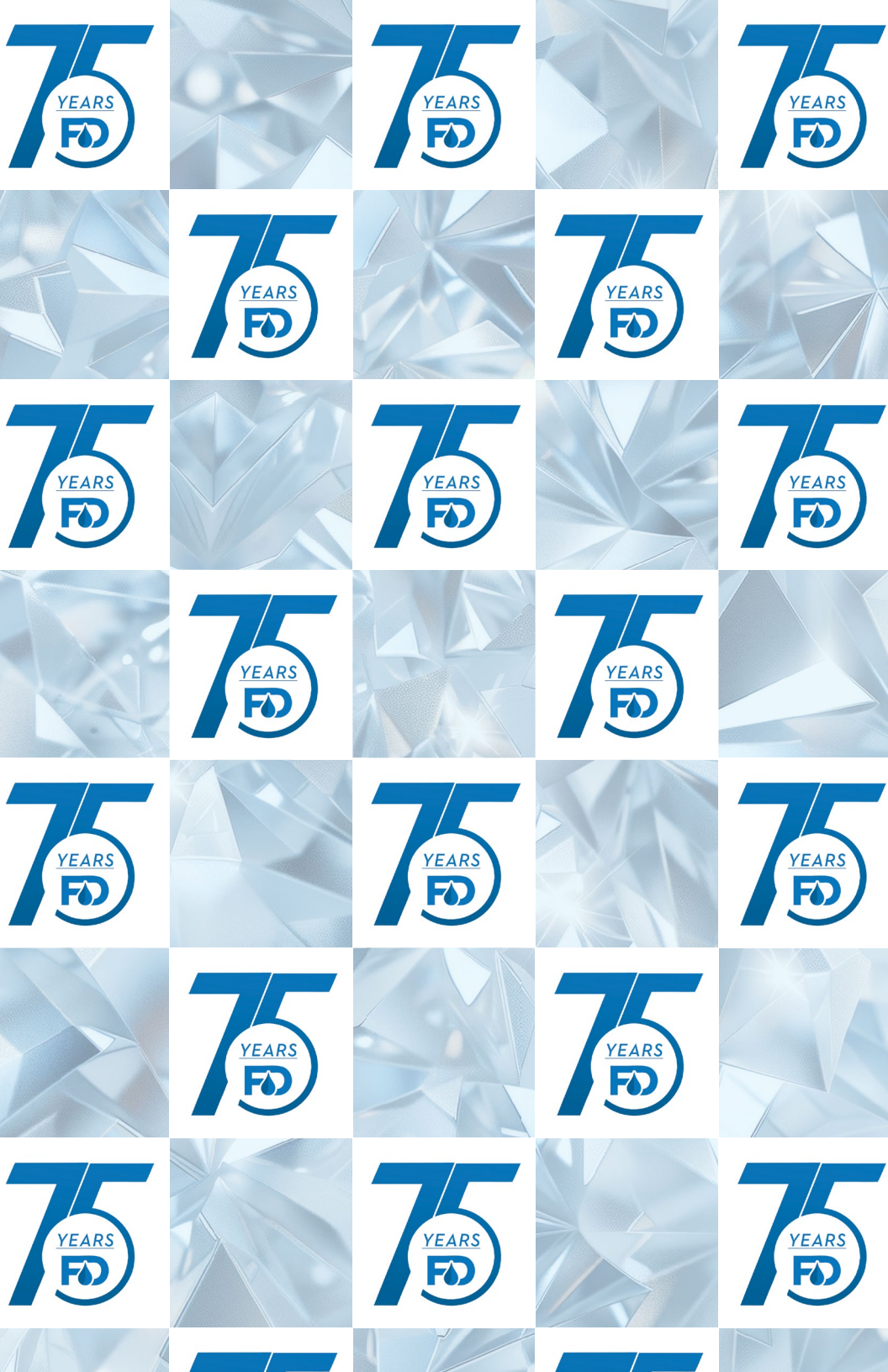
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Dear FD Families, Friends and Supporters—

Thank you for participating in the 2026 FD Journal. Your contribution enables the FD Foundation to continue our crucial mission of ensuring better quality and longer lives for people impacted by familial dysautonomia.

Proceeds from the Journal campaign support the many essential programs and services the Foundation supports, including specialized medical care, cutting-edge scientific research, life-enhancing programs and services and special community-building initiatives.

The FD Journal is a true microcosm of our community, offering a shared forum to celebrate triumphs, honor friends and loved ones, mark milestone events as well as remember those who are no longer with us.

This year, the Journal campaign kicks off our commemoration of the Foundation's 75th Anniversary. During the coming year, we will look back at our humble beginnings as a parent-founded and parent-led organization, established to connect and support families sharing the challenges of caring for a child living with an ultra-rare neurological disorder. We will shine a light on some of the key milestones reached along the way, including, most significantly, establishment of the Dysautonomia Center at NYU Langone (1970) and discovery of the gene that causes FD (2000). At the same time, we will honor today's FD Foundation, which continues to grow and change in response to the needs of our community. And we look to the future with a profound sense of hope, as life expectancy continues to lengthen, new diagnoses have been virtually eliminated, and four new genetic therapies are poised to change the trajectory of the disease.

None of this ground-breaking progress would be possible without the support and participation of you—our friends, our supporters, and our community. We thank you for being a part of our history, and we look forward to celebrating new triumphs with you in the very near future.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Faye Ginsburg
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WHAT IS FD

Familial Dysautonomia (FD) – pronounced “dys-auto-NO-mia” – is a devastating neurological disease that occurs almost exclusively in people with Ashkenazi Jewish heritage. FD is inherited in an autosomal recessive manner, when both otherwise healthy parents pass on their copy of a mutated ELP1 gene to their unborn child. The misread DNA “blueprint” profoundly disrupts the normal development of the sensory and autonomic nervous systems. Infants are born unable to sense information coming from inside their own bodies.

All the normal bodily functions we take for granted are gone awry in people with FD. As people with FD have reduced sensitivity to pain, they lack an essential protective mechanism and often severely burn or injure themselves. Blood pressure swings from dangerously high to extremely low. People with FD also face problems with feeding, breathing and walking and confront an uncertain future with kidney failure and blindness looming at a young age.

Crying without tears is a signature feature of FD, hence the teardrop in our “FD” logo. A world without pain and tears exists, but it is far from a carefree existence.

People with FD face unimaginable daily struggles. They must survive frequent bouts of pneumonia, uncontrollable vomiting attacks triggered by their own emotions, and there are times when the drive to take another breath fails while sleeping.

FD is a devastating disorder that causes severe physical, emotional and social problems. Nearly every major bodily function is impaired. Living with FD is a daily challenge for those who are affected as well as their families.

Features of FD include:

- Infants born with poor suck & feeding problems
- Malnutrition & failure to thrive
- Poor muscle tone (hypotonia)
- Aspiration pneumonias
- Delays in milestones like walking & talking
- Unexplained high fevers & very low temperatures
- Almost no reaction to pain
- Inability to taste
- Episodic vomiting
- Drenching sweats
- Uncontrollable flushing of the skin
- Abnormal spine curvature
- Learning disabilities
- Kidney failure
- Sleep apnea
- Walking & coordination problems
- Blindness



OUR MISSION & HISTORY

The Familial Dysautonomia Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1951 by parents of children with FD who had nowhere else to turn for help and support. More than seven decades later it has grown to include chapters throughout the USA, Israel, and Canada. The Foundation is the leading source of funding for FD treatment and research and maintains the world's only FD treatment centers in NY and Israel. The Foundation raises funds and operates programs to pursue the best possible medical treatment, scientific research, public education, and social services for the benefit of those afflicted with, or at risk for familial dysautonomia.

We have established the world's only clinical research lab for the investigation of new FD therapies. Through expert medical care, patients who once had a 50% chance of reaching age 5, now have a 75% chance of living to 40 years old and beyond. While improvements in treatment and research have increased life expectancy for patients, FD remains a life threatening and heartbreaking disease with no cure.

The Foundation has funded scientific and medical research around the world. Through drug trials, animal models, and studies on blood pressure, gait, eyesight and the underlying genetics of FD, our researchers aim to eliminate the daily struggles faced by people with the disease. Additionally, one of the goals of the Foundation is to provide a continual flow of information to FD families and offer a variety of programs that include: an annual symposium for FD families; medical conferences for doctors and scientists; oxygen concentrators for air travel; and community building programs including virtual support groups and hang-out groups.

The Familial Dysautonomia Foundation is proud to have funded the research that led to the 2001 discovery of the gene that causes FD. This breakthrough enabled scientists to provide prenatal and carrier screening for FD for the first time. As a result, general population screening has become available to Jewish couples, and countless healthy babies have been born to FD affected families. In addition, we successfully petitioned the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (ACOG) to recommend genetic screening for FD, so that, as with Tay-Sachs, physicians have an obligation to offer carrier screening to at-risk patients.

Discovery of the gene has also opened the door to a better understanding of FD and to the development of genetic therapies that will hopefully alleviate the symptoms, slow the progression of the disease, and provide a better quality of life for those affected. In 2024, the Foundation established Tikun Therapeutics, a wholly owned subsidiary public benefit corp. whose sole aim is to accelerate drug development for FD. Among rare disease groups, ours is an amazing success story, but our mission will not be fulfilled until we achieve an effective treatment for this highly debilitating disorder.



Dear FD Family and Friends,

This past year marked a historic turning point. Two individuals with FD received a therapy designed to address the genetic cause of the disease, delivered directly into the spine. For the first time, we are seeing signs that treatment may not only slow deterioration but also restore aspects of function once believed to be permanently lost. What once seemed impossible is now becoming real. What appeared irreversible may not be.

We are moving forward with a careful, stepwise expansion of this program to include more patients as quickly and as safely as possible. New FDA regulatory guidance has created a pathway that may allow approval based on strong scientific evidence, even with results from only a small number of patients.

In parallel, with NIH support and strongly encouraged by these early results, we are advancing an oral therapy based on the same genetic strategy, with the goal of making treatment accessible to the entire FD community.

This is a defining moment for our community. What generations hoped for is now within reach. If we stand together — united in purpose and aligned behind this strategy — we can change the course of FD.

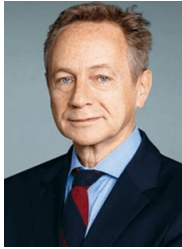
Not someday. Now.

Horacio Kaufmann, MD
Director, NYU Dysautonomia Center

Alejandra Gonzalez-Duarte, MD
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THE TEAM AT NYU'S DYSAUTONOMIA CENTER



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Exceptional personnel dedicated
to the well-being of the
FD community



GENETIC RESEARCH

The Familial Dysautonomia Foundation has always supported biomedical research including the quest to find the FD gene mutation, believing from the outset this would reduce the number of FD births, help us better understand the disease and open the door to possible genetic therapies.

Our first breakthrough came in the 1990's, when researchers identified a DNA marker that enabled prenatal testing for families that already had a child with FD. In 2001, after a decade of searching, researchers discovered the FD gene as a splicing mutation in the ELP1 gene on chromosome 9q. This finding not only sparked a flurry of interest into how the gene functions, but also allowed general population carrier testing.

In 2004, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists formally recommended that FD testing be offered to at-risk families. As a result of this push, the birth rate of FD newborns plummeted worldwide. This was the starting line in our race to end FD; but we did not stop there.

After more than 15 years of continued efforts in the laboratory and in the clinic, 2020 marked a turning point for FD research. Under the new leadership of Dr. Frances Lefcort and Dr. Adrian Gilbert, the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) added outstanding talent from the scientific, pharmaceutical and medical fields from the US, Israel and worldwide. The re-energized SAB is now taking a more active role in stewarding the progress of prospective FD therapies through the development pipeline.

Today, the FD community of researchers are pursuing several promising treatments including small molecules, anti-sense oligonucleotides and gene therapy. We are deeply encouraged by the partnership of the n-Lorem Foundation, which enabled us to launch a clinical trial for the ASO in 2024. This would not have been possible without the advocacy of Dr. Adrian Krainer of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories and Drs. Horacio Kaufmann and Alejandra Gonzalez-Duarte and their clinical team at NYU Langone.

We are grateful for the time, talent and dedication of our SAB. With the ongoing support of our community, together we will continue to prevent, treat and hopefully one day cure FD.



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Your Efforts Make All
Our Good Work Possible.
Thank You!





As always, Michael, we are so proud
of you. Your strength, bravery,
kindness, sense of humor, and
determination make you
ONE OF A KIND !!!!!

We love you BEYOND
Mom, Dad, and the rest of the gang

* To: Dr. Kaufmann, Dr. Gonzalez-
Duarte, Kaia, Andreana, and the FD
staff, Thank you so much for always
being there for us.





**IN HONOR OF
OUR THREE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS**

PERRY

SYDNEY

CODY

**LOVE,
MOM and DAD**





IN HONOR OF
OUR CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN

JOSHUA

ADAM + LIZ

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MADELEINE ELLE
JORDAN ISAAC

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH
MOM AND DAD





Sam,
Congratulations on your graduation, turning 30 and moving out on your own. It has been a very big year. I am so proud of you.

All my love,
Grandma Soso



*Remembering the remarkable life of
Samantha Ginsburg Myers
and all she did to repair the world.*

1989 - 2022



Faye Ginsburg and Fred Myers



Steven,

You know that we have always considered you our
SUPERMAN.

Christopher Reeve said it best:

*“A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the
strength to persevere and endure in spite of
overwhelming obstacles.”*



He must have known you!

You are our HERO as you inspire everyone you
meet with your upbeat inquiring personality.

We are so proud of you and love you very much.

Mom and Dad



Wishing
Steven Wexler

a happy
and healthy
2026.

Love,
Mark and Melissa
Halperin



In honor of our beautiful daughters,
Julia and Rebecca,
and to the FD Foundation for
celebrating 75 incredible years!
Lisa and Jeff Newman

IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS

WE SALUTE THE OUTSTANDING
RESEARCH BEING FUNDED BY
THE FAMILIAL DYSAUTONOMIA
FOUNDATION.

JEFFREY AND ANDREA
LOMASKY

In Loving Memory of

Lauren Jamie Adler

'Flowers on the hillside blooming crazy
Crickets talking back & forth in rhyme
Blue river running slow & lazy
We could stay with you forever
& never realize the time

We look for you
But see you in the sky above
In the tall grass
In the ones we love
You've made us lonesome since you left'

&

In honor of our children
Eliana & Joseph
& our grandchildren
Perry & Sammy
Who make us smile every day

Vivian & Gerry Adler

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DAVID BRENNER

MAY HIS MEMORY BE A BLESSING

THE STEINER FAMILY

IN MEMORY



ANDREA LYNNE HAUBEN

FEBRUARY 2, 1984 – MARCH 21, 2009

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

The Hauben Family

In Honor Of

Josh Kietz

*Amy & Joseph
Perella*

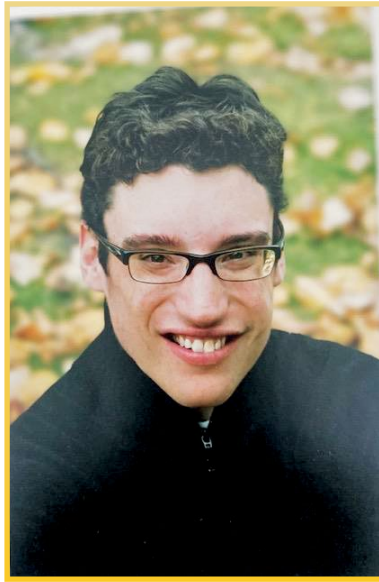


IN LOVING MEMORY
of
MY PARENTS
JULIAN and PHYLLIS LINKER
and
MY BROTHER
STEPHEN LINKER

YOUR STRENGTH, HUMOR AND LOVE
CONTINUES TO GUIDE ME

~FOREVER IN MY HEART
SUSAN LINKER

Steven Schwartzberg



Stevie,

From the moment you were born, you brought light and joy into our lives. Your smile and upbeat spirit drew people to you, and the way you lived inspired us to be more genuine, selfless, and loving.

Stevie, your absence has left an immeasurable hole in our hearts—one filled only by the beautiful memories of who you were. We miss you every minute of every day.

Congratulations to the FD Foundation and Dysautonomia Treatment Centre for 75 years of improving the lives of FD patients.

With love,
Jack, Rowena & Daryl

IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS

AND IN MEMORY OF
MARK HABERMAN

WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS ON
BEHALF OF FD TO FIND A CURE.

JILL AND SANDY
SIRULNICK AND FAMILY



BEFORE

AFTER

Morgan,

Finally!! Pictures that reflect who you are and your lifestyle. I would not put much stock in the fact that you are banned from all west coast casinos including Macau because you are the one driving that cherry Lambo!

Another year of accomplishments. Singing and performing in the Shira choir, sailing, Art creations, and lots of AI interaction which you started long before the current craze, and of course, smiling that gorgeous smile. You have a lot of love to give and there is a long line of us that love you and want you to know it all the time.

Living in your own place has certainly given you new perspectives and we are all so proud.

Your biggest fans: Auntie Carole, Uncle Bernie, Lauren and Azza, Alex, Francis, James, and Lily, and Sydnee.

In Honor of
Michael Baranoff



The Ades Family
Alan, Carla, Renna, Louis, Nancy
& Jojo

Michael Brenner



Your smile lights up our world!
We love you,
Mom and Sarah

IN HONOR OF
MICHAEL BRENNER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HIS FATHER

DAVID BRENNER

AND
HIS GRANDPARENTS

**ERV AND DEBORAH
BRENNER**

In honor of
Michael Brenner

our amazing
nephew and cousin.

May all good things
come your way in 2026!

With Love,

Aunt Robin, Uncle Brian,
Cousins Alex and Maddie



*The Brenner Family thanks
The Dysautonomia Center
for their dedication and hard work!*

**In memory of
my grandma,
Marilyn Marks**



**With love,
Mara Clawson**



We were so blessed to have you as our son. You touched the lives of everyone who knew you with your warmth and kindness. Your charm and persistence made it impossible for anyone to say no when it came to raising money for FD.

We love you and miss you with all of our heart.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Scott,

You have the soul of an angel, a heart of gold and a spirit that will forever remain with those who love you. You exemplify grace, courage, compassion, sweetness, love and everything that is good. Your quiet wisdom, your capacity to love and your bravery is something we will always admire and strive for. You led your life with dignity and you truly enjoyed life to the fullest. We will miss that sweet smile, but will carry it with us, always and forever. We love you with all of our heart.

Love,

Rachel and Mark

In Honor of all the
fabulous FD patients and
their incredible families.

You have enriched my life
immeasurably and will
forever be in my heart.

Dr. Felicia Axelrod

**In honor of those who fight this disease
and the people who support them...**

May there one day be a cure!

**The Ginsberg Family
Stephanie, Ian, Alec, Wendy & Reed**



IN MEMORY OF
MICHAEL ERIC FISCHEL

8/12/80 – 2/4/24

IN MEMORY OF

ADAM SCOTT GERSON

—

SUSAN AND JIM
MICHELLE - ALEXIS
SHARI AND MIKE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KATHERINE MERLE IRLIN

1964 – 2006

Harvey and Barbara Irlin
Kevin and Anita Irlin
Steve and Jennifer Irlin

***SHE
DID
IT!***

Gabrielle (Gabi), is now
a Board Certified
Life Coach

Mazel Tov

Gma, Aunt Roni,
& Alexa

Josh Kietz

We constantly learn from you what the really important things are:

Love, kindness, caring, family.

You are truly special.

Your accomplishments inspire all of us.

We Love you !!!!

Aunt Judi, Uncle Lenny, Shara, David, Kim, Jake

Dear Josh,

We are thinking of you
and your family this
holiday season.

Hope you all have a
great year in 2026.

Jeff & Brenda



Thank you for all your love and generosity Aunt Ruth. We miss you.

All our love,

Robin, Laurent, Sam and Bebe

Ruth Scharf 1923-2025 ז"ל

Our Amazing Son & Grandson



In Memory of Adam

In Honor of Jack

Forever Loved

Gail & Stan Posnack

IN MEMORY OF:

THE ROSENTHAL MEN

RICHARD DAVIS ROSENTHAL

EVAN ROBERT ROSENTHAL

SETH ANDREW ROSENTHAL

ALWAYS IN MY HEART,

LOREN ROSENTHAL



I would like to thank the Foundation for creating hangouts, game nights and FD Day virtually. It's been very helpful and comforting to keep in touch with the community. I like to chat with my friends especially because I live far in South America.

Veronica Segal

FOR A SPECIAL UNCLE,

BROTHER AND FRIEND

BRIAN JAY SOLOMONS

WE LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH!

WE RESPECT AND ADMIRE YOUR

COURAGE, STRENGTH AND CHARACTER.

Love,

***Scott, Sheryl, Alex, Rachel,
Jamie, Josh, Ali and Mila***

IN HONOR OF

BRIAN SOLOMONS

AMY AND CLIFF GOLDMAN
AND FAMILY

IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS
STEVEN WEXLER

and

IN MEMORY OF
SCOTT FASS

Your courage and strength inspire us.
May a cure be found soon!

Adela and Mitchell Kahn

*In Memory of
Our Daughter*

Michelle Waldman

Sherm & Sandy Waldman

In Honor of

Steven Wexler

Brothers are the people that teach us about life.
They teach us what it means to be kind and
care, to be fair, and know we will not always be
right. They teach us about teamwork, conflict
resolution, and most importantly they teach us
what it is to love and to be loved.

Steve,

You are our SUPERHERO!

LOVE

Stef, Jay, Ella, LJ and Ari
Bryan, Nicole and Eli

IN HONOR OF

**PAUL AND KAREN
WEXLER**

FOR THE BOUNDLESS LOVE AND
SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO
YOUR AMAZING SON STEVEN

—

CONTINUE THIS
IMPORTANT WORK

—

DEBY & STEVE COHEN

Wishing
Steven Wexler
a great 2026

With Love and Admiration

All of the Greenlands

In Honor of
Steven Wexler

*“Strength does not come from physical capacity.
It comes from an indomitable will.”*

-Gandhi

Your indomitable will shines through every challenge you face. No matter how tough the obstacle, you meet it with unshakable courage and positivity. Your approach to life continues to inspire everyone around you!

We love you,
The McAuliffe Family

Lauren Adler

Dear Lauren,

The years continue to pass, yet the emptiness left behind only deepens. What carries us forward are the memories—your boundless love, your radiant smile, and the joy you wove into our lives. Though the tears have quieted, our hearts still reach for you. Life is forever missing a piece without you.

With love always,

Uncle Simon & Aunt Robin
Bracha & Oded, Chanoch & Ester,
Yoel & Tali, Daniel & Yael
Elkana & Cherut, Bat Shachar,
Eitan, Hodaya, Ayala, Yosef Eliyahu,
Sinai, Achinoam, Shai, Lavi, Harel, Eden,
& Ivri Shalom

To my number one grandson,

Michael Baranoff

You are a very special, unique,
and accomplished young man.

I'm so proud of you and so
lucky to have you in my life.

I love you with all my heart.

Grandma Prissy

Michael Baranoff,

we love you!

**Amy, Scott, Mia,
Rachel and Jacob
Gottesfeld**



Our daughters
Our loves
Our pride and joys
It's an honor to be your parents
Love you both so
Mommy & Daddy



I'm a wicked lucky uncle and a proud uncle of my two nieces!

Uncle Ellis

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

SCOTT FASS

YOU WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US.
YOU WERE THE STRONGEST PERSON
WHO DEFIED ALL THE ODDS AND WILL
ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

LOVE,

BROOKE, JEREMY
LUKE & BEN

Dear **Scott Fass-**

Let us smile
like how you always lit up a room.

Let us love
like how you made everyone feel special.

Let us appreciate
like how you found joy in the everyday.

Let us teach
all the values you lived and exemplified daily.

Let us carry on your legacy.

We love you and miss you.

Harriette, Neal, Stacey, Marnie, Gary, Ally,
Casey, Dani & Sam

TO A BRIGHT FUTURE
FOR ALL THOSE
AFFECTED BY
FAMILIAL
DYSAUTONOMIA

THE
SONENSHEIN
FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF

KATHY ANN FISHMAN

ALVIN FISHMAN

Our dear Jamie, we love and miss you...

STILL.

ALWAYS.

FOREVER.



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Mommy, Daddy, Jessica, Matt, Leah and Emma

?

In loving memory of our precious

Jonathan Michael Gordon

March 11, 1990 – October 3, 2008

Always smiling, feeling great
and never complaining
no matter what the situation was!

You are in our hearts forever!

Love,
Debbie, Daniel,
Benjamin, Shayla,
Mila, and Mason Gordon



Congratulations to Jason Gross

He celebrated his 50th Birthday on August 29, 2025
with a big party with friends and family!

Jason was so proud and happy to be
celebrating this wonderful milestone.

We love you, Jason!
Mom, Phil, & Kevin

(This photo was taken at Jason's birthday
party, with his girlfriend, Maranda.)

In Honor of

**Sheryl & Scott
Haberman**

for your tireless efforts to raise
funds for FD, inspired by your
love and advocacy for your
brother, Brian.

Through your dedication, the
FD Foundation supports vital
research, advances therapies, and
helps create a better life for those
affected by this disease. It is our
pleasure to support this
worthy cause.

Wendy & Paul Rosen

To Sheryl & Scott
Haberman

In Honor of All That You Do

Randy & Jay Raubvogel

In support of our friends,

The Habermans

and

The Wexlers

it is our great pleasure to
contribute to the amazing work
and the dedicated people of the
Dysautonomia Foundation.

Karen and Steven Hess

IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS
AND
STEVEN WEXLER

**WISHING YOU THE BEST OF HEALTH
AND HAPPINESS ALWAYS!!!**

JOANIE & DON FISHER



Uncle Josh,
we love you!!!!

Maddy, Jordan,
Liz and Adam



Dearest Josh,

Another year has flown by and we are reminded of how much we love you, and how proud we are of you for what you accomplish every day! We can not wait to see you in February for another month of North Carolina fun.

Keep on trucking, Joshy.

Xoxo

Aunt Amy, Uncle Mike, Alex, Zach, Avery, Nate, Sammy,
Becca, Jake, Ruthie, Benny, Emily and Kayla 🐾

Jordan & Leslie
Mayer

Honoring

Joshua Kietz

In Honor of Our Grandson

EZRA KRESS

You are our superhero.

Stay sweet, funny and happy!

We love you very much,

Grandma & Grandpa

IN HONOR OF
OUR COUSIN

EZRA KRESS!

LOVE,

LISA, BRIAN,
SHAYNA AND ARI

Matthew Kutner,

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished in the last 28 years, and how you continue to meet enormous challenges with courage, grace, and humor. You spread joy, kindness, and love everywhere you go.



Love, Mom and Dad

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

PHYLLIS,
JERRY,
AND
STEPHEN
LINKER

JEAN AND STEVE ANREDER



Zak Rosen

1992-2010

Forever Missed!
Pop, Mom, & Samara

In Loving Memory of
Evan Rosenthal



We cherish our sweet and special memories
of you and your beautiful smile.
You are always in our hearts.

With love,



Susan and Debbie and Joan and Stephanie
and our families

IN HONOR OF

BRIAN SOLOMONS

YOUR COURAGE AND STRENGTH
ARE AN INSPIRATION

LYNDA AND HAL KATZ

IN HONOR OF PETER SONENSHEIN



We are thrilled to be with Pete whenever we can manage to be at his home in Bala Cynwyd, PA. We love to see the paintings that he has made and we are delighted that he was able to send us three of them which we have kept in the front hallway of our home in Brookline, MA. This photo shows some of his paintings at home with his parents David and Jennifer, his Aunt Gail and Uncle Linc and his cousin Dina.

With Love,
Linc and Gail Sonenshein

IN MEMORY OF
HOWARD WEISER

TOVA WEISER

In Honor Of

STEVEN WEXLER

“A Real Life Superhero”

Best wishes for a happy
and healthy year.

THE ESTEROW FAMILY

In Honor of
Steven Wexler

To Wish all
a happy and healthy
holiday and New Year!

God Bless!

Angela Gustavson

IN HONOR OF
STEVEN WEXLER

FROM
MICHAEL & AMY
KOPELMAN

IN HONOR OF
STEVEN WEXLER

**AND THE WEXLER
FAMILY**

**LESLIE AND MICHAEL
ROSENBERG**

Steven~

We are so proud of you!

You are such an awesome person!

Love you~

The Segal Family

In honor of our wonderful daughter and sister

SARAH ZUCKER



Love, Mom & Dad, Josh & Kate, Alex,
and Shelly (she's the furry one)

OUR GRANDAUGHTER

SARAH ZUCKER

We've used all the superlatives in past journals. It's difficult to find additional words (even after consulting a thesaurus) to describe how much we love and admire her for her determination and success.

And for being Sarah!

Gramma and Gramps

In honor of the Adler Family

WE ARE PROUD
TO SUPPORT
THE FOUNDATION'S WORK

REYNA and PIERRE GENTIN

In Honor of
Our Good Friends

Vivian & Gerry Adler

In recognition of all the work
they do for the Foundation.

Bonnie and Russ Mannis
Caron and Steve Gelles

In Loving Memory of

Scott Fass

Caring • Selfless • Smiling • Adorable
Thoughtful • Brave Warrior
Superhero • Angel

You are missed every day

Aunts Adele Fass
and Barbara (Fass) Young



In Loving Memory of
our wonderful cousin

Scott Fass

We miss you very much.

Cousins Sue Lipkowitz
and Robert Fass

In Loving Memory of

Scott Fass

Always Our Teacher

Sandy and Sandy Goodman

In Loving Memory of

Scott Fass,

a very special young man,
who brought joy into the
lives of all who knew him.

Sue and John Korn



To Scott

The Pepperoni Pizza Boy

We are fortunate that your beautiful smile
and sparkling eyes have left an indelible
impression in our hearts and minds.

With All Our Love,
Caren & Jeff



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*To honor the memory of
Benson and Pearl
Ginsburg:
Truly a couple for the ages*



*Mark and Susan
Hamilton*

In loving memory of

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Miriam K. Gould

Richard H. Gould

And with eternal gratitude

For all you were

Judith E. Gould

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IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

SANA GOULD

and

DAVID GOULD

***LOVING PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS and
GREAT GRANDPARENTS***

STEVEN GOULD and FAMILY

MARSHALL GOULD and FAMILY

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IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

CAROL SUE GOULD

WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU

STEVEN GOULD and FAMILY

MARSHALL GOULD and FAMILY

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IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

PAUL NORMAN GOULD

HE LIVES IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

STEVEN GOULD and FAMILY

MARSHALL GOULD and FAMILY

Jason and Kevin,

Congratulations on your new home at
Spruce House and all the new life
adventures you will have in the future.

Your Dad, Bob Gross, and your sister
Lisa would be So Proud of you Both!

Love, Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Bob

In Loving Memory of Our Son and Brother

David Halle



After 65 years, we remember and miss you,

Mom & Esther & Linda

And those who wish they had known you:

Richard, Rachel, Gabriel & Devin, Ben & Annie

Michael & Jack & Sloane

**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO RUTH HALLE —
OUR WONDERFUL MOM, GRANDMOTHER,
AND GREATGRANDMOTHER**



GABI

What an exciting year it's been for you! You passed your health and wellness certification exam. You are officially a Board-Certified Health & Wellness Coach. Your future looks bright as you aspire for bigger and better things. You take your health and wellbeing seriously as you've adjusted your eating and exercise habits. We are so proud of you. Keep striving.

Love,

Mom & Dad



UNLESS YOU BE BATMAN.

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*In Loving Memory of
Evan Kaplan*



*You are missed every day
You were kind, funny & smart
You embraced life to the fullest
You were a joy and a
bright light in our lives*

*Love,
Mom, Max & Rachel*

In Honor of

Josh Kietz

one for all
and all for one
with love forever and a day,

Grandma Anita

(Josh, I love you three)

In loving memory of
Grandpa Stanley

Neet and Josh
miss you every day

**With gratitude for the care provided to Ezra Kress
and appreciation for all the hard work of the
FD Center and Dysautonomia Foundation**



Adena Lebeau, Jeff & Kira Kress

In Honor of

EZRA KRESS

As you have grown into the amazing young man
that you are, we are constantly in awe of your
bravery and courage.

Your kindness and love of your family and
friends truly make you the EPIC individual
that you are!

WE LOVE YOU!!

Aunt Sherry and Uncle Ira



It is hard to believe what amazing adults you have become. You make us very proud.

We love you guys,

Mom & Dad

Rebecca,

You are one of our favorite people in the world!

You are dedicated, hard working and fun.

We love you so much.



Sue, Rich and Family



In Loving Memory of Evan Rosenthal
January 27, 1983 - July 17, 2007

"There are stars up above
So far away we only see their light
Long, long after the star itself is gone.
And so it is, with people that we love,
Their memories keep shining, ever brightly
Though their time with us is done.
But the stars that light up the darkest night,
These are the lights that guide us...
As we live our days, these are the ways we remember ~
We remember."

Memories of our Evan shine brightly every day,
and we pause to remember our wonderful friend and
courageous young man!

You are Forever in Our Hearts

Ronnie and Bob Powers
Lauren, Daniel, Fiona, and Aidan Powers
Julie, Josh, Abigail, and Adam Lurie

IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS
AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DAVID SOLOMONS
AND
MARK HABERMAN

THE SOLOMONS
&
HABERMAN
FAMILIES

We love you, Steven.
You make us proud every day.

Love,
The Diton Family and
The Wealth Alliance



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Dear Steven:

We truly admire your courage and perseverance. May this year bring only good things... health, happiness and a bright smile each and every day!

Love,
Mark and Rachel

In memory of
Zoe's and Sydney's brother

ZACHARY

With love,
Steven, Naomi and Sam

In Honor of

Michael Brenner

Nicky, Priscilla and Harold

IN HONOR OF

FRANNIE COHEN

OUR INSPIRATION

THE RAFFLER FAMILY

In Memory of

JILL COPLIN

Beloved Daughter and Sister
1966-1977
&

DIANE COPLIN LIPSITZ

Beloved Wife, Daughter, Sister and Aunt
1968-2010

The Coplin Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JILL ANNE COPLIN
AND
DIANE COPLIN LIPSITZ
THE HOMER FAMILY

In Loving Memory of
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***Forever Remembered,
Forever Missed***

Scott Fass

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Alex, Payton, Lexi & Bernie***

With GRATITUDE to
PERRY GOLDBERGER
&
STEVEN WEXLER

for their INCREDIBLE ALOHA SPIRIT...
Brightening my Life & the Lives of all you encounter.

MAHALO
ALOHA NUI LOA
Charles Donovan

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF MY NIECE

JAMIE GOLDBLAT

GAIL GOLDBLAT

JOSH KIETZ IS:



WE LOVE YOU!
Aunt Pam, Uncle Jordan
& Cousin Lauren

Dear Josh...

You are still the
GREATEST
Drum Tech in the world!

We love you xoxo
Aunt Ronni and Uncle Phil

IN HONOR OF

JOSH KIETZ

WITH LOVE,

RANDI AND JON
ALTSCHULER

With tremendous love for our grandson

EZRA KRESS

We celebrate your 28th birthday with joy,
inspired by your spirit, love, and courage.

Saba and Savta, Bill & Beverly Lebeau

In Honor of the
amazing and accomplished

Rebecca Newman

With love and admiration,
Cousin Wendy

In Loving Memory of My Sister

Carly Allison Posner



Chanie,

we will always love you
- to the moon and back!

You made us laugh,
smile, and warmed
our hearts with your
kindness.

We miss you every day!

Love,

Mommy, Daddy,
Devorah, Gershie &
Baby Chanie

In Honor of

Brian Solomons

and in Loving Memory of

Mark Haberman

*I proudly support the work on behalf
of all those afflicted with FD*

Joan Haberman

IN HONOR OF

BRIAN SOLOMONS

PERRY AND PENNY BERGER
AND FAMILY

In honor of
Brian Solomons and family

with best wishes for a happy
and healthy new year.

Love,
The Siskind Family

IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS

IN SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS
THE HABERMANS

SHARON AND MICHAEL
TYNER

BRIAN SOLOMONS
&
STEVEN WEXLER

WITH FRIENDS
SURROUNDING YOU,
THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE!

ELLEN & BRUCE BELSKY

In honor and celebration of
our incredible friend

PETER SONENSHEIN

With love from the
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Debi and Ron
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In Honor of
Steven Wexler

The most courageous and kind person
we ever met. He is truly a hero!
With love for 2026 and beyond.

Carol Weissman & Richard Kopelman

**IN HONOR OF
STEVEN WEXLER
& FAMILY**

STACEY & NEIL STARKMAN
& FAMILY

In Honor of
Steven Wexler

Best wishes for a
healthy year ahead

Rita & Richard Wein

In Loving Memory of
Lauren Adler
Karyl and Asher Miller

Happy 30th Birthday Morgan

**In honor of the 75th year of FD,
75 Grrrreat things Morgan has done**



42 trips to New York City, 20 Broadway plays, 10 years of camp, 6 city camps, 200 sailing classes, 7 cruises (1 to Alaska), 1000 Music Lessons, 150 choir practices (20 shows), 300 Art Classes (100 drawings (25 Super heroes)), 8000 bowls of Oatmeal (with banana and peanut butter), 50,000 giggles, 25,000 smiles, 7500 thumbs up, 3000 Grrrrreats, 10,000 hours Playing on the Ipad,

15,000 hours of TV (2000 of Springfield), 2000 bad Dad jokes, •••

Love Mom and Dad

*In Loving
Memory of
Florence
Lewis
Baker*



*Barbara
& Peter
Sperber*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**GREGORY ASHER
BRANDT**

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.
MOM, JASON & BENJAMIN



*In memory of
Falon,
our beautiful
wonderful girl*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SCOTT FASS

ELAINE & BRIAN RAPPAPORT

Congratulations on 75 years! May we continue to have success in finding a cure for FD! Thank you to the entire team for all of your hard work!

- Daniel, Deena, Rafi and Ezra Landau

In Memory of
Louis Kaley
Roslyn Kaley
Alisa Robin Kaley

Thank you to the staff of the FD Center
for your care and support.

Stefanie Kaley Linakis

For Our Wonderful Cousin
Josh Kietz!

Sending Big Love from Massachusetts!!
The Maimans and The Wanzers

To the best uncle we know,

Josh Keitz

From Marci and Dan Settle

Dear Josh,
Keep on truckin'!
We love you,
Judy & Alan Friedman

IN HONOR OF

JOSH KIETZ

PERRI & LEO KLINGBAUM

*We support the work of
the foundation and love
Josh Kietz*

Janet & Nick Tortorella

IN HONOR OF

THE NEWMAN FAMILY

PHYLLIS HONIG

IN MEMORY OF
DR. ROBERT PORGES

EUGENE LIND

SAM SERNOVITZ

We are so proud of how much you've grown and how you've approached the opportunities and challenges that come during the teenage years. We can't wait to see what is in store for you in the year to come and are grateful for your continued good health and the blessings that you bring to us and everyone who knows you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Daniella, Eden and Peaches

In Loving Memory of Our Dear Son
Benjamin Solomon

Nancy & Rob

IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS

DICK & CATHY ALLERTON

In Honor of
Brian Solomons & Steven Wexler

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In Honor of
a wonderful friend and talented artist

Peter Sonenshein

Wishing you the best always...
Fern and Steve Rotfeld

*In honor of
Steven Wexler
Good luck and best wishes for your journey.
We love you.
The Berdías and Ella, LJ, & Ari*

IN HONOR OF
THE WEXLER FAMILY
AND THEIR SUPPORT OF
THE FD FOUNDATION

CINDY & GLEN EDELMAN

LISA AND LON GOLDSTEIN

In honor of
Steven Wexler and the entire Wexler Family
for all they do to improve the lives of those with FD!
With love and admiration,
Ellen Kessler

In Honor of the Wexler Family
Marvín & Wendy Natíss

In Honor of
Steven Wexler
and his Family.
Dayle and Carl

IN HONOR OF
EVAN WHITE
AND
EZRA KRESS

DAVID & BETTY ROTH

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and generosity,
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continue to provide
vital medical care,
scientific research,
public education,
and social services
for the FD community.



**IN HONOR OF
STEVEN WEXLER**

ALL OUR LOVE,

**Rena, Josh,
Elana & Jacob
Kopelman**