

A GUIDE TO THE VEXED

by Mark Ellman

miss pepperoni, sure. And Friday night discos were a hoot. But most of all, I miss the gossip. Not the lightweight dish-dirt banter--I mean the primal, soulful, warm-in-the-tummy, profound variety.

Well, those days are gone forever. And while I mourn their passing, even torture myself recalling all the missed opportunities to shred a reputation while I still had the chance, we humans have a remarkable capacity to adapt. And so, being only that, I have developed a system to survive this moral straitjacket we call Torah. I call my system--Well, actually I'm withholding the name until the copyright papers come through. But here, as a sampling, are guidelines guaranteed to secure your orchestra seat in the World To Come with minimal upset to your evil impulse:

NEVER TRASH ANYONE DIRECTLY

Question: What do you think of Rabbi Cornfarb?

Answer: ...His secretary's a doll! Wonderful woman. Types, takes shorthand--Can't say enough about her.

CHOOSE YOUR FREUDIAN SLIPS WISELY.

Question: What do you really think of Rabbi Cornfarb?

Answer: I really couldn't say...That reminds me--on the way home I have to stop and pick up a horse's rear--I mean a quart of milk.

COMPLIMENT AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY

"Let me tell you something about Rabbi Hershel Cornfarb--He's the best dressed gonif you'd ever hope to meet."

IN MOMENTS OF WEAKNESS, TURN TO A FRIEND FOR HELP

"How was his sermon?"

"Unbelievable."

"Yeah? How so?"

"Really unbelievable."

"How do you mean?"

"I mean really unbelievable.

I mean, I couldn't believe it!"

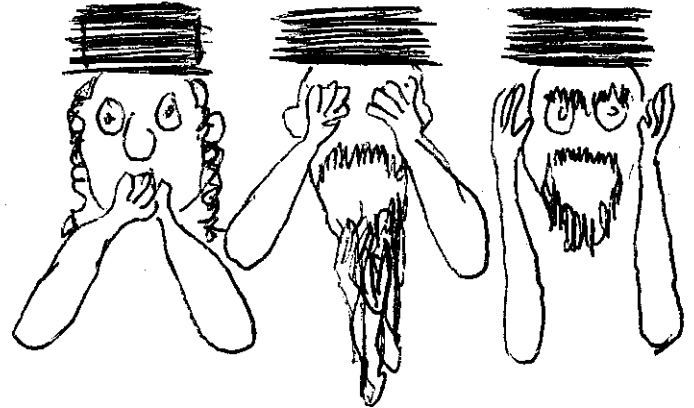
Good Friend: "That bad, huh?"

"Unbelievable!"

DON'T DISCUSS PERSONAL SHORTCOMINGS--UNLESS THEY'RE PERSONAL

"We broke up, but it was only due to my physical and emotional inadequacy. I am unable to relate physically or emotionally to pinhead twerps."

Question: What's that got to do with Hirsh Cornfarb?



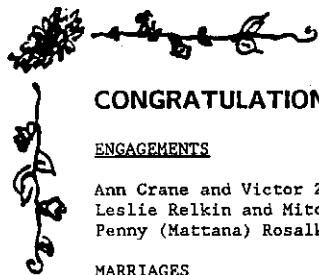
SUBLIMATE THE URGE TO CONDEMN WITH ACTS OF KINDNESS

"I'm looking for a gift for my mother, something in hardback..Maybe self help..I don't know..something like--How To Improve Your Entire Twisted Makeup, You Selfish, Vacuous Cow?"

"Tell me, your mother wouldn't by chance be Rabbi Cornfarb?"

Rabbi Hershel Cornfarb is a purely fictional character. He is based entirely on the real life Rabbi Ignatz Fogeltraub of Rockport, IL.

Mark Ellman is a frequent contributor to the National Enquirer. His autobiographical best-seller Some of My Family's Personal Problems was recently awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Slander and will be televised this fall on the Hallmark Hall of Defame.



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 Nancy Slater and Frank Loorie
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BIRTHS

Yehudis and Moshe Ashin on the birth of a daughter, Shaina
 June and Mark Baum on the birth of a daughter, Zoe Shulamit
 Michelle and Benjamin Belfer on the birth of a daughter,
 Sara Scheindel
 Irene and David Disenhouse on the birth of a daughter, Sara Hanna
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TZEITCHEM L'SHALOM to live and/or study in Israel

Marina Kaplan

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 Alan Magill featured in the Jewish Week for his comedy writing
 Michelle Napear for her one woman art show
 Steve Reich for the acclaimed premiere of "Different Trains"

CONDOLENCES

Irene Disenhouse on the loss of her mother, Sara Matrajt
 Laura and Michaela Harel on the loss of their husband and
 father, Dr. Aron Harel

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 * **Beginners Luncheon** *
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 * **Sept. 2, Nov. 4 - \$10** *
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 * **Beginners Schmooze** *
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 * **November 6, 8:15 pm** *
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 * **Yedidiah Buchwald's** *
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 * **Bar Mitzvah - Oct 7th** *
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 * **Rosh Hashannah Services** *
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 * **Fri. - Sun. Sept. 29,30 Oct. 1** *
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 * **Yom Kippur Services** *
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 * **Sun, Mon Oct. 8,9** *
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 * **Andy Moos has moved.** *
 * **He'd like to keep in touch.** *
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 * **5315 Myrtle Wood** *
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 * **spiritually moving, existentially** *
 * **uplifting, and all around smashing** *
 * **2 week tour of Israel with Rabbi** *
 * **Ephraim Buchwald, late October** *
 * **thru early November,** *
 * **call 212 - 874-6105.** *

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, June 10th
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 8:13 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:45 and 8:25 p.m.

Saturday, July 1st (SHELACh)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi and Bible Classes..... 7:15 p.m.
 Mincha..... 8:15 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 8:20 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day
 Morning Services..... 7:15 & 8:30 a.m.

Friday, July 7
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 8:12 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:45 and 8:20 p.m.

Saturday July 8 (KORACH)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi and Bible Classes..... 7:10 p.m.
 Mincha..... 8:10 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 8:20 p.m.

Friday, July 14
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 8:09 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:45 & 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, July 15 (HUKKATH-BALAK)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi and Bible Classes..... 7:10 p.m.
 Mincha..... 8:10 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 20 Fast of Seventeenth of Tammuz
 Fast begins..... 4:30 a.m.
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.
 Mincha..... 8:00 p.m.
 Fast ends..... 8:54 p.m.

Friday July 21
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 8:04 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:40 & 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 22 (PINCHAS)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi and Bible Classes..... 7:05 p.m.
 Mincha..... 8:05 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 8:10 p.m.

Friday, July 28
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 7:58 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:35 and 8:10 p.m.

Saturday July 29 (MATTOT-HASE)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi and Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.
 Mincha..... 8:00 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2nd Rosh Chodesh Av
 Morning services..... 7 & 7:40 a.m.

Friday, August 4
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 7:50 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.
 (This will be the last week of the early
 Friday night minyan)

Saturday, August 5 (DEVORIM)
 Shabbat Chazone
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi and Bible Classes..... 6:50 p.m.
 Mincha..... 7:50 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 7:55 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9th Eve of the 9th of Av
 Fast begins..... 8:00 p.m.
 Mincha..... 8:05 p.m.
 followed by Maariv and Eicha

Thursday, August 10th Ninth of Av
 followed by a class..... 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
 Mincha..... 7:35 p.m.
 Fast ends..... 8:32 p.m.

Friday, August 11
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 7:42 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:50 p.m.

Saturday August 12 (VAETIHANAN)
 Shabbat Nachamu
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Talmud and Bible Classes..... 6:40 p.m.
 Mincha..... 7:40 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 7:45 p.m.

Friday, August 18
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 7:32 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:40 p.m.

Saturday August 19 (EKEV)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Talmud and Bible Classes..... 6:30 p.m.
 Mincha..... 7:30 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 7:35 p.m.

Friday, August 25
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 7:22 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:30 p.m.

Saturday August 26 (REEH)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Talmud and Bible Classes..... 6:40 p.m.
 Mincha..... 7:20 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 7:25 p.m.

Rosh Chodesh Elul Thursday August 31 Friday September 1
 Morning services..... 7 & 7:40 a.m.

Friday, September 1
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 7:11 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:20 p.m.

Saturday September 2 (SHOPTIM)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Talmud and Bible Classes..... 6:10 p.m.
 Mincha..... 7:10 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 7:15 p.m.

Monday, September 4th Labor Day
 Morning Services..... 7:10 and 8:30 a.m.

Friday, September 8
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 6:59 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:10 p.m.

Saturday September 9 (KI TETZE)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
 Rabbi Barman's Daf Yomi class at 5:30 p.m.
 followed by his Talmud class at 6:15 p.m.
 Talmud and Bible Class..... 6:00 p.m.
 Mincha..... 7:00 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 7:00 p.m.

Friday September 15
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 6:48 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:00 p.m.

Saturday September 16 (KI TAVO)
 Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45
 Daf Yomi at 5:15 p.m.
 followed by Rabbi Barman's talmud class at 6:00 p.m.
 Talmud and Bible Classes..... 5:45 p.m.
 Mincha..... 6:45 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv..... 6:50 p.m.

Friday September 22
 Kindle Shabbat Candles..... 6:36 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:45 p.m.