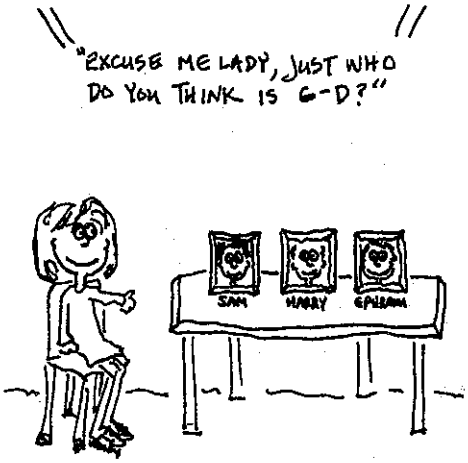
WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN?

by Ruth Gutradt

Back in Atlantic City in 1933 Sam was the man of my dreams! I only a high school freshman, while Sam (who was a sophomore at Penn, and a scholarship winner at that) was the hero of the hour. I can still remember the excitement I felt when he took me to my first formal ...The Bunny Hop! Sam couldn't even dance , but who cared?

When I was a high school junior Sam's younger brother, Yahbo, took me to his Senior Prom, and since I was crazy about their mother, Minnie, it became sort of a family affair. Even though I fell in love with and married another man, my darling Harry, both brothers were ushers at our wedding, and forty two years later when Harry passed away they called to comfort me, Sam from Atlantic City and Yahbo from Chicago. Now, although we live miles apart, I know that we've never stopped caring about each other.



Sixty six years later, in August, '99, I found myself back in Atlantic City. Sam's very nice wife, Nancy, was in New York and had given me permission to borrow her husband for the day. (Is that a compliment?) Sam and I were sitting across from one another having a great time reminiscing, when suddenly I leaned forward and said, "I have a confession to make, Sam. When I was a freshman in high school and you were a sophomore at Penn, I worshiped you. In fact, I thought you were G-d. For years, I thought you were G-d. Then I met my Rabbi, Ephraim Buchwald, and you know what, Sam? I found out that you weren't G-d after all!" Sam exploded with laughter.

He couldn't believe when I told him that I'm "involved" with religion. e wanted to hear all about the Orthodox Rabbi who had made me REALLY LOVE FEELING JEWISH, who had changed my priorities, who made me want to get up early on Saturday mornings and turn Saturday into Shabbat, who inspired me to try to learn Hebrew, who had given me that certain special indefinable something that added such joy and richness to my life. I talked about the National Jewish Outreach Program. I tried to describe Rabbi Buchwald's wife, the amazing Aidel, with her quiet strength and her fabulous Shabbat lunches. I told him about their four terrific kids. By the time the afternoon was over, I think that Sam began to understand my feelings.

Now I'm wondering where we'll all be in 2065. I'd lke to believe that Sam, Yahbo, and I will be sitting with my Harry in Hashem's Big Beautiful Garden, surrounded by our families and old friends. Perhaps eventually the Buchwalds will stroll by and wave, and I'll invite them to join us. Maybe after introductions and get-acquainted time we'll find a few quiet moments to remember the past. Maybe I'll lean forward and say, "I have a confession to make, Ephraim. In 1999, when we were back in New York and I attended your Beginners' Service, when I was eighty one and you were fifty three, I worshiped you. In fact, I thought you were G-d. I really thought you were G-d. But you know what, Ephraim? When I came HERE to live, I found out that you weren't G-d after all. You were His Good Will Ambassador who came bearing wondrous gifts. You offered your services way above and beyond the call of duty, and in so doing, you performed countless miracles! So, for myself and the thousands whose hearts you touched and whose lives you changed, I'd like to say, "Thank you!" And, since we're now living in neutral territory, as an expression of our gratitude, please, in front of G-d and all these people, may I give you a very warm, very spiritual hug?"

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SAVE THE DATE

Beginners Shabbaton - $30
Fri-Sat, Dec 3-4, 1999
Beginners Shabbat Luncheons
Saturdays 12:30 pm- $15
Jan 1, Feb 5, Mar 4
Beginners Schmooze- Mondays 8:15 pm - Free
Jan 3, March 6, April 3
Beginners Chanukah Party -
$20 in advance, $25 at the door
Mon Dec 6, 7PM
Shabbat 2000
Fri, Dec 31, 1999
Shabbat Across America
Fri, Mar 31, 2000

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Shabbat December 4, 1999 - 25th of Kislev Vayeshev CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:20 PM
Mincha ..... 4:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:11 PM
Chanukah Candles after ..... 5:11 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:15 PM

Sunday December 5, 1999 - 26th of Kislev CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Chanukah Candles after ..... 4:59 PM

Monday December 6, 1999 - 27th of Kislev CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM
Chanukah Candles after ..... 4:59 PM

Tuesday December 7, 1999 - 28th of Kislev CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM
Chanukah Candles after ..... 4:59 PM

Wednesay December 8, 1999 - 29th of Kislev CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM
Chanukah Candles after ..... 4:59 PM

Thursday December 9, 1999 - 30th of Kislev ROSH CHODESH CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM
Chanukah Candles after ..... 4:59 PM

Friday December 10, 1999-1st of Tevet ROSH CHODESH CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM
Chanukah Candles before ..... 4:10 PM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:10 PM
Mincha ..... 4:15 PM

Shabbat December 11, 1999 - 2nd of Tevet Miketz CHANUKAH
Morning Services ..... 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:20 PM
Mincha ..... 4:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:10 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:15 PM

Friday December 17, 1999 - 8th of Tevet
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:12 PM
Mincha ..... 4:15 PM

Sat December 18, 1999 - 9th of Tevet Vayigash
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:20 PM
Mincha ..... 4:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:12 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

Sunday December 19, 1999 - 10th of Tevet ASARA B'TEVET
Fast Begins ..... 6:03 AM
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Mincha ..... 4:05 PM
Fast Ends ..... 5:02 PM

Fri December 24, 1999 - 15th of Tevet
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 8:30 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:15 PM
Mincha ..... 4:20 PM

Sat December 25, 1999 - 16th of Tevet Vayechi
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:25 PM
Mincha ..... 4:10 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:15 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

Fri December 31, 1999 - 22nd of Tevet NEW YEARS DAY
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 8:30 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:20 PM
Mincha ..... 4:25 PM

Sat January 1, 2000 - 23rd of Tevet Shemot
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:30 PM
Mincha ..... 4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:20 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:30 PM

Fri January 7, 2000 - 29th of Tevet
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:27 PM
Mincha ..... 4:30 PM

Sat January 8, 2000 - 1st of Sh'vat Vaera ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:35 PM
Mincha ..... 4:20 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:27 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:35 PM

Fri January 14, 2000 - 7th of Sh'vat
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:34 PM
Mincha ..... 4:40 PM

Sat January 15, 2000 - 8th of Sh'vat Bo
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:45 PM
Mincha ..... 4:30 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:34 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:45 PM

Mon January 17, 2000 - 10th of Sh'vat MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Morning Services ..... 7:05 & 8:30 AM

Fri January 21, 2000 - 14th of Sh'vat
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:42 PM
Mincha ..... 4:45 PM

Sat January 22, 2000 - 15th of Sh'vat Beshalach TU B'SHVAT
Morning Services ..... 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:50 PM
Mincha ..... 4:35 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:42 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:50 PM

Fri January 28, 2000 - 21st of Sh'vat
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:50 PM
Mincha ..... 4:55 PM

Sat January 29, 2000 - 22nd of Sh'vat Yitro
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:00 PM
Mincha ..... 4:45 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:50 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:00 PM

Fri Febuary 4, 2000 - 28th of Sh'vat
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:59 PM
Mincha ..... 5:05 PM

Sat Febuary 5, 2000 - 29th of Sh'vat Mishpatim
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:10 PM
Mincha ..... 4:55 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:59 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:10 PM

Sunday Febuary 6, 2000 - 30th of Sh'vat ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Mon Febuary 7, 2000 - 1st of Adar Rishon ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri Febuary 11, 2000 - 5th of Adar Rishon
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:08 PM
Mincha ..... 5:15 PM

Sat Febuary 12, 2000 - 6th of Adar Rishon Terumah
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:20 PM
Mincha ..... 5:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:08 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:15 PM

Fri Febuary 18, 2000 - 12th of Adar Rishon
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:16 PM
Mincha ..... 5:20 PM

Sat Febuary 19, 2000 - 13th of Adar Rishon Tetzaveh
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:25 PM
Mincha. ..... 5:10 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:16 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:25 PM

Sun Febuary 20, 2000 - 14th of Adar Rishon PURIM KATAN
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 8:30 AM

Mon Febuary 21, 2000 - 15th of Adar Rishon PRESIDENTS DAY
Morning Services ..... 7:05 & 8:30 AM

Fri Febuary 25, 2000 - 19th of Adar Rishon
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:24 PM
Mincha ..... 5:30 PM

Sat Febuary 26, 2000 - 20th of Adar Rishon Ki Tisa
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:35 PM
Mincha ..... 5:20 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:24 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:30 PM

Fri March 3, 2000 - 26th of Adar Rishon
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:31 PM
Mincha ..... 5:35 PM

Sat March 4, 2000 - 27th of Adar Rishon Vayakhel SHEKALIM
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:40 PM
Mincha ..... 5:25 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:31 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:40 PM

Tue March 7, 2000 - 30th of Adar Rishon ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:

Wed March 8, 2000 - 1st of Adar Sheni ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri March 10, 2000 - 3rd of Adar Sheni
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:39 PM
Mincha ..... 5:45 PM

Sat March 11, 2000 - 4th of Adar Sheni Pekudei
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:50 PM
Mincha ..... 5:35 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:39 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:45 PM

Fri March 17, 2000 - 10th of Adar Sheni
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:47 PM
Mincha ..... 5:50 PM

Sat March 18, 2000 - 11th of Adar Sheni Vayikra ZACHOR
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:55 PM
Mincha ..... 5:40 PM
Additional reading of Parshas Zachor after Mincha
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:47 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:55 PM

Mon March 20, 2000 - 13th of Adar Sheni TA'ANIT ESTHER
Fast Begins ..... 4:56 AM
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:30 AM
Mincha ..... 5:40 PM
Maariv & Megila Reading ..... 6:39 PM
Late Megila Reading ..... 9:30 PM

Tue March 21, 2000 - 14th of Adar Sheni PURIM
Morning Services ..... 6:30 & 7:30 AM
Extra Megila Reading ..... 9:30 PM
Early Mincha ..... 5:10 PM
Mincha ..... 5:55 PM

Wed March 22, 2000 - 15th of Adar Sheni SHUSHAN PURIM
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM

Fri March 24, 2000 - 17th of Adar Sheni
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 ,...
Candle Lighting ..... 5:54 PM
Mincha ..... 6:00 PM

Sat March 25, 2000 - 18th of Adar Sheni Tzav PARAH
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 5:05 PM
Mincha ..... 5:50 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:54 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:00 PM

Fri March 31, 2000 - 24th of Adar Sheni
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 6:01 PM
Mincha ..... 6:05 PM

Sat April 1, 2000 - 25th of Adar Sheni Shmini HACHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 5:10 PM
Mincha ..... 5:55 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 7:01 PM
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Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 7:10 PM DST

Thursday April 6, 2000 - 1st of Nisan ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri April 7, 2000 - 2nd of Nisan
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 7:09 PM
Mincha ..... 7:15 PM

Sat April 8, 2000 - 3rd of Nisan Tazria
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 6:05 PM
Mincha ..... 7:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 8:09 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 7:15 PM

Fri April 14, 2000 - 9th of Nisan
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 7:16 PM
Mincha ..... 7:20 PM

Sat April 15, 2000 - 10th of Nisan Metzora SHABBAT HAGADOL
Morning Services ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Mincha ..... 6:20 PM
Shabbat Hagadol Drasha ..... 6:45 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 8:16 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 7:25 PM