

# MINYAN MONTHLY

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## A SMALL REFLECTION

--Larry Harris

Our great-grandparents' generation worried about the health of their horses; we occasionally worry about whether our cars will run. Everyday they would care for their horses; every now and then we maintain our cars. Horses need food, water, shelter and rest everyday. Otherwise they get sick and die. Cars can be ignored for weeks at a time and then used continuously without thought.

The automobile generally provides more useful and cheaper transportation than does the horse. Accordingly, cars have replaced horses. But the horse is sentient whereas the car is not. A horse responds to attention as a creature. A car responds to attention as a machine.

How much did our ancestors' dependence on the horse enhance their own humanity? Now that we no longer have to care for livestock, do we spend more time caring for people? Or have we simply transferred our care from live horses to inanimate machines?

Is the automobile a curse brought upon us by those who failed to take proper care of their horses?

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## SEASONS FOR CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Library Minyan members Rabbi Karen Fox and Phyllis Zimpler Miller on the publication of their new book, Seasons for Celebration. The book is a unique blend of tradition and innovation for those who are celebrating the Jewish holidays for the first time or for those who are looking for a fresh approach. Packed with ideas and information and illustrated with original line drawings, the book has broad appeal and relevance for women and men, individuals and families.

Egalitarian Holiday blessings in English and transliterated Hebrew make this book easy to use. Jewish mystery writer Faye Kellerman says this book is "a concise, enlightening overview of the Jewish holidays, rich in anecdotes and personal experiences." The book is available at several stores in the L.A. area.

**AMERICAN FAMILIES NEEDED TO  
BEFRIEND JEWS FROM THE FORMER  
SOVIET UNION**

Over the past two years, many Minyan families have had the pleasure of befriending refugee families from the former Soviet Union through the community's Family-to-Family program. All who participated have felt that they have learned a great deal from the experience. While for some, it has turned into life-long friendships as the families continue to share life cycle events, Shabbats and Jewish holidays. For emigre families, it has been a highlight of their resettlement in Los Angeles and has enabled them to learn first hand about American and Jewish society and culture.

The federal fiscal year, which ends on September 30, 1992, will have brought to Los Angeles the largest number of Jewish refugees since the beginning of the Soviet Jewry movement (approximately 2,600). Because the refugees place an extremely high value on meeting American families, a long waiting list has developed for the Family-to-family program. The program which is coordinated by Jewish Family Service and the Bureau of Jewish Education has already matched over 400 families but over 200 families are currently waiting to be matched.

If you have not yet, befriended a refugee, please consider participating in this "mitzvah". If you participated in the past, I would like to encourage you to reach out to another family. Singles, couples, families, havurot are all needed.

Participants are asked to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to Jewish Family Service, 6380 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1200,

L.A. 90048. You will then be matched based on ages of adults or children, hobbies and/or professions. Newcomers are only matched if there is someone in the family who speaks sufficient English to carry on a conversation.

The commitment is minimal, all that is required is that you get together with the person or family with whom you are matched four times during a six month period and that you periodically phone them to see how they are doing and answer questions which they might have.

Of course we hope that these will also develop into life-long friendships. Minimally, it will give these new Americans an opportunity to become acquainted with families or individuals that are Jewishly committed.

A special orientation for Temple Beth Am members is being planned in November. For more information, feel free to contact Miriam Prum Hess at work (213)852-7727 or home (310)839-5574.

**MAY THE NEW YEAR  
AND HOLIDAYS  
BRING JOY, PROSPERITY,  
GOOD HEALTH AND  
PEACE TO ALL  
OF OUR  
MINYAN FAMILY**

## **FAMILY to FAMILY**

### **Pairing American & Soviet Jewish Families & Singles**

More than 2,500 Soviet Jews are expected in Los Angeles in 1992. Many of them come here with no knowledge of English and, certainly, no inkling as to how we live and work on a day-to-day basis. Plus, thanks to years of religious suppression in Russia, most of the Jews arriving here don't even know the basics of Jewish traditions or Hebrew. We have opened up our country to these fellow Jews; now we need to open up our heritage as well. What can we do?

The Family to Family Project is a joint project of the Bureau of Jewish Education and Jewish Family Service of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles. Volunteer host Americans are paired up with new Soviet immigrants based on information submitted by both. Hosts then invite their Soviet partners to Shabbat and holiday dinners (at least 4 over a six-month period). They try to be available to answer their questions on the complexities of living in Los Angeles, to calm their fears and often find that their own family's lives are greatly enriched by this act of reaching out and caring.

So far over 400 families and singles have been matched up with American hosts, but, as you can see from the statistics above, many more are sorely needed. Offer your help in this important community project. For more information, call Donna Bayer-Simon at JFS at (213) 651-5573 or Esther Krisman at the BJE at (213) 852-7702 or (818) 990-8640, Ext. 2220. To volunteer, please complete the form on the reverse side.



**TEMPLE BETH AM**

**Bureau of Jewish Education/Jewish Family Service**  
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HOST FAMILY PROFILE

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Adults: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephones (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupations: Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your family speak \_\_\_\_ Russian \_\_\_\_ Yiddish?

Please list any special hobbies or interests that you have \_\_\_\_\_

Most, but not all, Soviet Jewish families live in West Hollywood. If necessary, would you be willing to pick up the immigrant family?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Only if they live in our area

Name of synagogue or organizations, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN TO JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE RESETTLEMENT,  
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**DON'T FORGET WE'RE STILL COLLECTING  
CANNED AND PACKAGED FOODS FOR  
\*\*\*SOVA\*\*\***

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**LOOKING TO RENT**

Fran and Calvin Goldscheider, Professors at Brown University and Consultants to RAND, are looking for a place to rent for the months of December through April or at least until after Pesach. They are looking for housing within walking distance of the Minyan. The Goldscheiders have been to the Minyan many times and are friends of the Rosenblatts and Spiegels.

Please call Kathy Rosenblatt if you know of a place. work: (310) 393-0411 x7289; home: (213) 939-4767

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**HOUSE FOR SALE**

Walking distance from the Library Minyan on Point View in Carthay Square: 4-5 Br, 3Ba., Study, LR, DR, Eat-in kitchen. 3000 sq.ft. Excellent condition and lovingly kept. Reasonably priced. Call Gina and George Sanchez (213) 932-0335

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TO THE MINYAN MONTHLY  
Mail to: Susan Grinel  
1127 11th St. #204  
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Or Call: (310) 395-2572 (H)**

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LIBRARY MINYAN - GABBAI ROTATION - 5753

SEP 26	- NITZAVIM	ALAN BROIDY
OCT 3	- VAYELECH (SHABBAT SHUVAH)	ART METZ
10	- HAAZINU	ALAN BROIDY
12	- 1st DAY OF SUKKOT	ART METZ
13	- 2nd DAY OF SUKKOT	ALAN BROIDY
17	- SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT	STAN GOLDSTEIN
19	- SHEMINI ATZERET	ITZHAK YARON
19	- EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	ART METZ
20	- SIMCHAT TORAH	STAN GOLDSTEIN
24	- BERESHIT **	ITZHAK YARON
31	- NOAH	ALAN BROIDY
NOV 7	- LECH LECHA	STAN GOLDSTEIN
14	- VAYERA	ART METZ
21	- CHAYE SARAH **	ITZHAK YARON
28	- TOLEDOT	ALAN BROIDY
DEC 5	- VAYETZE	STAN GOLDSTEIN
12	- VAYISHLACH	ART METZ
19	- VAYESHEV **	ALAN BROIDY
26	- MIKETZ (7th DAY OF CHANUKAH)	ITZHAK YARON
JAN 2	- VAYIGASH	ART METZ
9	- VAYECHI	STAN GOLDSTEIN
16	- SHEMOT **	ALAN BROIDY
23	- VAERA (ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT)	STAN GOLDSTEIN
30	- BO	ITZHAK YARON
FEB 6	- BESHALACH	ART METZ
13	- YITRO	ITZHAK YARON
20	- MISHPATIM (SHABBAT SHEKALIM) **	ALAN BROIDY
27	- TERUMAH	STAN GOLDSTEIN
MAR 6	- TETZAVEH (SHABBAT ZACHOR)	ART METZ
6	- EREV PURIM	ITZHAK YARON
13	- KI TISA (SHABBAT PARAH)	ALAN BROIDY
20	- VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI (SHABBAT HACHODESH) **	STAN GOLDSTEIN
27	- VAYIKRA	ART METZ
APR 3	- TZAV (SHABBAT HAGADOL)	ITZHAK YARON
6	- 1st DAY OF PESACH	ART METZ
7	- 2nd DAY OF PESACH	ALAN BROIDY
10	- SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PESACH	STAN GOLDSTEIN
12	- 7th DAY OF PESACH	ALAN BROIDY
13	- 8th DAY OF PESACH	STAN GOLDSTEIN
17	- SHEMINI **	ITZHAK YARON
24	- TAZRIA-METZORA	ART METZ

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	8	-	EMOR	STAN GOLDSTEIN
	15	-	BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI **	ART METZ
	22	-	BAMIDBAR	ITZHAK YARON
	26	-	1st DAY OF SHAVUOT	STAN GOLDSTEIN
	27	-	2nd DAY OF SHAVUOT	ALAN BROIDY
	29	-	NASO	ART METZ
JUN	5	-	BEHAALOTCHA	ITZHAK YARON
	12	-	SHELACH **	ALAN BROIDY
	19	-	KORACH (ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ)	ART METZ
	26	-	CHUKAT	STAN GOLDSTEIN
JUL	3	-	BALAK	ART METZ
	10	-	PINCHAS	ITZHAK YARON
	17	-	MATOT-MASEI **	STAN GOLDSTEIN
	24	-	DEVARIM (SHABBAT CHAZON)	ALAN BROIDY
	26	-	EREV TISHA B'AV	-----
	31	-	VAETCHANAN (SHABBAT NACHAMU)	ART METZ
AUG	7	-	EKEV	ITZHAK YARON
	14	-	RE'E **	ALAN BROIDY
	21	-	SHOFTIM	STAN GOLDSTEIN
	28	-	KI TETZE	ART METZ
SEP	4	-	KI TAVO	ITZHAK YARON
	11	-	NITZAVIM-VAYELECH	ALAN BROIDY
	18	-	HAZINU (SHABBAT SHUVAH)	STAN GOLDSTEIN

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