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My life – main events in chronological order:

1973:

Qualified as a CA- emigrated to Israel – bad timing just after the October War, and unable to settle down so headed off to Europe hoping to find a place to live there; but SA was a pariah nation and we were not welcomed.

1974:

Reluctantly, we returned to SA after touring Europe for 4 months in a camper van with wife and 2 daughters

1975:

Commenced accounting and auditing practice – merged with 7-man auditing practice in 1982

1983:

Partnership not for me after being on my own for 7 years; left the profession and went into commerce – joined a former client as financial director

1987:

Joined Goodman family business manufacturing apparel elastic and VELCRO:

1989:

Business sold to public company; appointed Group FD for listed company with 52 subsidiaries

1996:

resigned to become financial consultant

1997-1998:

consulted to Department of Water Affairs

1999-2000:

One-year contract Coaching Financial Director of the Johannesburg Roads Agency; and Internal auditor

2001 – 2003:

FD for private company involved in the timber industry

2004-2005:

Assignment in Tanzania and Kenya, recruiting accountant for American International Grain merchandising conglomerate

2006 – 2009:

various short-term consulting assignments in Johannesburg and Perth, Australia – whilst arranging affairs to permanently immigrate to Australia

2010-date:

started a company Action Awnings Pty Limited, importing, selling and installing awnings, outdoor café blinds and shutters.

Picture taken at our eldest granddaughters 9th birthday Mad Hatters Tea Party theme – even as an Australian citizen, see the Springbok jersey I wear with pride.

Pictured are the 5 granddaughters – 4 of which were born in different countries within 6 weeks of each other, birthday girl Tyra in front is unhappy, as she hates having her photo taken. Then her sisters are twins, Mia and Amy, they all belong to our youngest Daughter Arden Joselowsky: middle princess is Ella Altschuler, daughter of our middle daughter Kerri, and sitting on Lynn's lap is Rachel Martin daughter of Donna our eldest daughter.



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