



**Please join us on April 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM for our April Meeting.**

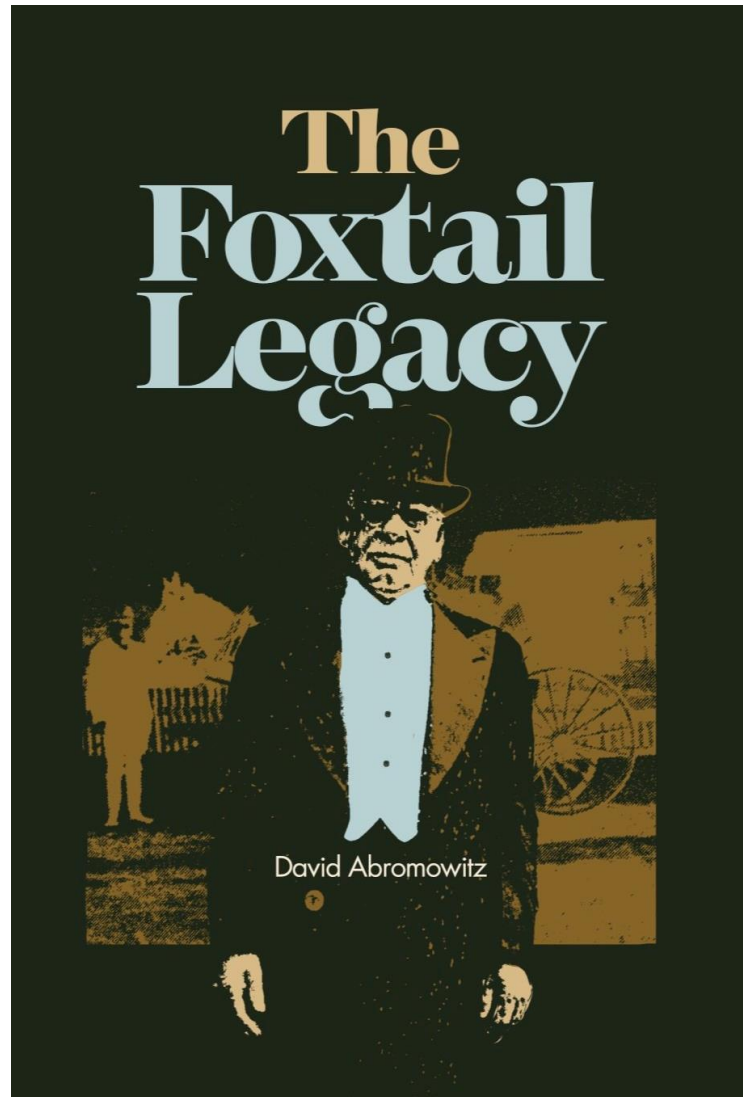
Debut novelist and Point Pleasant Beach native David Abromowitz will share his recollections of the role his family played in the development of Point Pleasant Beach and his journey of writing his first novel. Meeting location: Woman’s Club of Point Pleasant Building, 513 St. Louis Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach. Face coverings are optional, and your decision to mask or not mask will be respected by all.

## Abromowitz Returning Home for April Meeting

David Abromowitz graduated from Point Pleasant Beach High School in 1974. He is a Boston-based real estate lawyer and active in many philanthropic causes. A fixture in Point Pleasant Beach history since the early 1900s, the Abromowitz family is known for their active role in local life and for building the iconic Abromowitz Building at the corner of Arnold and Bay Avenues in the early 1920s. The family operated the Abromowitz Department Store until 1979.

Abromowitz’s recently published debut novel *The Foxtail Legacy* carries readers along an epic, immigrant journey across three continents. Jacob Itzkowitz, a teenager with a knack for handling horses, leaves behind village life in anti-Semitic Czarist Russia to seek his fortune in the South African gold rush boom of the 1890s. His skills and brashness attract the attention of a Boer leader, who persuades Jacob to undertake a dangerous, clandestine mission. With his reward in hand from completing the harrowing expedition, Jacob stealthily returns to his birthplace to take a spirited young bride, Shira. Together, they venture to build a new life in early 20th Century America, where the secret Shira conceals ripples through generations and provokes intra-family strife. Jacob and Shira’s strong wills enable them to succeed in a strange new land, while creating clashes, fueling feuds, and sowing the seeds for a complex legal battle over inheritance.

For more information about David Abromowitz, visit his website at [www.abromowitz.net](http://www.abromowitz.net).



### Bits and Pieces from Sal Marino

Here is a letter from Clyde Champion Barrow of the infamous “Bonnie and Clyde” killers: Misspellings and grammar are his.

10th April 1934  
Mr. Henry Ford  
Detroit Mich.

Dear Sir:

While I still have got breath in my lungs I will tell you what a dandy car you make. IO have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. For sustained speed and freedom from trouble the Ford has got ever other car skinned, and even if my business hasn’t been strickly legal it don’t hurt anything to tell what a fine car you got in the V8.

Yours truly  
Clyde Champion Barrow

Source: *Letters of the Century—America—1900-1999* Grunwald & Adler, The Dial Press

### Visit Our Museum and Our Website at [pphsm.org](http://pphsm.org)



The Point Pleasant Historical Museum is located in the Point Pleasant Beach Municipal Building 416 New Jersey Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach and is open on Thursdays between 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and by appointment. Please

email your appointment request and include as much information as possible about what you are interested in researching/seeing to [ppbhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:ppbhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you.

Our website at [pphsm.org](http://pphsm.org) is available anytime!



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Highlighted events of the 1970's - Len Ludovico - April 2023

**1970**-The NJ population is reported as 7,171,112.



Asbury Park – Riots broke out on Springwood Avenue. The disturbances subsided within several days, leaving 180 people injured, 167 arrested, and \$4 million in property damage.

**1971**-1<sup>st</sup> Hey Rube Get a Tube Race. The famous inner tube race was conceived by Gene Bissey as a fun event, but also to raise money for the family of a police officer who was slain in Asbury Park.



Three Pt. Pleasant Beach police officers (Lt-Rt) Lt. Charles Bertolatus, Sgt. Ward Bissey, and Det. Joe Lynch, present a check to Asbury Park Patrolman Patrick Moyna. The donation is for the family of slain A.P. Police Officer Joseph Monteparo. The local PBA sponsored the ocean Inner tube race. The check represented the proceeds (\$3,403) from the event.

**1972**-Construction began on the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

- \* The vote in NJ was extended to 18-year-olds.
- \* Rutgers University became coeducational.

**1973**-A cease-fire with N. Vietnam was negotiated.

**1974**-Asbury Park's Mayfair Theater, the majestic 1920's movie palace that epitomized the heyday of silent and early talking motion pictures, was razed.

**1975**-April 30-The Vietnam War ended. 1,561 NJ men & women were listed as killed or missing in action.

- \* August 25-Bruce Springsteen's major hit "Born to Run" was released.
- \* Lakewood's Little League baseball team defeated Tampa, FL, four to three, winning the Little League World Series.
- \* Two separate fires destroy virtually all the pioneer buildings left on the boardwalk. An April blaze burns the 1893 Merry-go-round house on Arnold Avenue & 8 other buildings. In September, the original Martell's is destroyed.

**1976**-On Sept. 1, the NJ Meadowlands race track opened.

- \* On Oct. 10, Giant's Stadium opened in the Meadowlands with an NFL game between the Giants 14 & Dallas Cowboys 24.

**1977**-Jenkinson's Pavilion is sold to Pat Storino, beginning a process of consolidation of ownership of most boardwalk commercial property under one owner.

- \* A massive fire destroyed Garden State Race Track in Cherry Hill on April 14.

**1978**-May 27-The first gambling casino in Atlantic City, Resorts International, opened for business.

- \* In June, Monmouth Battlefield State Park formally opened with a 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary reenactment of the battle.

**1979**-New Jersey Transit was created as a division of the NJ DOT. In 1983 it took over the commuter rail lines. NJ Transit ran both railroad & bus lines.

\*NO SPACE LAST ISSUE\*

Factoid-1963-A 1<sup>st</sup> class postage stamp "jumps" to 5 ¢! The 3 ¢ stamp lasted from 1932-1958:  
 4 ¢ stamp 1958-1963.