

President's Message February 2005

When Moses was wandering in the desert for 40 years, at least he didn't have to worry about a snow shovel.

My trip to San Diego last month was absolutely wonderful. I got to meet my Aunt Gloria, whom I had known about four years, and her significant other, Artie, as well as my first cousin Mary. I also learned that my other first cousin's name is Anne and that she lives in Hawaii with her husband John. I find it very satisfying to begin to tie up some loose ends in my family. I hope that over the years that we are able to mend a family rift and be able to share family moments with each other. I have learned that when people are wronged, that they can be hurt, but still move on with their lives. Very little was spoken of the past, and much was spoken of the present and the future, because that is what is left for our family. Dwelling on wrongs of the past do little to make the future any nicer. I was also able to spend some time with just my Mom and Dad, which is something I don't get to do often, as when we are together it is usually with our children and other friends and family. This is a trip I will remember for the rest of my life.

Shalom
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