

February 2020 Message from President Howie Hirsch

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This past weekend, I spent time with my family in Las Vegas celebrating the 100th birthday of my great-aunt and godmother, Gladys Dorfler. My great aunt was born before the Great Depression of the 1930s. Before cars and electricity became common place. Before TV and radio were invented. Way before the internet, cellphones, refrigerators and most of the modern conveniences that we consider essential to today's living.

We can tell that her body is slowing down, but her mind is still very sharp: She watches a lot of TV, especially the news to keep abreast of what is happening in the world and our country. She has always been pro-Israel (even though Israel was not a country until she was 28 years old). She is a very proud Jewish woman, with opinions on most subjects.

Thinking about getting older is something that most of us do at some time or another and think about what life will be like when we get to an advanced age like my aunt. When you think about what life might be like, it is hard to imagine. My aunt could not have envisioned fast food restaurants, computers and all the things that computers can do for and against us. When I think about what my life might be like in 20 years, there are probably so many things that have yet to be invented that will throw me for a loop, just as e-mail and text messaging and all the modern ways of communicating that we now think of as normal. The things that will be prevalent in 2040 are possibly not even on the drawing boards of some inventor.

My advice for this month is simple: enjoy your life as much as you can, be good to the people around you and never take them for granted because they will not be here forever. And tell the people that you love that you love them. Do it while they are here and not after they have passed away.

I love you all.
Howie