

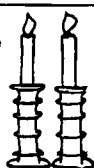
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CANTORS IN MOSCOW — Cantor David Bagley of Toronto rejoices with a wide-eyed young Russian girl at the conclusion of a concert by five visiting cantors in Moscow's Choral Synagogue. At left is Cantor Moshe Stern of Jerusalem. This mission, sponsored by the Gila and Haim Weiner Foundation, included other concerts in the USSR, in Hungary and in Israel.

Bush Backs Egyptian Peace Efforts

By Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — President Bush took an opportunity during his meeting Monday afternoon with Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres to praise Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's efforts to act as a mediator between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Peres said that Bush was "impressed by the progress Mubarak has produced." Peres quoted the U.S. president as saying he had "great respect" for Mubarak and thought the Egyptian leader was "doing a very important job."

At a separate briefing here Monday, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker also praised Mubarak's proposal. Baker said the Bush administration was "committed to promoting direct discussion between Israelis and Palestinians."

Until now, the Bush administration has been cautious about reacting to a 10-point plan Mubarak has proposed to advance the peace process. It calls, among other things, for preliminary negotiations between Israel and a

delegation of Palestinian leaders, including some from outside the administered territories. Israel's Labor Party has reacted positively to the plan, while the Likud rejects it.

Peres, who heads the Labor Party, told Bush that he interpreted Mubarak's 10-point proposal as acceptance of the Israeli government's peace initiative. He told the president he believes a real possibility now exists for negotiating with Palestinians.

Bush reportedly told the vice premier that the United States would go "full steam

ahead" with efforts for peace. But there was no immediate indication about what specific action the administration plans to take.

Peres said that he explained to Bush that internal Israeli disagreement about the Egyptian proposals presently falls along party lines, but he added that there was potential for divisiveness within each of Israel's major parties.

The Labor-Likud squabble over the Egyptian plan was evident in remarks made earlier Monday by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens of Likud, who, like Bush, attended the 44th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Speaking at a news briefing, Arens criticized Peres, saying he was undermining the unity government by speaking out publicly in favor of the Egyptian plan.

Arens said Likud rejects the Egyptian plan, because it believes no negotiations should take place until after the Palestinian elections. Israel proposes to hold in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We want to talk to people elected in democratic elections," he maintained. "There can be negotiations only after elections."

Arens said that Peres, who serves as finance minister in the Cabinet, should confine his remarks to financial issues. He also said that the U.S. government is well aware that Peres does not speak for all of Israel.

The Americans "have a very good understanding of who won the last election and who would win the next one," he said, referring to Likud's current dominance over Labor in Israeli public opinion.

Later Monday evening when Arens met with President Bush for 15 minutes the Egyptian initiative was not discussed, according to an Israeli official close to the talks.

The meeting, which took place during a formal reception Bush hosted at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, was quickly arranged by the State Department on Monday, in order not to appear to slight Arens, a ranking member of Israel's Likud bloc.

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Politicians Describe Personal Impact of the High Holidays

By Judith S. Antonelli
Advocate Staff

A number of Jewish politicians in the New England area were asked how they observe the High Holidays and,

in reflecting on their political work of the past year, what did they feel most proud of accomplishing and what did they regret not accomplishing.

Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) is an observant Jew who says he will attend Congregation Agudas Shalom in Stamford, CT — or, if the Senate goes over, he added, he will have to stay in Washington, where he would attend Keshet Israel.

"I have had an extraordinary year," said Lieberman, who was attorney general of Connecticut for six years. "To be elected to the Senate was a dream come true. I am grateful to the people and to Hashem . . . Religion is the reason I got into public service," he added when asked how being Orthodox affects his work.

Campaign Chairman Alan J. Tichnor said that all key contributors and campaign workers will be invited to the event. This rally marks the start of the annual CJP fundraising drive. He emphasized that the 1990 campaign will focus on our unity as a community, and its ability to raise the dollars needed to

"I am committed to environmental protection, preserving God's creation, and I am pleased to have become involved in environmental protection legislation," Lieberman noted.

His regret is that "I never get to read and write as much as I like." The senator said he likes to read "history and good fiction." He himself is

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HIAS President Urges Boston Jewry to Aid Soviet Refugees

By Bette Keva
Advocate Staff

For the past 40 years our generation has been asking our parents collectively about the Holocaust: What did you know; when did you know it; and what did you do about it?

"What will our children's generation ask of us relative to Soviet Jews," wonders Ben Zion Leuchter, president of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. "Will we be able to look them straight in the eye?"

Leuchter, who was in Boston last week, said there are too many "bagels and lox Jews" who are ignoring some of the most dramatic developments in the Jewish world in decades. This "wonderful era" of accelerated emigration of Soviet Jews from the USSR, something the Jewish leadership has been demanding for years, is here; and despite its problems, Jews must take notice.

He said you really cannot compare 1989 to 1939 "because today there is an Israel." But Jews must realize the threat Soviet Jews face in their country.

"We have to admit that if a Jew in the Soviet Union is fearful of the growing anti-Semitism there, of the possibility of Gorbachev being overthrown, we realize we must help this Jew get out and go to Israel."

Leuchter was here to bolster the Combined Jewish Philanthropies annual fundraising drive which just began, and to speak about this "historical, momentous era," in which the Boston community

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On Rosh Hashana: 'The Power to Create Life'

By Nehemia Polen

Went up a year this evening!
I recollect it well!

— Emily Dickinson
For the light of every year with-
draws to its source on the eve of every Rosh Hashana.

— Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi
If the beginning of the new civil year in January is largely a construct of the calendar for most people, the beginning of our Hebrew New Year should be even more so. It is based much more on mathematical calculation than upon anything that can be directly observed.

As such, the Hebrew New Year could be dismissed as an artifact, a reification, an attempt to place a marking on something too evanescent to be marked. Furthermore, the Written Torah keeps secret the nature and purpose of the mysterious "sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts" to be observed on the first day of the seventh month.

Yet for those who observe this strange, elusive holiday, its influence is palpable and pervasive. Even those of us distant from tradition cannot evade its pull. We know it as the time of awakening, reflection, and renewal. "Happy is the people that knows the shofar sound (Ps. 89:16)."

Surely much of this is due to expecta-

tion and setting. The change of synagogue colors to white, the elevated solemnity of the chants, the sonorous litanies of the *mahzor*, all shape our attitude and emotions. The awesomeness of the High Holidays is a socially constructed reality. And yet there is something more, something which comes from a deeply occluded place, a place beyond naming or questioning, a place we can feel but not point to.

"Every insight that we achieve each day must remain fixed in our hearts all the days of our lives. When the Torah says that Abraham was getting on in days, what it means is that the achievements and insights of each day came along with him."

Rabbi Yehudah Aryeh Leib of Ger
All beginnings are difficult, says the Talmud. So are all endings. Those people who find it hard to get up in the morning usually find it hard to go to bed at night. Perhaps that is why the early Rabbis prescribed blessings for both occasions: we need divine strength and guidance to mark off the days of our lives, to admit that a day has ended and that a new day must begin.

All writers know that it is difficult to begin a new writing project: the terror of

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Temple in Charleston Spared by Hurricane

By Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — A graceful 149-year-old synagogue in Charleston, S.C., has remained standing through the Civil War, the earthquake of 1886 and now, Hurricane Hugo.

"We are very grateful to the Almighty for sparing us," said Rabbi William Rosenthal, who leads Reform Congregation Kahal Kadosh-Beth Elohim, which is housed in the historic synagogue.

But while the temple has remained unscathed, its congregants are coping with the estimated \$3 billion dollars worth of damage the hurricane has done to their city. Many have had their homes damaged, and most are with-

out running water or electricity. Neither is expected to be restored soon.

"Since we have no power, we don't know what we will do over the High Holy Days," Rosenthal said in a telephone interview.

He said that if it is possible, he will hold Rosh Hashanah services during daylight hours. But even that may present a problem, since his synagogue is located in downtown Charleston, where local authorities are restricting access in order to prevent looting.

Gaining entrance to Conservative Temple Emanuel is also a problem, but for a different reason.

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President of HIAS

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nity will absorb an influx of 2000 Soviet Jews. He also spoke to major donors about CJP's New Freedom Trail campaign, a part of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal drive, to raise money to resettle Soviet Jews emigrating to the US and to Israel.

Besides serving as head of HIAS, Leuchter is the past national vice chairman of UJA.

In an atmosphere of fear within the Soviet Union, HIAS feels it is imperative to get every Soviet Jew who wants to leave out of the country "as many as possible, as quickly as possible," said Leuchter. But President Bush's new policy, slated to begin on October 1, is to process all Soviet refugees in Moscow, where the denial rate is much higher, rather than in Rome or Vienna.

Further restrictions in the law will dictate that Soviet Jews will not be able to get an Israeli visa and then "change their minds, while waiting in 'the pipeline' in Italy or Austria. This pipeline will be cleared within the next three to six months.

Starting Oct. 1 any Soviet Jew who want to come to the US must get a US visa. They will not be processed in Vienna or Rome but rather in Moscow. There will be direct flights from Moscow to the US and from Moscow to Israel via Bucharest, Romania or Budapest, Hungary, those 15,000 in Ladispoli or Vienna who got Israeli visas before the change in the law, will be "grandfathered," said Leuchter. The administration "is not promising they will admit them; they are saying they will interview them."

Leuchter said HIAS thinks there are some "creative aspects" to the Bush administration's new policy, and he cited the savings in money, but he quickly added that the plan "has no merit as long as the denials continue."

During August, of the 6500 who left the USSR, only 800 went to Israel. The majority came to the United States, said Leuchter. "This is far in excess of what the administration is willing to take starting in October. Those without relatives would simply have to go to Israel."

"Congress and the Jewish community are very upset about these denials (6000 last fiscal year). It is felt they are without foundation. A brother is given refugee status, and his sister is denied. Parents get permission and their children don't."

Leuchter said he believes the decisions are "budget-driven — like a traffic officer who must give a certain amount of tickets each day."

Twenty-two out of 100 Soviet Jews seeking US visas were denied in August in Rome, he said. In Moscow the denial rate is even higher: 46 percent during the same period.

President George Bush's new policy, Leuchter agrees, "has stacked the deck," against Soviet Jews coming to the United States, but he does not necessarily disagree with it. Federations are paying a hefty price for their immigration here, but Leuchter cautions that American Jews are missing the point if they think their brethren going to Israel will lessen the financial burden here. Whether they come to the US or to Israel, US Jews will be asked to help shoulder the costs of resettlement.

Half of Boston's New Freedom Trail campaign will go for resettlement in Israel.

Massive Refugee Problem
The problem of refugees worldwide is astounding, Leuchter said. There are 13 to 14 million people who are fleeing their homelands because of poverty, hardship, or political persecution. There are the Chinese, 80,000 of them in the US, who are

During his visit to Boston, Leuchter, whose office is in New York, is reaching out to major donors and to the "bagels and lox Jew — ones who only know they are Jewish when they go to a Jewish deli" — to help in this historic moment of relaxed bars to Soviet emigration.

Of the 123,000 refugees who will enter the US in the coming year 50,000 will be Soviets, and of that figure 30,000 will be Jews. "Many Jews believe this is as much as we have a right to," said Leuchter.

With the people waiting in the pipeline, together with the family reunification cases, most of the Soviet Jewish quota will have been reached, the remaining refugees will have to go to Israel.

"A refugee gets nothing individually. It's not a cash outlay," said Leuchter. The government reimburses the federations the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS for some costs. "The actual dollar figure is computed to be about \$7,000 per refugee; however, Leuchter says, the amount can be less than that. "That government will re-

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afraid to go back to Beijing. There are millions in Africa, Asia, and Central America.

The Bush administration is proposing that only 125,000 refugees be permitted entrance to our shores.

"Many people in Congress are saying this is obscene — we can take in twice that number," said Leuchter. "Some people are saying Bush has actually budgeted less than that. About 40,000 Soviet Jews came in fiscal year 1989. The government has not increased the total for Soviet Jews, it has increased the refugee total from 110,000 to 125,000 but has not increased the funding."

Any increased in the numbers of refugees are made up of unfunded immigrants.

"Whether or not these refugees settle in the US or Israel, the financial obligation will largely fall on American Jewry," stressed Leuchter.

Although the Jewish leadership in the country does not agree with the Bush administration's new policy on Soviet refugees, Leuchter admitted that nobody is speaking against it.

Federations are feeling the pinch. "They are running out of money, they are not able to raise enough," for Soviet Jewish resettlement.

imburse the Combined Jewish Philanthropies \$525 per person. But CJP will have put out much more than that," he added. Jewish federations match every federal dollar expended on domestic resettlement of Soviet Jews with two times or more that amount. So far the federal government has not yet reimbursed federations for the \$21.9 million they have spent for resettlement.

Soviet Jews might more quickly emigrate from the USSR if they agreed to leave on parole status, CJP will still help these individuals, but the financial obligation is on their families. As the law now reads, parolees can never be US citizens and will receive no medical benefits. "Very few are coming out on parole status," said Leuchter.

Kedem Wine Prize Winner

Kedem Royal Wine Corp.'s Baron Jaquab de Herzog 1988 White Zinfandel was awarded a gold medal at the recent Los Angeles County Fair, one of the most prestigious wine competitions in the country. This year, the annual event celebrated its 50th anniversary and featured 45 judges who sampled 1,614 wines, more than 300 wineries competed.



THE HADASSAH SUSTAINERS DINNER will take place at the Museum of Science on Monday evening, October 23 at 6 p.m. Guest will be Stuart Eizenstat, former White House aide. For information call 566-0666. Pictured, back row (left to right) are Sara Aronson, Boston Major Gifts chairwoman; Sherri Ades Bishins; Nancy Burakoff, co-chairwoman of the Sustainers Dinner; Arline Heimlich. Seated (left to right) are Nancy Falchuk, national board member; Vicki Loring, co-chairwoman of the sustainers Dinner; Bernice Heinstein, Boston Fundraising vice-president; Marcia Novak, Boston Fundraising vice-president Sarabeth Lukin, National Major Gifts liaison.

Temple in Charleston

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Schwartz, a congregant who has surveyed the damage, more than 30 trees have fallen around the synagogue, and "the sanctuary is inaccessible."

Schwartz, who was also reached by phone, reported that "part of the roof caved in over the rabbi's office," and that there are several minor leaks.

He also inspected one of the Jewish cemeteries in town and was grateful to discover that, although one of the outer walls had collapsed, all of the gravestones were still intact.

There is no word on the condition of Charleston's Orthodox shul or historic Orthodox cemetery, both located downtown, where some buildings suffered severe damage.

Among the Charleston officials leading the cleanup effort are Police Chief Reuven Greenberg, the famous black Jewish officer who was once featured on the CBS News program "60 Minutes," and Linda Lombard, who is the first Jewish woman to serve as chairwoman of the Charleston County Council. In New York, meanwhile, the Jewish Community Relations Council is investigating the damage that Hurricane Hugo has done to the Puerto Rican Jewish community.

Michael Miller, executive director of JCRC, said that inquiries were being made as to the status of the "small but vital" Jewish community in San Juan, believed to number about 1,500.

The New York JCRC is working with local Hispanic leaders to bring aid to the hurricane victims and has set up a special relief fund for them.

Tens of thousands were left homeless on the island in the wake of the devastating storm, and 25,000 are reported to be living in Red Cross

emergency shelters.

"The New York area is not only the home of the largest population of Jews outside Israel. But it is also the largest Puerto Rican population outside Puerto Rico," Kenneth Bialkin, president of the JCRC, said in a statement.

"We feel close ties with the Hispanic community in New York and hope to do as much as possible to help their families and friends at their time of need."

For information about the relief fund, contact the JCRC at 711 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Argentine Aliyah To Double

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Immigration to Israel from economically troubled Argentina is likely to double in the months ahead, according to Deputy Premier David Levy, who just returned from a visit to Buenos Aires.

A total of 1,618 immigrants came here from Argentina in 1988.

Levy, who is also minister of construction and housing, urged Israel to send more emissaries to that country to speed up the process.

He stressed the need for educators to help the local community maintain Jewish educational standards in the face of economic constraints, and eventually to benefit aliyah.

Levy said Argentina's economic problems weighed heavily on many members of the Jewish community.

But he did not think the election of Peronista President Carlos Menem, who is of Syrian origin, was a cause for concern.

Rosh Hashana Message

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the blank page is notorious. But it can be equally difficult to know how to end a paragraph, chapter, or book. Many public speakers simply do not know how to stop once they have gotten started (it is rumored that even rabbis are not immune to this condition).

So to admit that a year is ended, to find the strength to pull the curtain down on 5749, and to usher in 5750, is indeed a solemn act. It takes the courage that comes from being together with friends and family; it takes the help of tradition and ritual; it takes the arousal of the shofar; most of all, it takes divine grace.

So we open our mouths in prayer on Rosh Hashana, to awaken our spirits and to uncover the inner point written on the tablet of our hearts. As *Sefas Emes* (Nitzavim 5638) puts it, the open mouth reveals the heart's seal. To open and to seal: the most daring and creative of human activities, the activities which turn our soul heavenward.

"I do not doubt the self I was
Was competent to me —
But something awkward in the fit —
Proves that — outgrown — I see —"
— Emily Dickinson

The power to set the beginning and end points of the calendar is the power to punctuate the blank surface of time. And the power to punctuate with time is the power to create life.

"HAYOM HARAT OLAM," says the liturgy. Not as it is usually translated, "Today was the world created," but "Today a world is conceived." Each year, a new world is conceived — in the mind of G-d as well as our own. This new world gestates for twelve or thirteen lunar months, and it comes to term at the next Rosh Hashana. May we be worthy of our new creation.

Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen is Rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Everett. He is assistant professor of Jewish Thought at Hebrew College in Brookline.

Impact on Politicians

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the author of four books — two on Connecticut political history, one on nuclear arms control, and one on child support law.

State Rep. Susan Schur (D-Newton) said she will attend Temple Sinai in Brookline with her daughter.

"This is a time of renewing my Jewish values, of seriously thinking about that in regards to what's happening in the political arena," she explained, "especially in regards to the degree of caring we give to those less fortunate. Does the government have a role in helping people? There is a trend towards abandoning this degree of caring."

Schur said the "role I seek to play is to fight against this tide. It's frustrating, but I'm giving it my all." She added that the one thing she feels proud of accomplishing is her participation as the only legislator on a recently released study on gender bias in the Massachusetts court system. "It is part of my lifelong commitment to civil and equal rights," she remarked.

Cohen hesitated to evaluate his political work, saying,

meet with school people to plan for better education for all Americans."

Mann's regrets concern a meeting with the president and staff regarding a drug program. "I wanted to convince them to set up a super fund to educate kids on how to resist peer pressure to take drugs and alcohol," he stated. "They have developed a strategy without the necessary funding. I wanted people to be able to check off a contribution on their tax forms for prevention, treatment, and education about drugs."

State Rep. David Cohen (D-Newton) said he will "probably be going to New York with my wife's family and go to shul wherever my father-in-law tells me."

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Bush Backs Egyptian

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Likud leaders were reportedly miffed that while Bush met for an hour with Vice Premier Shimon Peres, he had not been scheduled to meet with Arens.

Arens and Bush discussed the peace process in general terms, but did not specifically deal with the Mubarak plan, according to the Israeli official. He said Arens got the impression that the United States wants to advance the peace process in the Middle East and "is willing to make any efforts" to do so.

Bush also communicated to Arens that the administration is well aware of the current political tensions between Labor and Likud.

Arens is scheduled to discuss the peace process in a more in-depth manner with Secretary of State James Baker today (Thursday).

Baker is also arranging a three-way meeting with Arens and Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid. Israeli officials said the meeting should take place either Friday or early next week.

Meanwhile in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned Tuesday that the unity government could stay in power only if the constituent parties stuck strictly to government policy, and specifically to the Israeli peace initiative endorsed by the Cabinet on May 14.

In a tough-sounding speech at the Jerusalem Economic Club, the premier made it plain that he considers Labor's acceptance of a 10-point Egyptian plan for advancing the peace process as a major deviation from the government's policy, as embodied in the May 14 initiative.

"The leaders of the intifada will come to the negotiating table as victors," Shamir said, explaining why he and his Likud party rejects the Egyptian scenario for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo. "They will say, 'We've won. We've succeeded.'"

He said that representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization, "whether as members of the delegation or as advisers, will bring the word of 'liberation,' of 'success' to the stone-throwers."

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon of Likud also spoke out against the Egyptian proposal Tuesday, but he faulted the Israeli Foreign Ministry for actively encouraging the Egyptians to get involved in the peace process. Foreign Minister Arens

"That's between me and God," but when pressed, stated it was an accomplishment "to get several million additional dollars put into the budget for human services. That is significant in impacting people's lives." He added that his dissatisfaction was in not being able "to get even more money in the budget."

State Senator Lois Pines, who will go to Temple Israel in Boston for services, also cited the human service cuts as her biggest disappointment. Her greatest achievement, she said, was that she initiated the move to put a constitutional amendment about abortion on the state ballot.

Sen. Warren Rudman (D-NH) was also contacted but was unable to return the call because an aide said he was involved in congressional business.

is a rival of Sharon's for eventual succession to the party leadership.

"It is absolutely Chelmslike," Sharon told political correspondents in Tel Aviv. "Our own Foreign Ministry tried desperately to coax and plead with (Mubarak) to intervene... Perhaps they didn't think he'd go so far."

Sharon was even more scathing about Interior Minister Arye Deri's proposal for a national referendum over the Egyptian peace proposal.

"An Arab leader speaks disparagingly of Israel — and we should hold a referendum about what he says?" Sharon railed. "A referendum about a proposal by an Arab leader?"

Vice Premier Shimon Peres, meanwhile, was curt toward Arens in a radio interview Tuesday, following the foreign minister's public complaints about Peres' conduct in the United States.

At the Knesset, the Likud faction issued a statement urging the prime minister to recall Peres. The statement accused the vice premier and Labor leader of seeking, while in the United States, to persuade Israeli public opinion to support negotiations with the PLO.

The Labor Knesset faction, in a statement of its own, called on Shamir to put an end to the attacks by Arens on Peres.

Empire At ANUGA Exhibit

MIFFLINTOWN, PA — Representatives from Empire K kosher Poultry and Foods are currently in the final planning stages for participation in the ANUGA Expo in West Germany in mid-October. Empire K kosher will be one of 200 United States companies to exhibit at this prestigious event.

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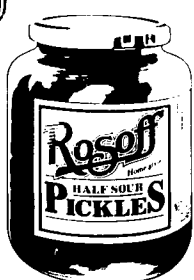
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