

SINGLES LIFE

Message from the clothes on the front lawn

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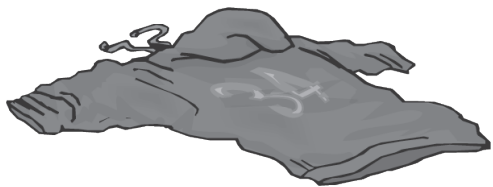
SPECIAL TO THE JEWISH STATE

"The differences between men and women are vast," Uncle John says. "We really speak different languages."

Uncle John is really not my uncle. In truth, he was one of my father's best buddies from university days who never had his own kids. And so about once a year since my brother and I were born, Uncle John, who lives in Providence, R.I. drops in for a visit. That "drop-in" has happened in a variation of ways, whether that be by meeting up in New York, Boston, Baltimore, attending bar mitzvahs, graduations, meeting up for sushi and beer in McLean, Va. while discussing the merits of Victor Frankl, or even wanting to meet my former Washington, D.C. boyfriend. The list is endless.

Last year, he attended my father's 60th to roast him, but he also made time to wash my car and show me the finer points of waxing turtle goo on my Celica — as if a Jewish girl is going to do that regularly.

Why am I discussing Uncle John? Well besides being funny, capable in the kitchen and a great attorney, he's also twice married, and



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now looking for companionship. After reading a few of my columns, Uncle John wanted to share his perspective on relationships hoping that we all won't make his same mistakes.

He was dating her for a year or so. She was convinced he was being unfaithful. She, in various ways, tried to provoke a confrontation, a confession from him. He was innocent, but he was also annoyed at her constant questioning and lack of trust. Finally, he had an unexplained absence. He didn't want to give her the satisfaction of discussing her irrational fears. She confronted him and he withdrew. Unresolved conflict caused her frustration to grow. Finally, one day when she knew he was coming over to her home, she dumped all his clothes on the front lawn. (He wasn't living with her; when you spend time with someone, things accumulate.)

He pulled up in the driveway and saw his clothing just lying there on the grass. What did he do? He picked up his belongings, dumped them in his car and when he was about to drive away, she came out and got in his way. She was trying to provoke a reaction.

She shouted, yelled, and caused a scene. Again, the more she reacted, the less he reacted. "Men become distant

when you try to change them," Uncle John explained. "Men and women are different. Women can't expect men to react the way they want them to. The converse is also true. We all need to go with the flow by trying to respect each others differences."

"If expectations are not being met in relationships," Uncle John says, "take a step back.

Become more objective. Don't try to drag your needs out of the other person."

In the end, he and his girlfriend reconciled. However, the reconciliation lasted only a month or two. The relationship was doomed



because she was constantly on him. And he just wasn't going to take it anymore. "I think if you analyze breakups, they occur with this same pattern, over and over again," Uncle John said.

What do we do about it? I asked him. His response: "Some people learn to adjust to the realities of the situation, and other people walk away."

Over the years, Uncle John has shared his wisdom, sometimes his philosophical view on life, and sometimes, as in this column, he shares his own personal dating experience with all of us. Uncle John, now it's time for you to take your own advice. Go meet that special woman, who as a prerequisite, will lovingly want to attend Greene family events as well.

All singles have a story to tell. Some are funny, some are sad and some are inspirational. And all give us a glimpse into the lives of today's Jewish singles. What's your story? You can contact "Single Situations" by e-mail: danagreene1@yahoo.coml.com.



Singular Events

Thursday, Sept. 25

Temple Beth-El. **Israeli dancing.** No experience necessary. Singles welcome. Rt 206, HILLSBOROUGH. 7:30 p.m. \$7 for lesson and refreshments. Information, Anna (908) 707-0028 to confirm attendance.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Professional and Business Singles Network. **After Work Social.** Topic: "Dating for Newcomers." Casual business dress. Cash bar. Membership is not required. The Cranbury Inn, 21 South Main St., CRANBURY. 5:30-9 p.m. Information, Ralph Israel (610) 348-5544.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Professional and Business Singles Network. (40-69). **Dance Party Social.** Ladies Night. With Cha Cha Dance Instruction by Donna Roesel. Bacchus Chop House and Wine Bar, 318 Passaic Ave., FAIRFIELD. 8-11:30 p.m. Dance Instruction \$20 including dance or \$12 admission if just attending the dance at 8 p.m. with all ladies \$10 between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Information, Ralph Israel (610) 348-5544.

Monday, Oct. 6

Professional and Business Singles Network. **After work social** with networking introductions. Topic: "Compatibility" Dressy casual attire. Cash bar; happy hour hors d'oeuvres. Just drop in. Membership is not required. Willie's Tavern, Rte. 202 and Hillside Ave., BEDMINSTER. 5:30-9 p.m. \$15. Information, Ralph Israel (610) 348-5544.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Professional and Business Singles Network. (30-60). **Speed dating social.** Rotate among 8 or more guests of the opposite sex in your age cluster, speaking to each other for 7 minutes. Dressy casual attire. Cash bar; Membership is not required. Chris Michael's Steakhouse, 40 Oakwood Ave., WOODBRIDGE. 5:30-10 p.m. \$50 prepaid admission. Information, Ralph Israel (610) 348-5544.

Monday, Oct. 13

Professional and Business Singles Network. (40-69). Grand opening **after work social.** Cash bar. Just drop in. Membership is not required. Gladstone Tavern, 273 Main St., GLADSTONE. 5:30-9 p.m. \$12. Information, Ralph Israel (610) 348-5544.

Friday, Oct. 17

Mercer Bucks Jewish Singles. (38-60). MBJS is joining the congregation at Temple Har Sinai. For **Sukkot services followed by ice cream sundaes in the Sukkah.** Meet at 7:30 p.m. inside the Temple before the service (there will be signs or a person to greet you). 2421 Pennington Rd., PENNINGTON. Services begin at 8:00 pm. RSVP to MBJS.rsvp@yahoo.com by Oct. 16th. For directions, visit Har Sinai's web site at http://harsinai.org/aboutus/directions, or call them at (609) 9730-8100 or www.mercer-jewishsingles.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Professional and Business Singles Network. (40-69) **Halloween Dance Party.** Costumes Optional. Our DJ will be spinning your favorite dance hits from the 60's through the 90's in the haunted lounge. Dressy Casual attire. Cash bar. No membership required. Chris Michael's Steakhouse, CM Lounge, 40 Oakwood Ave., WOODBRIDGE. 7:30-11 p.m. \$12 admission or \$10 if in costume. Information, Ralph Israel (610) 348-5544.

Thursday, Oct. 23

Temple Beth-El. **Israeli dancing.** No experience necessary. Singles welcome. Rt 206, HILLSBOROUGH. 7:30 p.m. \$7 for lesson and refreshments. Information, Anna (908) 707-0028 to confirm attendance.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Etz Chaim Sociable Singles. Congregation Etz Chaim. **Socializing, discussions and refreshments.** Monroe Township Jewish Center 11 Cornell Ave., MONROE. \$5. Information, call (609) 655-5137.

Thursday, Nov. 6

Temple Beth-El. **Israeli dancing.** No experience necessary. Singles welcome. Rt 206, HILLSBOROUGH. 7:30 p.m. \$7 for lesson and refreshments. Information, Anna (908) 707-0028 to confirm attendance.

Thursday, Nov. 20

Temple Beth-El. **Israeli dancing.** No experience necessary. Singles welcome. Rt 206, HILLSBOROUGH. 7:30 p.m. \$7 for lesson and refreshments. Information, Anna (908) 707-0028 to confirm attendance.

The Personals

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ACTIVE WWF. N/S, N/D, good listener. Seeking real nice JM 75-85 for companionship, conversation, laughter, and enjoyment of all the good things life has to offer. **Box #JS0213.**

SJWPF 50s, petite, redhead, vivacious. ISO SJPWM tall, healthy, attractive, emotionally and financially secure. NO GAMES or LIES. Enjoys walks, theater, dining, music, trying new experiences. Send photo and phone number. **Box #JS0214.**

LONELY, READY to move on? SJF in search of a sweet SJM 40-48 YO. I'm 43, attractive, intelligent, with a sense of humor. Seeking LTR. **Box #JS0222.**

REALLY NICE JF. Nice looking, nice

figure. Would like to meet JM 72-82 YO. I am very caring and sincere, looking for a best friend, and possible LTR. You won't be sorry. **Box #JS0224**

DJF, NS. Interested in the fine arts, looking for that special someone, 70-78, professional. Waiting to hear from you. **Box #JS0226.**

WJF 65, NS seeks nice guy. Are you Mr. Right? I enjoy dining out, travel, oldies music, NYC theatre, movies and quiet times. **Box #JS0228.**

PASSIONATE, CARING, sensitive WJF likes to laugh and enjoy life. Interests include theatre, movies, AC, travel. ISO NS man age 68-78 who is tender, honest, intelligent and emotionally secure. **Box #JS0234.**

SPOIL ME WITH LOVE. WJF 58 YO plus size, intelligent, pretty. Enjoys movies, quiet times, the arts and

home. Seeking JM 58-65 YO for LTR. **Box #JS0242.**

IF YOU LIKE living alone, don't answer my ad. Widow, 64, in search of a mensche. I have lots of love to give. I know you are out there. **Box #JS0244.**

STYLE, WARMTH, intelligence, integrity are my characteristics, and yours! Seeking tall, trim, professional partner, mid-50s to mid-60s, who is adventurous, imaginative and has a wide range of interests. **Box #JS0245.**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SJM 48, 5'7" vegetarian. Spiritual rather than religious. Educated, holistic, caring, communicative, playful, positive, active; walk, jog, etc. Have no kids but family is important. Look like "House" on TV. **Box #JS0218.**

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