

# A Rabbi's Job

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How does it feel to have a job where you only work an hour a week?

This taunt is often hurled at rabbis.

And there are people who believe that the rabbi only functions during the course of the weekly worship service.

How erroneous is this can be learned by following any rabbi about. Recently, one rabbi, Dr. Norbert Rosenthal, the gifted spiritual leader of Temple Israel, Tulsa, made a careful record



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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli officials, angered over the increased fees charged Jews wishing to immigrate from the Soviet Union, have announced plans to organize a world-wide outcry against what Premier Golda Meir called "a price list for those in a slave market." The exit fees were increased on Aug. 3 from \$1,000 to upwards of \$20,000 depending upon one's education. Academicians and technicians, highly paid by Soviet standards, earn between \$222 and

of what he did during a two-week period. In his annual report to the congregation this is how that one brief segment of time was filled. Here are the rabbi's words:

"I conducted two weddings, one conversion, one funeral, sat on the dais and given invocations at four different annual meetings, including the Goodwill Industries and the Tulsa Red Cross, gave two lectures at Oklahoma State University, one on Christian theology and anti-Semitism and another on Herzl and political Zionism, addressed a local group called Parents Without Partners on contemporary family problems, presided at two Friday evening services, one a lovely bar and Bas Mitzvah and the other a magnificent rendition of Ernest Bloch's Sacred Service..."

Wait, that's not all. In addition Rabbi Rosenthal had met almost daily with his Confirmation class, visited the sick and the ailing at the hospital, made five pastoral hour calls, counseled with a cluster individuals on personal problems, spent several hours with a Chamber of Commerce leader on urban problems. Also he had a conference with the superintendent of schools about introducing Hebrew into the secondary school curriculum.

Was the rabbi complaining? Of course not, for, as he told his people: "I continue unremittently in find deep satisfaction in what I am called upon to do in all their multiple dimensions; there is nothing in all the world that I would rather be or do."

The rabbi said nothing about preparation for the talks he gives. In any event, this memo should cause you to discount the notion that rabbis can't do every much. They do a lot --- and much of it for your benefit.

\$333 a month.

One official suggested that the new charge, "higher than any conceivably justifiable sum," was made necessary by the high number of Jewish academicians who wished to emigrate. The Soviet Union, he said, could not sustain a "brain drain" of such dimensions.

Premier Golda Meir, speaking at the 90th anniversary celebrating a Mazkeret Township, called upon "all righteous people" to "protest this decree" and said she had thought slavery was a "a thing of the past" which "existed only in such countries as Saudi Arabia."

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