

## Home Is Where The Heart Is

By Bernice Schimel

Once upon a time, in the Kingdom of New York, there lived a lovely young princess named Esther. With flashing eyes and tossing curls, she easily caught the heart of a handsome prince, Sam, who courted her with ice cream sodas, foxtrots and movie dates. True, Sam's kingdom consisted of a railroad flat and an entry level job in the garment industry...but the world was coming out of the Great Depression, and aside from troublesome war clouds on the horizon, the future looked bright. So, they married and lived happily ever after...or so it seemed. Esther, the traditional Jewish wife, made their apartment a true home. She listened to Sam's dreams of starting a business; she saw him off to war and home again; she mothered their children; she worked side by side with him as they struggled with their own business, and she reaped the fruits of their success. It seemed that before she knew it, 40 years had gone by, and Esther and Sam made plans to retire to the Kingdom of Las Vegas, where they could enjoy their golden years in the sunshine.

That's when the fairy tale began to sour. Sam and Esther had bought a nice little home, but within a few years Sam died and Esther was alone for the first time in her life. At first, she was blessed with many friends but soon she saw them go one by one. Although her general health remained good, her eyesight began to fail and she had to give up her car and, thus, her independence. The funds that Sam had prudently set aside for retirement no longer met her needs. Worse, she could not physically or financially maintain her property. Yet, she couldn't bear to leave her little house with all its memories. Her children, themselves no longer young, helped out as best they could, but they were scattered from coast to coast and had children and grandchildren of their own. What to do?

Do you know someone like Esther? Wouldn't

you like to see her problems solved? Perhaps you are not aware that there may be solutions available from a fairy godmother, the Jewish Family Services Agency (JFSA).

One such solution might be HOMESHARING, a program in which two or more unrelated people pool their personal and financial resources and share a home. There are a variety of homesharing arrangements. They may include a payment of rent for space or a reduction of rent in exchange for services such as cooking, cleaning or shopping. Homesharing can involve older contemporaries or younger and older people. HOMESHARING through *Las Vegas Match* is a non-sectarian program worth considering. *Las Vegas Match* carefully screens, interviews and matches compatible people in homesharing arrangements. *Las Vegas Match* HOMESHARING may be just the answer you've been looking for, for yourself or a loved one.

This is such an exciting program. For further information, contact *Las Vegas Match* at the Jewish Family Service Agency (732-0304).

NEW YORK (JTA) — Leading Moscow Jewish activists Judith and Emmanuel Lurie, refuseniks for nearly 10 years, have received permission to emigrate, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry and B'nai B'rith International.

Judith Lurie, formerly an English teacher, is head of Jewish Women Against Refusal, or JEWAR, a solidarity group of Soviet Jewish women denied permission to emigrate that has staged demonstrations and hunger strikes.

The Luries were actually granted permission to immigrate to Israel in December 1979 and were scheduled to leave the Soviet Union two months later.

But the permit was rescinded in February 1980, when authorities of the OVIR emigration bureau decided that Emmanuel's involvement in allegedly classified research 17 years earlier was a security risk.

## Noah's Ark And Violence In America

By Marc H. Tanenbaum

"And the earth was corrupted before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Genesis 6:11).

That image dominates the account of Noah and the ark that was read recently in synagogue services. As that biblical narrative unfolded, it felt as if one were reading about the streets of New York, Los Angeles or Boston, among many other American cities today.

Look at what has been going on in New York City alone these past few days. On Halloween day, hundreds of young thugs poured out of high schools and terrorized, beat and robbed ordinary citizens in Gotham's streets.

I witnessed with my own eyes such an assault on the Upper East Side. When a teen-age hoodlum brutally choked a small Vietnamese man delivering a pizza. The punk was driven away, but he had only defiance and contempt on his face.

In another instance, 10 girls were caught after they had terrified some 40 women with needle attacks. "They thought it was fun to jab people and see their reactions," the detectives said.

Such cruel and violent episodes are acted out daily in our major cities across the country.

In Noah's day, the Midrash informs us, the world was filled with theft and robbery, and contempt for human life. And the floods came to wash out the viciousness.

Noah and his family were saved in the ark, our sages assert, because they had compassion and respect for other people, and even for animals.

We need not wait for a flood if the major institutions of our national society — government, the media, schools and religion — would re-examine seriously their roles in containing the culture of violence, and inculcate greater respect for every human life.

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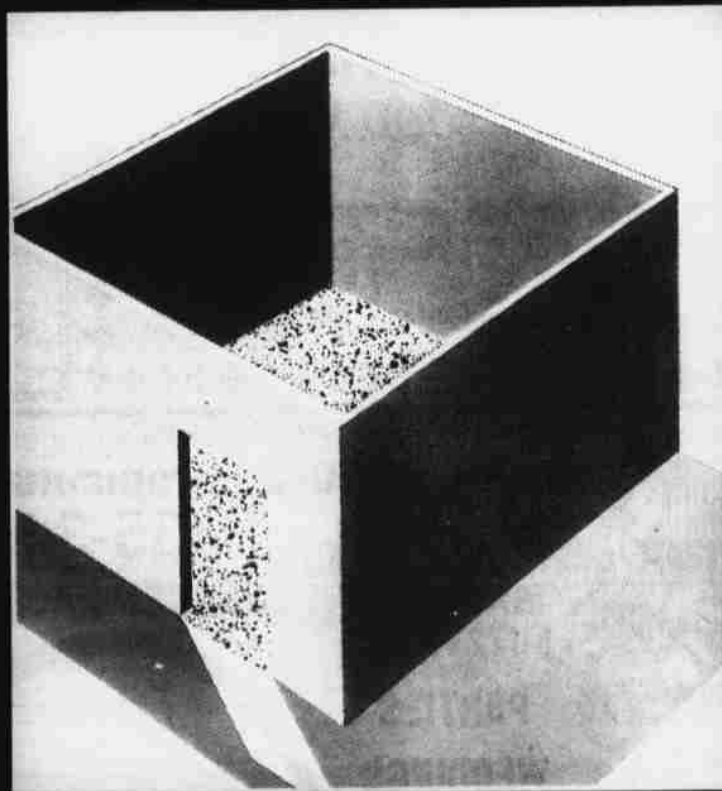
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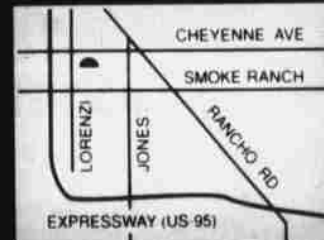
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