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### OPEN HOUSE BRUNCH

**Sunday,  
September 13  
11am-1pm**

- Conservative, Egalitarian Congregation
- Weekly Shabbat Services
- Women's League
- Men's Club
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## Going Solo

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10  
SJ JEWISH SINGLES**

Movies at the Ritz at 6:45 p.m. \$5 for seniors 60+. Coffeeworks or Friendly's afterwards.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
MOAIC OUTDOOR CLUB OF PHILA.**

Miniature golf and carousel rides at 1 p.m. at Franklin Square in Phila. The group will go to Chinatown for dinner afterwards. Call Neil at 215-331-8194.

**SJ JEWISH SINGLES**

Brian Betz Quartet featuring Denis DiBlasio Sax at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Laurel Library.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
SJ JEWISH SINGLES**

Trip to Eastern State Penitentiary in Phila. Self-guided tour w/ audio. Cost for seniors is \$10. Dinner to follow at Bahama Breeze. Meet at 2 p.m. at Crate & Barrel in Cherry Hill Mall. RSVP to Jay at 609-330-9565.

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24  
SJ JEWISH SINGLES**

Meeting at Temple Emanuel at 7:30 p.m. Charlie Rose, Investment Broker, will discuss the economy, annuities and Long Term Care. Cost is \$3.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28  
MOAIC OUTDOOR CLUB OF PHILA.**

Break the fast dinner at Tiffany's Diner at 8 p.m. RSVP

to Jay at 215-887-9530.  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7  
MOAIC OUTDOOR CLUB OF PHILA.**  
Dinner and planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Tuscani Ristorante in Northeast Phila. RSVP to Jon at 787-0325. ▲

## Preventing falls topic of meeting at Sons of Israel

The Bikur Cholim committee at Cong. Sons of Israel will present a program on preventing falls on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be held in the main sanctuary of the synagogue, 720 Cooper Landing Rd., Cherry Hill.

Alison Platt, rehabilitation director at Avista Care, will share her advice on the dangers of falling. She has over 25 years of experience as a physical therapist.

All are welcome. There is no cost.

For more information call Edith Sharfman at 482-1789 or Paula Ninerell at 667-5253. ▲

## Sally's World

(From page 35)

at best, the dread "gross" at worst.

And always, the primal scream: "I HATE my hair!"

No back-to-school haircut or style was ever right, and each daughter could be counted on, at about age 11, to threaten never to leave the house again because of some misunderstanding about what the words "just a trim" really meant.

Still, all of that was child's play against the looming backdrop of the really big stuff: Will the other kids like me? Will I fit in? The early September landscape was littered with the angst of three little girls worrying about the things that gnaw at all kids locked in the epic struggle of coming of age acceptably.

So there was really no way to conquer the eldest's increasingly jumbled feelings, the

middle one's deforming fear of being fat, the youngest's night-terrors about having forgotten the fine points of long division over the summer.

No, those things couldn't be neatly sorted out along with the unspoiled notebooks and dividers and index cards.

I never thought I'd miss it all.

But oh, how I do!

So these Septembers, when our empty nest is so eerily silent and calm, I find myself feeling restless, even melancholy.

I wish that somebody actually needed me to shop for a crisp, first-day-of-school outfit that wouldn't look nerdy or dumb. There's no one around to listen to the annual pep talk about liking and respecting oneself. No takers.

So these days, I find myself lost in ancient images: three little girls standing impatiently on the lawn while their father snapped the annual first-day-of-school photographs; lunchboxes lined up like sentries on the kitchen counter; and that jumbled blur of hugs and breathless departures that marked our family's September song.

Back then, I would always stand at the kitchen door and watch my three little hostages to fortune march off with varying degrees of confidence. Those September mornings seem, in memory, always splashed with sunshine, and permanently linked to the smell of slightly burnt toast.

Now, on the first day of school, I stare wistfully at the small army of other people's children. Sometimes, a lump rises in my throat as I see those shiny first-day-of-school shoes, that slicked-down hair.

Now it's their time. Ours is past.

No—no more first days at our house.

But is it so foolish to wish that there were? ▲  
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