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Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your warm letter. If you really are a Bernheim of ours, you are not alone in the world. We have two cousins living in America and my eldest cousin must be around your age.

I myself, was born in 1941 the first daughter of Siegfried Bernheim, who was the youngest living son of Wilhelm Bernheim (he was born in 1912). My cousin Margot, born to my aunt Julia Bernheim Weil came to this world in 1924, married twice, lost her only son in a car accident and lives in Little Neck, NY. She and her husband Herbert Anker were born in Germany, immigrated to Uruguay as children and after the traumatic loss emigrated to America. They are both retired now and are wonderful warm people with a lovely sense of humor. I keep in touch with them regularly and we call each other frequently. Talking to them is fun because you have to be trilingual to understand them (or maybe they feel free to let go with me because they know I will understand).

My other American cousin is also a son of one of my aunties. Julio married in Uruguay in 1964, looked for a living in Brasil and eventually went to America where his older brother was living. This older brother is now back in Uruguay where he joined the Bernheim clan. Julio is also living in Little Neck. Our Bernheims are very extroverted people, we laugh and shout and argue and get mad and stop talking to each other - and then we make peace and start all over again. Julio and Margot are very busy doing just that year in, year out and whenever I call and ask about the weather, they know I refer to the war conditions and not the atmosphere.

Please write and tell more about you and your immediate family. The day your letter arrived I was scheduled to have laser treatment for my glaucoma. I never knew of any relation suffering from this trouble, now I know your grandfather was not lucky enough to get early treatment

As I told you in my first letter, I married a Brazilian whom I met through a Zionist youth movement. We came to Israel in 1963, His name is Mordecai he is an Air Conditioning Engineer and he is well known and respected in his profession. I am a Librarian and through the years specialized in Communications, working myself up in different special libraries. Today I am the Head Librarian of the national telephone company, something like Bellcore in the States.

We have three children, two boys and a daughter. Our eldest son, 32 is married and has 2 little boys. He holds an MBA, works for a plastic garden furniture manufacturer and travels often to America and Holland on business. His family is now in Brasil visiting my daughter in law's family and we miss the children very much. They are 5 1/2 years and 16 months old. Our daughter, 27 is studying Visual Arts, she doesn't live with us but comes

for the family meal at the weekend.

Our youngest was doing his Army service - he is 20, but unfortunately he had a retina detachment, was operated, is still recovering and the Army is going to demobilize him during the next few weeks. It should be a blessing for us, because he used to serve up north near Lebanon which was very worrisome. But now, being freed one year early he has still not decided what he wants to do in life and in the meantime - is doing nothing. On the one hand he is happy to be done with it, on the other all his friends are still serving, still in the middle of danger and excitement. Very complicated

Let me keep some more tales for the next time. In the meantime, let me wish you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year

Warmest regards and best wishes



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