

# Remembering Chandler Davis

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**Chan  
and  
Natalie  
sharing a dance**



# Chan

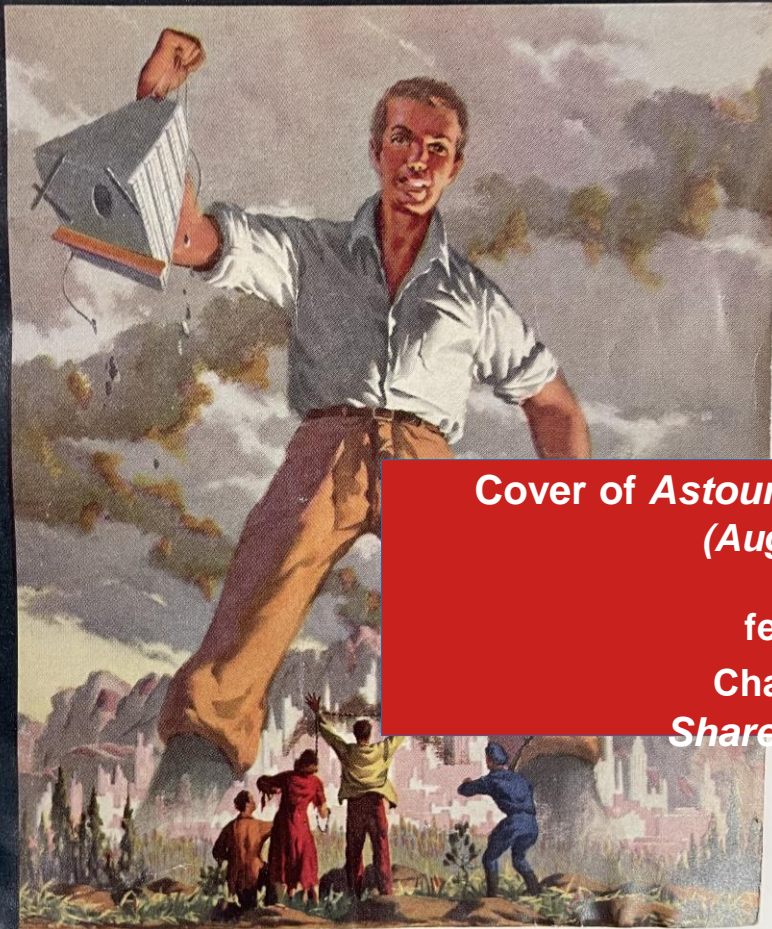
at his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
reciting his poem  
*“Successors”*



August 1953 • 35 Cents

# Astounding SCIENCE FICTION

Sam Hall BY POUL ANDERSON



Cover of *Astounding Science Fiction*  
(August 1953)

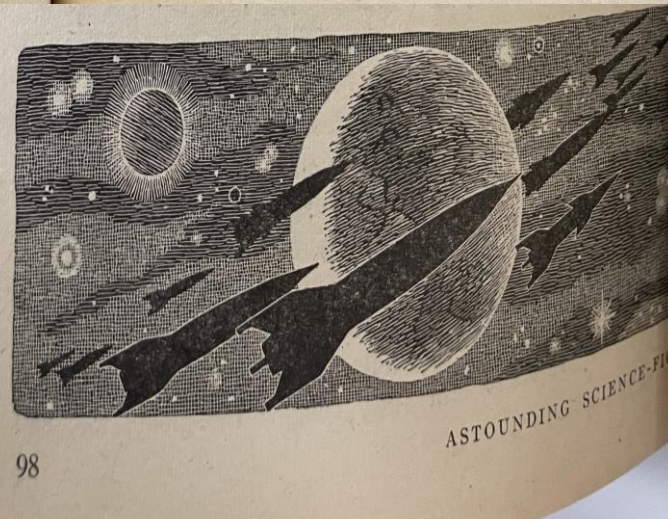
featuring  
Chan's story  
*Share Our World*



SHARE OUR WORLD

BY CHAN DAVIS

illustrations for  
*Share Our World*  
(not by Chan)













**Hannah,  
Aaron,  
&  
Simone**

**circa  
1958**



**58 years  
and 7  
months  
later...**

**(August 2016)**





**Natalie,  
Chan,  
and  
their  
friend  
Ustun**



# Chan and Carlos

attending the weekly vigil against  
the Israeli occupation

circa August 2019

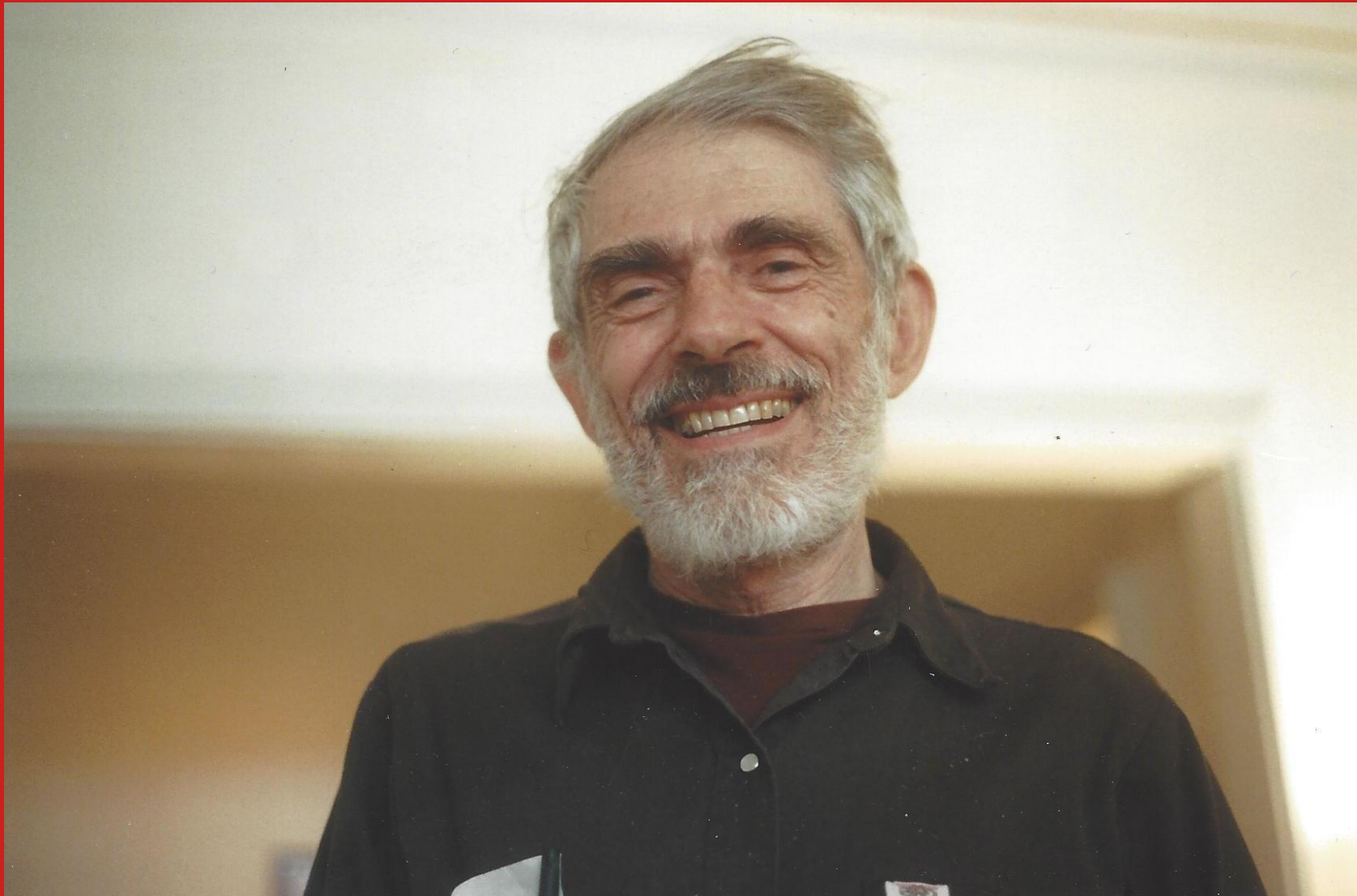




At Sandwich/Shawme Hill for  
**Chan's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

left to right:

**Terry,  
Natalie,  
Chan,  
and Mina**



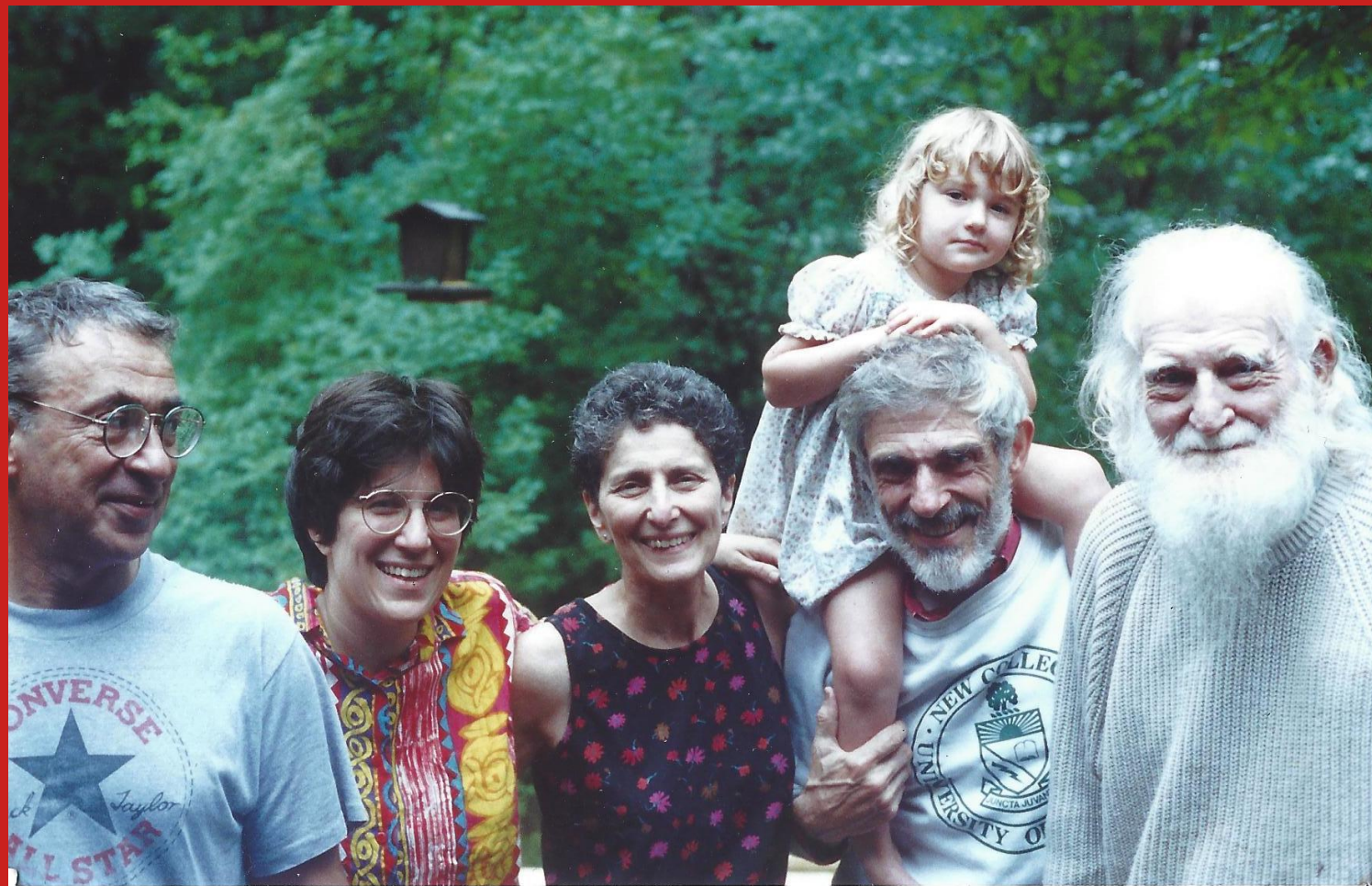




# Chan and Hannah







**Andre,  
Hannah,  
Natalie,  
Chan,  
Sofia,  
and  
Hockey  
Bear**

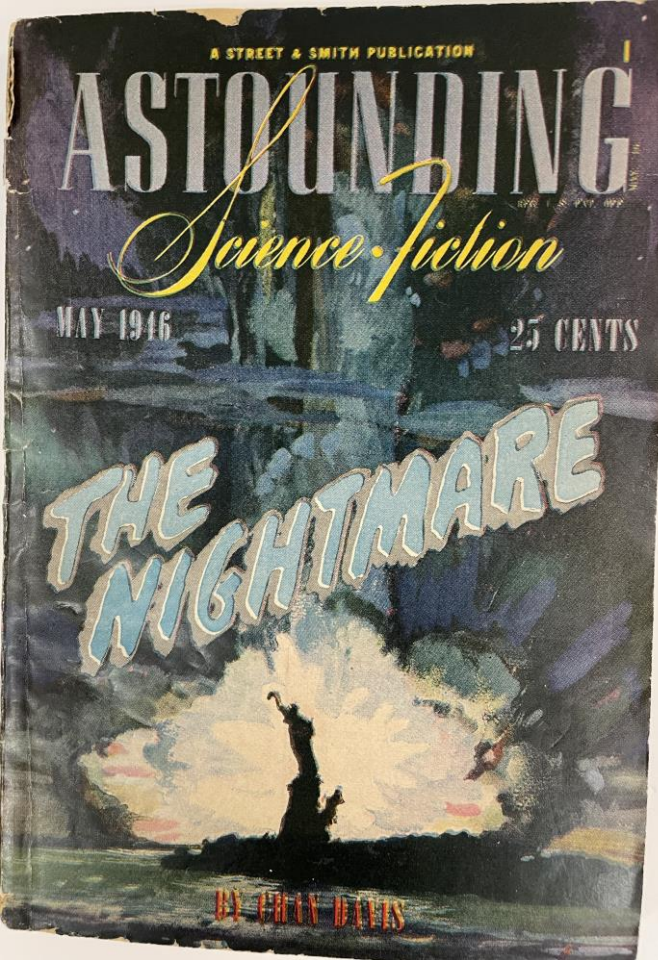


**Chan**  
and  
**Peter**  
**Rosenthal**  
and some other friends









## The Nightmare

by CHAN DAVIS

*This is a story of the immediate tomorrow—and of civilization headed down the inescapable road to destruction—down the road that we have, already, selected—and its nightmare end.*

Illustrated by Swenson

Rob Ciccone bent down, picked up the bottle of milk outside the door of his apartment, and started to pick up the paper beside it. When he saw the headline that topped two columns on the left-hand side of the front page, he hesitated. Then he stood up and wiped his forehead.

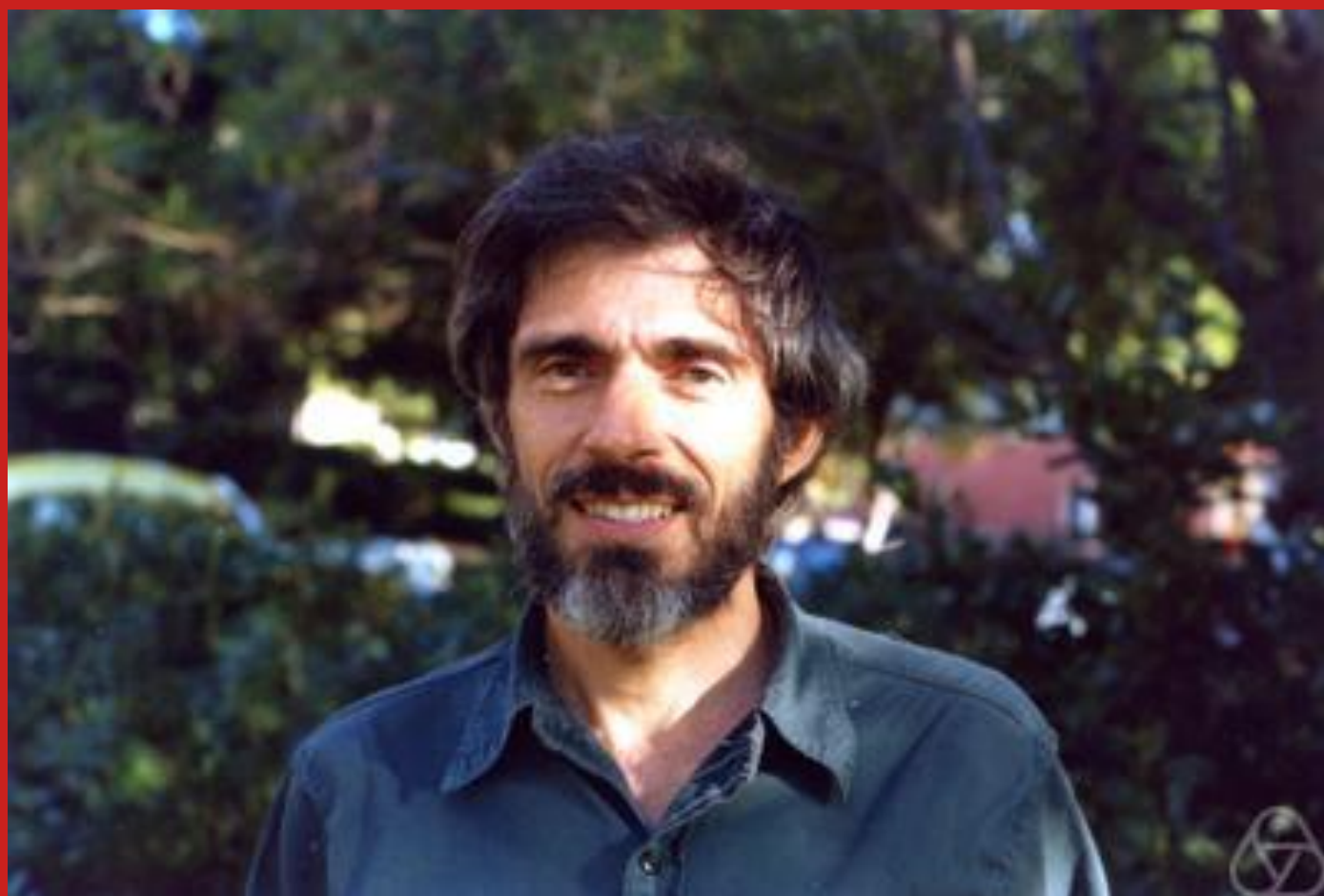
The morning newspaper is essentially a simple, ordinary, and familiar thing. It's a habit. But it

THE NIGHTMARE



Chan's anti-nuclear novelette *The Nightmare* makes the cover story of Astounding Science Fiction (May 1946)





**Chan,  
Natalie,  
and  
Sofia at  
Carlos'  
Bar  
Mitzvah**



(January 2012)





**Summer  
2022**



**Fellow Mathematicians  
Bruce Chalmers,  
Hugh Barr, Chan,  
Peter Rosenthal,  
Man-Duen Choi,  
and  
Rajendra Bhatia**





**Chan,  
Mina,  
Terry,  
Munga,  
Grandpa,  
and Bersha**



**Aaron,  
Peter,  
Natalie,  
Simone,  
Chan,  
and Gabe**

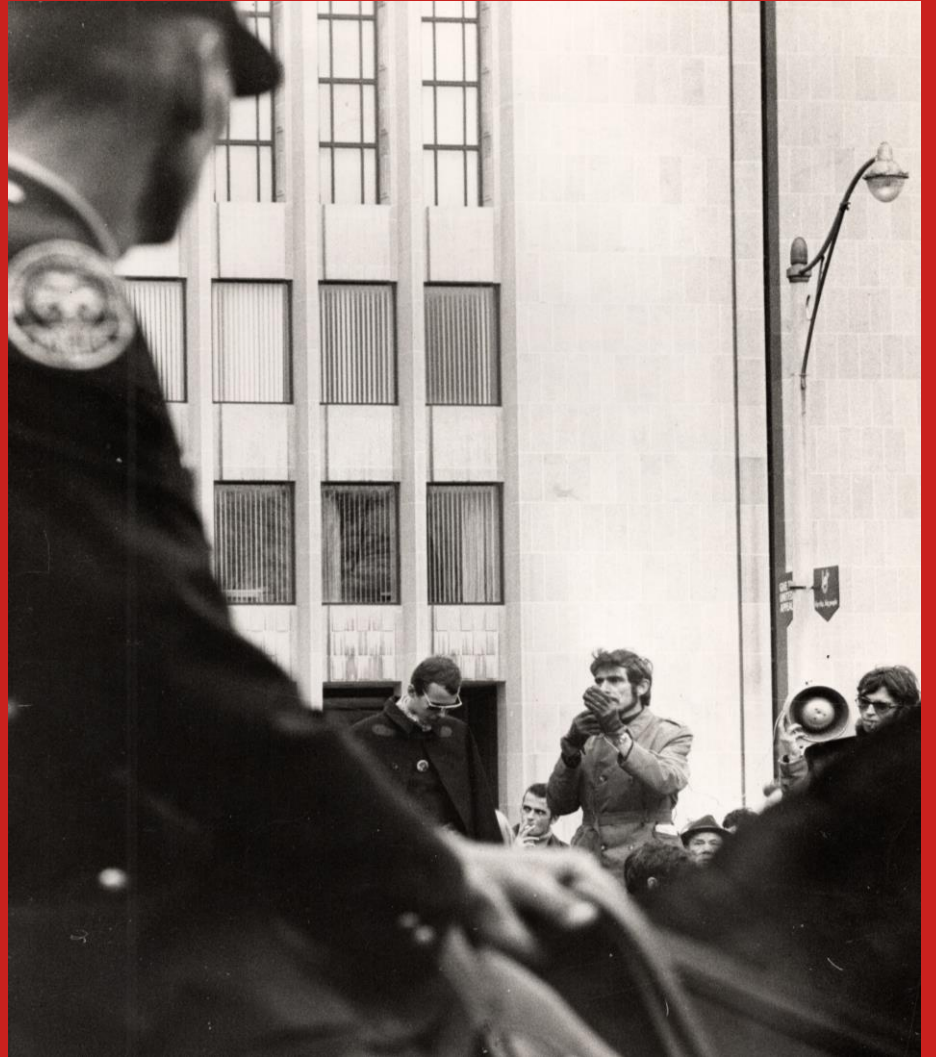
**Aaron's birthday, May 2016**



# Chan

at political  
demonstration in  
Toronto, Ontario

(circa 1967)





**Chan and  
Natalie  
greet  
trick-or treaters  
on Hallowe'en  
(in his trademark  
propeller beanie)**

**(October 2016)**





Chan's birthday  
cake, featuring a  
mathematical  
object he wrote  
about,  
the  
*dragon curve*



**At Hockey's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday at  
Sandwich/Shawme Hill**

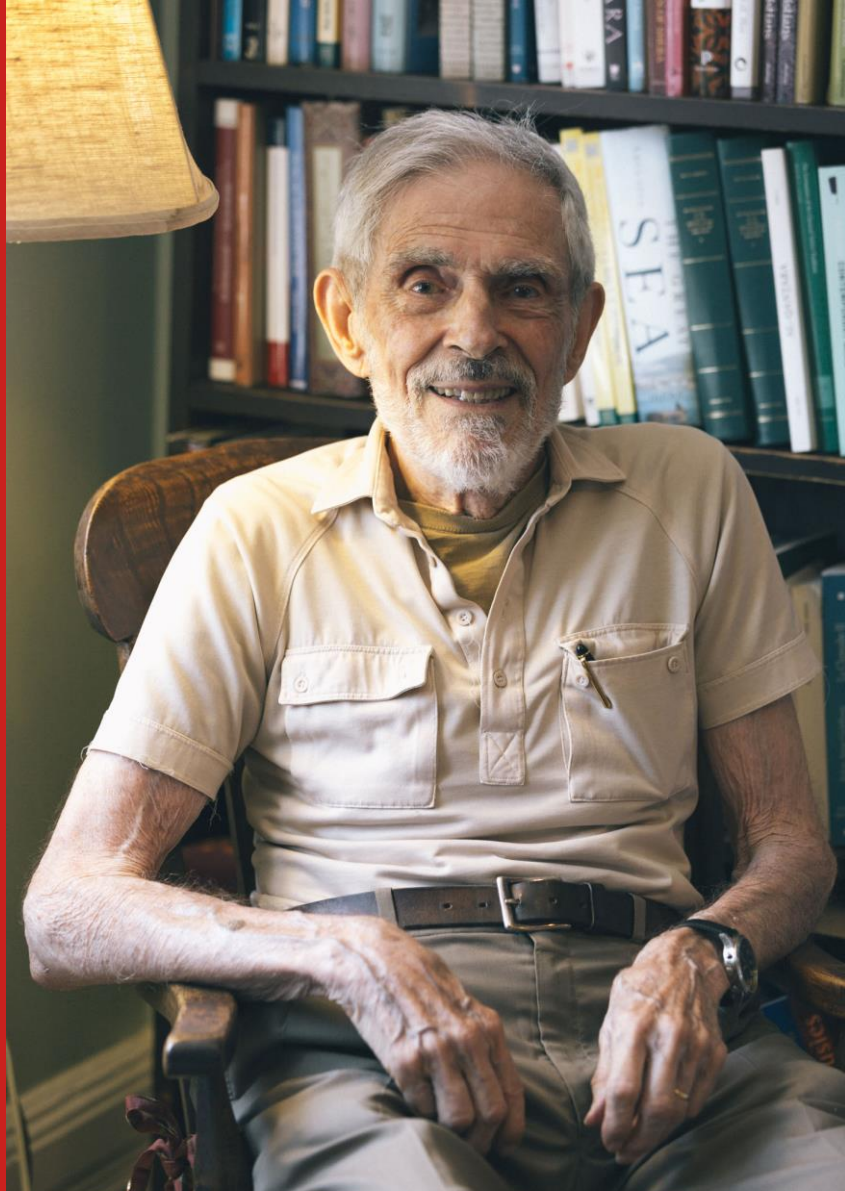
**(August 1993)**

**Aaron,  
Gabriel,  
Josh,  
Tomas,  
Adam,  
Oliver,  
Chan,  
Niamh,  
Hockey Bear,  
Noah,  
Jesse,  
Silas,  
and Evan**



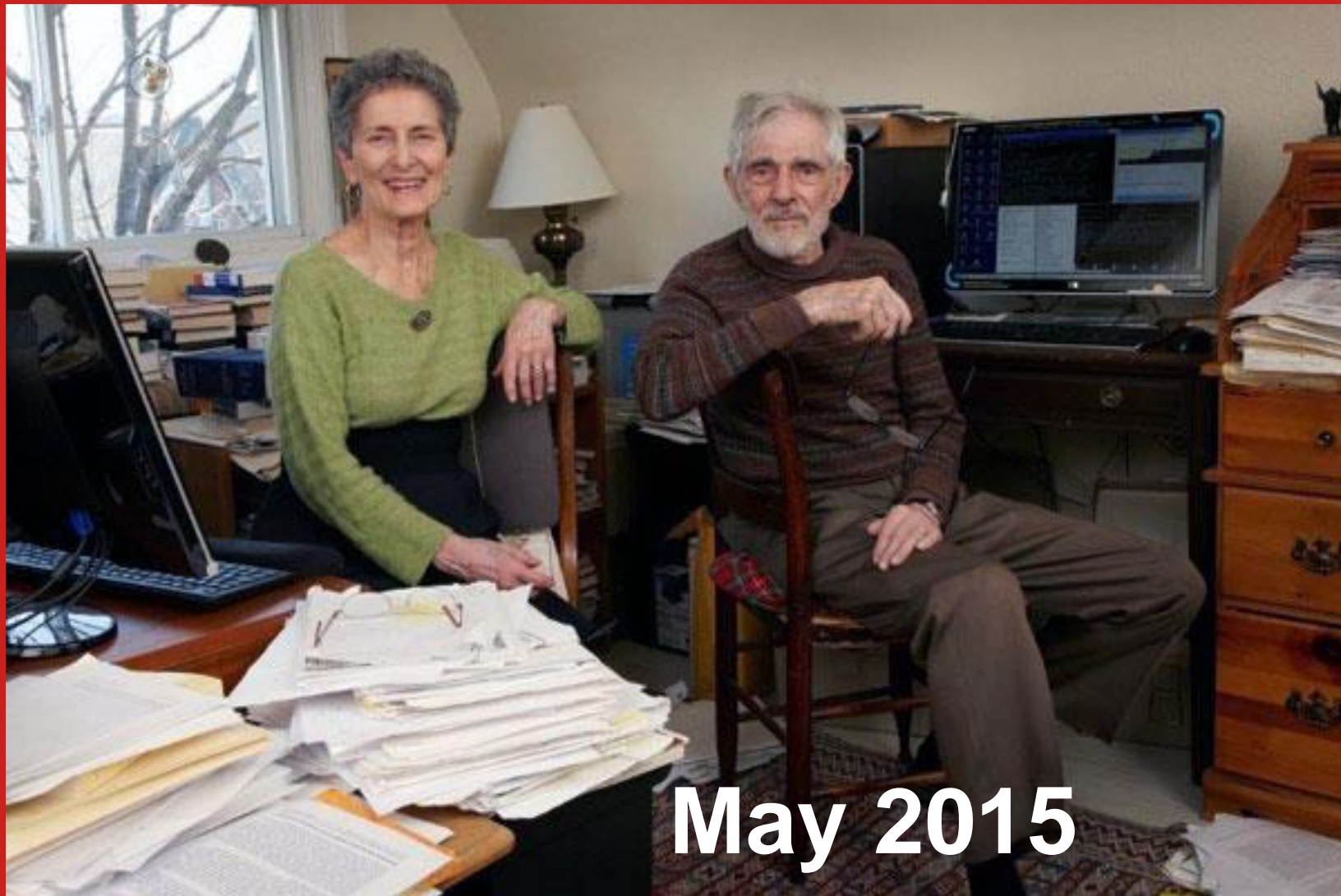
# Chan and Céline





**Chan  
photographed  
by Johnny  
Siera**





**May 2015**





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Meet LENNY — ISAAC ASIMOV'S "Useless" Robot

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by

**RICHARD WILSON**  
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*The Girls from Planet 5*



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Chan's  
name  
between  
those of  
Isaac  
Asimov  
and  
Damon  
Knight

(Infinity Science  
Fiction, August 1958)



# Chan and Natalie

celebrating  
his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday  
at the house  
of their friends  
the Kleins



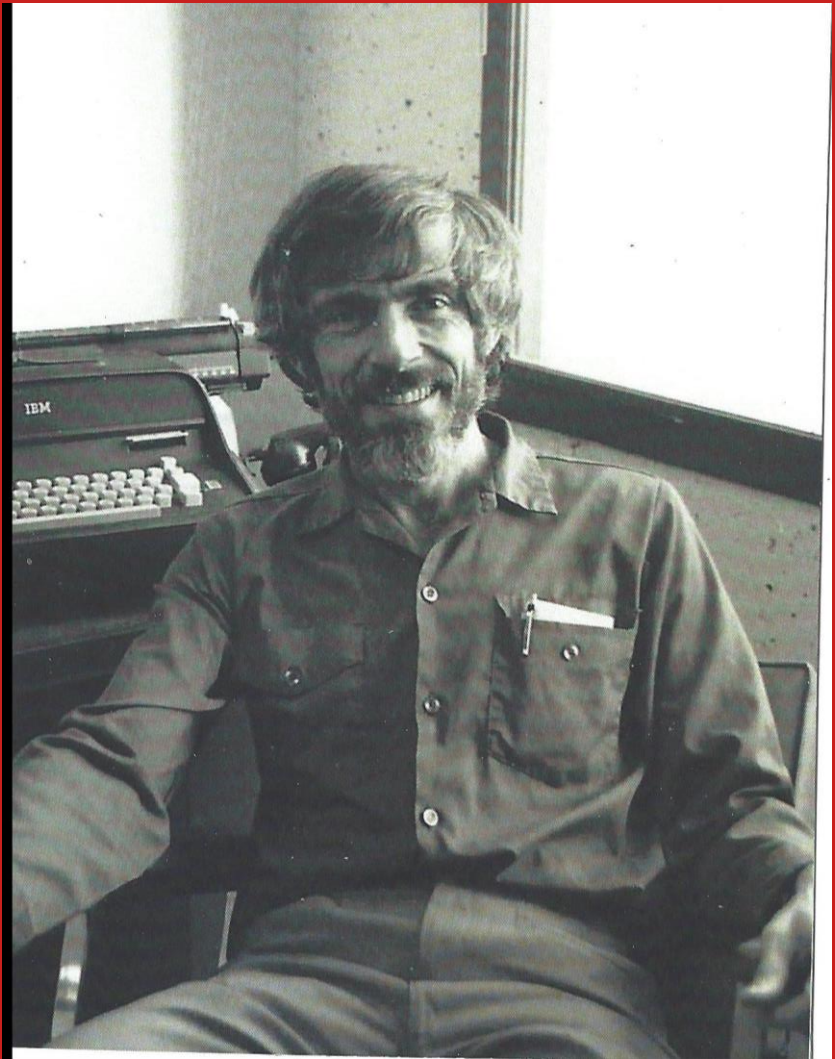


**Chan,  
Simone,  
and  
Natalie  
at  
Inside Out  
graduation**

**(2009)**



# Chan in his office at New College





# Nanie, Hockey, Chan, and Bersha





**Birthday banner for Chan's 90<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Sandwich/Shawme Hill**  
**(August 2016)**





**Chan, Candy, Natalie, Aaron, and Peter**  
(Peter's Cottage, Georgian Bay, Ontario)



The vigil  
against the  
Israeli  
occupation,  
a common  
haunt of  
Chan's on  
Friday  
evenings

(Outside the  
Israeli Embassy  
February 2017)









**Aaron,  
Mira,  
Niamh,  
Chan,  
Natalie,  
Simone,  
and  
Peter**



**Hannukah 2017/5778**





**Sofia,  
Natalie,  
and  
Chan**



**Niamh, Natalie, Hockey Bear, Chan, and Gabriel**





# Chan

at SFCOntario 2013

a science fiction convention  
where he held the position of  
author/guest of honour



# Chan with other mathematicians

1989

(speaking with  
Allen Shields (RIP),  
political ally and  
fellow mathematician)







**Gathered Bear Clan**  
(almost all of us at that time)  
at Chan's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

**August 2016 at Sandwich/Shawme Hill**





**Natalie,  
Tom  
Caulfield,  
Chan,  
and  
Dirk  
Struik**

**at Sandwich/Shawme Hill**



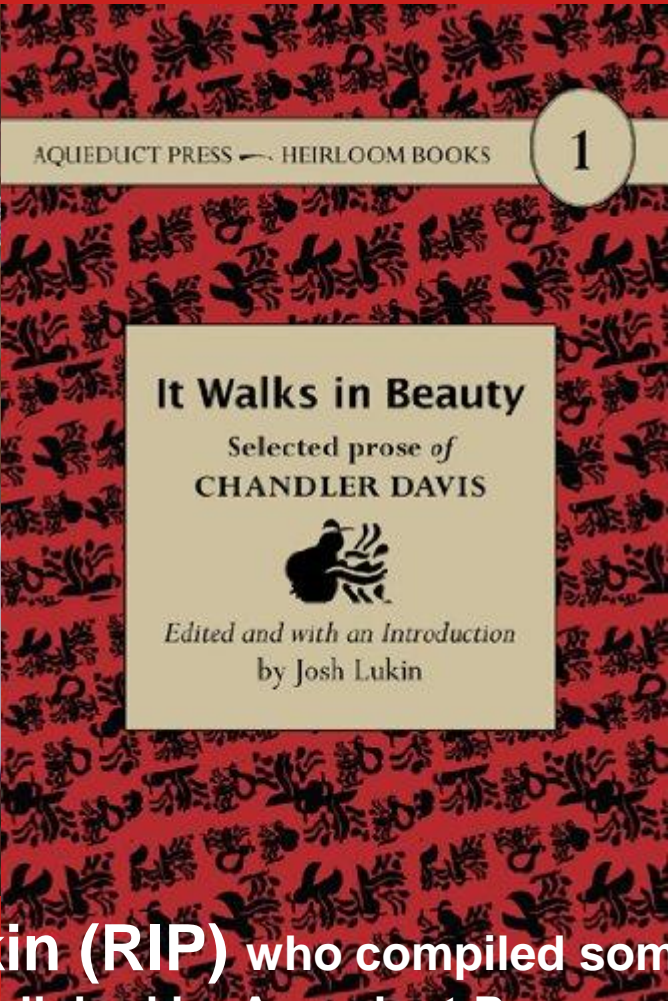
# Chan at Migrant Rights Network demonstration

(political until the very end,  
this picture is from about a  
week before he left us)

(September 2022)







**Chan with one of his biggest fans-- Josh Lukin (RIP) who compiled some stories and other writings of Chan's for a collection published by Aqueduct Press named after one of Chan's stories, the Byron nod 100% intentional on HCD's part**



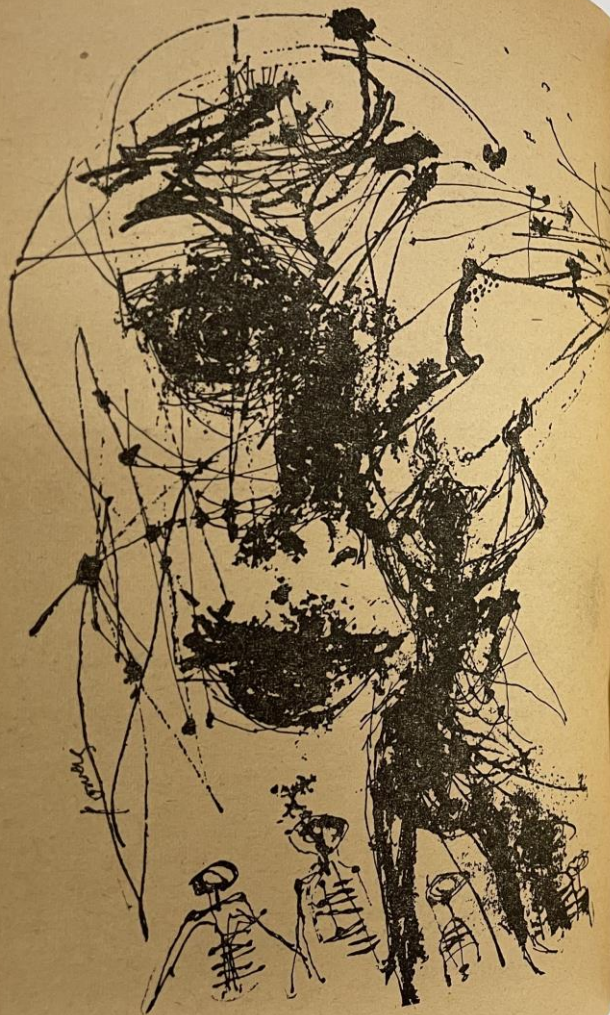
BALLANTINE

# Star

JANUARY

SCIENCE FICTION

Edited by FREDERICK



A Novelette

it  
walks in beauty

CHAN DAVIS

HARRIET waved to Max from the end of its row, but Max's thoughts were far away. He wandered back down the line, half his mind on his job, the other half on it walks in beauty

the woman he loved. Jim called to him, "Hey, Max! Wake up. Didn't you see Harriet?"

Max shook himself and glanced toward it, but it was







*You're  
Invited  
to Char's 90<sup>th</sup>*

*Friday, August 12th, 2016*

*768 Euclid Avenue*

*3pm - 6pm*

Dear friends and kin,

If you're in Toronto on Friday, August 12th,  
please join us at 768 Euclid Avenue  
from 3 to 6 to toast Chandler's 90th birthday.

Yes, 90th!

The picture here, drawn by our granddaughter  
Sofia Szamosi, recalls a tree he climbed in front of  
our house in Toronto one day in the 1990s when  
she was a girl. He claims that he last climbed one  
in 2003. He doesn't promise to do it at the party!

Please let me know by August 2 if you can come.  
(I'll remind you.)

-Natalie

P.S. No gifts.

If you want to, make a gift in his honor to your fa-  
vorite charity, or to Médecins sans frontières, Am-  
nesty International, or Independent Jewish Voices.





**Chan,  
Carlos,  
Natalie,  
  
and  
Amelie**  
(Paris, France in  
December 2019)

# Candy, Niamh, Sofia, Gabe, Johnny, Aaron, Simone, Chan, and Natalie

(Xmas 2016)









# Chan and Natalie

at Natalie's  
88<sup>th</sup> birthday

(November 2016)



**Natalie,  
Aaron,  
and  
Hannah  
c. 1955**



**Grand Central Station Photobooth, New York City, New York**



**Various members of the Bear Clan gathered at Sandwich/Shawme Hill around the time of Chan's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (August 2016)**





ART SONGS  
BY CHANDLER DAVIS

In addition to writing many poems, Chan wrote a certain amount of music, some of which has words based on his own verse, and many others are art songs based on his own settings of works by poets he admired. His daughter Hannah collected these pieces in an anthology

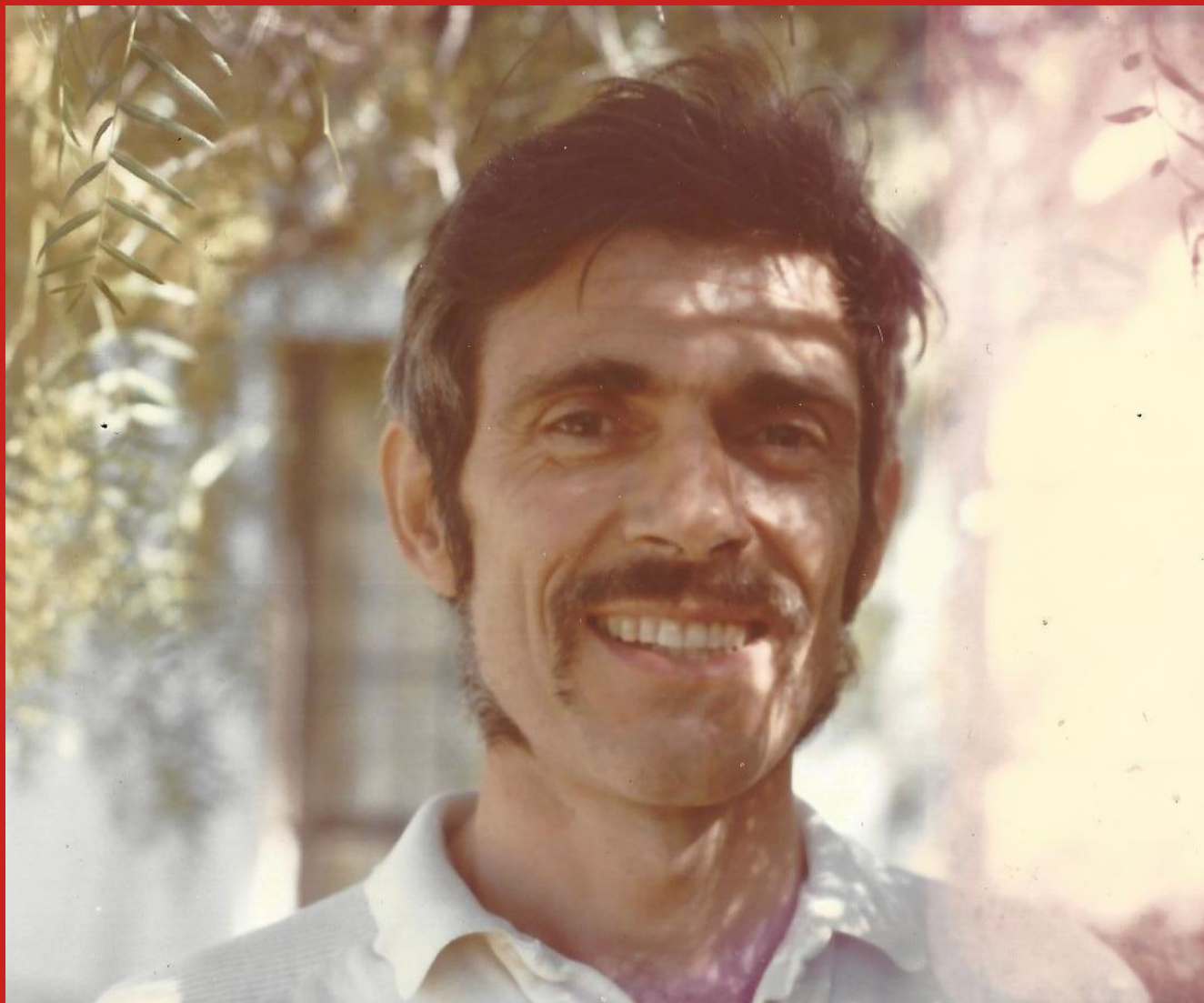


**Chan,  
Natalie,  
and  
Aaron**

**canoeing at Peter's  
cottage in Georgian  
Bay, Ontario**

**(2014)**













**Natalie,  
Chan,  
and  
Niamh**

**(July  
2022)**





**Chan's cake  
from the family  
celebrations  
in  
Sandwich/Shawme  
Hill on the occasion  
of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**







# Chan and Niamh

(July  
2022)



# Chan and Natalie

arrive at  
Sandwich/Shawme Hill  
for Chan's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

(August 2016)





(December  
2018)



**Chan, with  
Jon  
Thompson  
and Lee  
Lorch.**

**Lee was one of  
Chan's best  
friends, a fellow  
red mathematician  
committed to a life  
of activism.**





