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**May you be inscribed for a good and blessed New Year.
L'Shana Tova!**



Letter from the President & Executive Director



This year, SHALVA marks its 20th year of service to the Chicago Jewish Community. The significance of this anniversary is monumental. The women who founded SHALVA were pioneers. Although they did not know it at the time, their grass roots efforts to assist local Jewish women created an agency that for the last two decades has been committed to assisting women and families in abusive situations and working to prevent the continued cycle of abuse.

In 1986, SHALVA's first year of existence, 24 clients were served. Since then SHALVA has worked with over 4,000 clients, from every denomination of the Jewish spectrum, seeking assistance for domestic violence situations. SHALVA's services have grown and now provide 24-hour crisis support, therapeutic individual and group counseling, legal advocacy, referral services, interest-free monetary loans and much, much more.

We view SHALVA, at our 20th Anniversary, as 20 years young, not old. Although we are the oldest independent Jewish domestic violence organization in the United States, we still view ourselves as young. Young because... we have the necessary energy

and foresight to continue providing domestic violence services in order to carry on the mission of our founders. Yet, despite all of our efforts and our community's efforts to prevent domestic violence, it is still ever present. For this reason alone, SHALVA continues to grow our efforts to provide Shalom Bayit-peace in the home, for all Jewish women in Chicago.

Rosh Hashanah is a time of both rejoicing and introspection. As we usher in a new year, we see our challenges, our potential, our hopes, and our future - we take stock of our lives and our goals. This year at SHALVA, we commemorate 20 successful years of providing services and resources that are essential and invaluable to women who are victims of domestic abuse. Moreover, we also take stock of our organization and our commitment to another 20 years of educating the community and assisting women who have the courageous decision to seek our help.

May the next 20 years bring a time when SHALVA's services are no longer needed ...

L' Shana Tova.

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SHALVA HAPPENINGS

SHALVA 3RD ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

On June 20, 2006, 180 guests attended the Standard Club for SHALVA's Third Annual Meeting Luncheon. The keynote speaker was Lynn Z. Gold-Bikin, Esq. who has been a strong advocate for women and children throughout her 30 year legal career. She talked about the obstacles faced by women in Russia and China in abusive situations and how although these women

are half a world away they face the same issues as the women right here in Chicago.

SHALVA honored Jewish women who have lost their lives due to domestic violence with a moment of silence. On the tables were picture frames with their biographies, the real faces of domestic violence ...



Luncheon Co-Chairs: Sheryl Swibel, Linda Schiffman, Robin Katz & Hilary Greenberg (left to right)
Speaker: Lynn Z. Gold-Bikin (middle)



SHALVA Board Members: Dianne Tesler, Viki Rivkin, Linda Schiffman, Janice Wahnnon (Executive Director), Carolyn Winick & Faye Kroshinsky (standing-left to right) Marilyn Eisenberg, Carol Gaines (President) Jill Lambert & Hilary Greenberg (seated-left to right)



Carol Gaines (Board President), Janice Wahnnon (Executive Director), Sherry Dimarsky (SHALVA's First Executive Director) (left to right)



Luncheon Guests

SHALVA Unity Dinner

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Hyatt Regency Chicago in the Crystal Ballroom

Cocktails at 5:30pm Dinner at 6:30pm

Dinner Co-Chairs: Viki Rivkin & Hilary Rosenthal



Hadassah Goodman

In recognition of her ongoing commitment to SHALVA and her work to make Chicago a safer place for Jewish families.

Hadassah Goodman was one of the twelve founding members of SHALVA and has actively served on the Board of Directors for the past twenty years. She publicly presents SHALVA's mission and the importance of rabbinic and communal support on behalf of abused women and children.

Hadassah is a pioneer in both her volunteer and professional careers within the Jewish community. She has developed innovative programs and helped build coalitions to address communal issues.

She served for many years on the Board of the Daughters of Israel. Under their auspices, she coordinates and teaches classes for brides. These classes, focusing on Jewish tradition and Mikva use, support the development of healthy family relationships.

Hadassah received a BA from Dominican University and an MSW from Loyola University School of Social Work. As a licensed clinical social worker, Hadassah worked at Jewish

Glady Iser Award:

In recognition of her ongoing commitment to SHALVA and her work to make Chicago a safer place for Jewish families.

Child and Family Services for 20 years as a clinician and supervisor providing individual, couple, and family therapy, and consultation to day school principals and teachers. She continues to lead groups and speak on life issues. She has received numerous awards for her work.

In her work at JCFS, Hadassah helped organize the 'Ad Hoc Committee' and until recently served as its facilitator. The 'Ad Hoc Committee' is a community consortium of Jewish agencies, mental health professionals and rabbis working to address issues of child sexual abuse through education and prevention.

Hadassah was born and raised in New York, came to Chicago 41 years ago and adopted this wonderful community as her home. She is married to Mordechai, an accomplished teacher, mathematician, and scholar of Ibn Ezra, a 12th century Biblical commentator. They are parents of 4 adult children, three daughters and a son. Their daughters and daughter-in-law are accomplished women who are very active in their communities. Their son and sons-in-law are teachers of Torah and Talmud, continuing a seven generation family tradition. Hadassah and Mordechai's children and grandchildren give them immeasurable pride and reason for being.

**Two original “Founding Mothers”
still serve on the
SHALVA Board of Directors**

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Rodef Shalom Award (Pursuer of Peace):

In recognition of her lifelong dedication and visionary leadership throughout our local community, as well as for Jews around the world.

Midge Perlman Shafton

This award recognizes an individual who has shown lifelong dedication and visionary leadership in our local community, as well as for Jews around the world.

Midge Perlman Shafton is the immediate past Chairman of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation Board of Directors. She has been an active volunteer in the Chicago Jewish Community for over 30 years. Midge has been an advocate for Jewish causes locally and world-wide.

Through her passionate activism, she has followed in the footsteps of her parents. She was the first woman president of the Jewish Children’s Bureau (JCB) from 1985-88, is an honorary Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS) lifetime trustee and serves on the board of the JCFS Endowment Foundation. Midge has been involved in many Jewish communal organizations, including service on the Board of Jewish Education, the national board of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the board of Response Center, board of the American Jewish Committee and the board of Glencoe’s Hadassah chapter. She is currently on the national executive committee of Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) and the board of Michael Reese Health Trust.

In her volunteer career for JUF/Federation, Midge has chaired several prominent committees/foundations, including the Jewish Women’s Foundation, of which she is a founding trustee, JUF/Federation’s Overall Planning and Allocations Committee, Social Welfare, Overseas, Care of the Aged/Medical Care, and special task forces on disabilities and resettlement. She also was a member of the Federation’s Centennial Steering committee and chaired the Centennial Exhibition.

In addition to her leadership in the Jewish community, Midge has served on the Advisory Council for the Department of Children and Family Services for the State of Illinois.

Midge attended Wellesley College and had a brief career in advertising before starting a family. She has two adult children and eight grandchildren. Her daughter Karen Ami, a mosaic artist and sculptor with her husband, Michael Sweig, a legal studies professor, have five children. Her son, Mark Feinberg, an executive in the health care industry with his wife, Tiffany, a physician, have three daughters. Midge is a member of Congregation Kol Ami in Chicago.

What does Jewish Domestic Violence look like?

SHALVA has served the Chicago Jewish Community since 1986; we are the oldest independent Jewish Domestic Violence agency in the United States. SHALVA is the only Jewish agency specifically certified by the state of Illinois to provide domestic violence counseling in the Chicago metropolitan area.

In our 20th year of service, SHALVA is in the process of conducting a formal research study in order to compile, analyze, and present a client profile with demographics to the Chicago Jewish community. A profile, that we believe, is the sample demographic of what the typical experience is of a Jewish woman who is either currently in an abusive relationship or has been in an abusive relationship. This unique data about domestic abuse in Chicago's Jewish community will be a valuable tool for the Jewish community nationwide.

SHALVA has served the community for 20 years and we are hopeful that this information will be used

- To further educate our community,
- As a resource to other Jewish agencies and
- To create awareness that domestic abuse does in fact happen in “respectable Jewish homes.”

As we present data that “speaks the unspeakable,” this information will continue to guide SHALVA in future programming, including increased clinical services, and enhanced prevention, education and outreach programs.

The following are excerpts from both a qualitative survey and quantitative data:

Who is a SHALVA client?

- Our clients are equally distributed amongst the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and unaffiliated communities.
- Clients come equally from all economic and educational backgrounds
- Client ages range from teenagers to senior citizens
- 95 % of SHALVA's clients are female
- 13% of clients call for the first time, prior to their two-year wedding anniversary
- 61% of clients call for the first time after 10 years of marriage
- 58% of active SHALVA clients are living with their partners while seeking therapeutic services
- 86 % of the clients have college or graduate degrees

Types of abuse reported:*

- 53% report physical violence
- 75% report verbal, emotional & psychological abuse
- 36.9% report financial abuse
- 14.7% report sexual abuse

*more than one answer to each question

Sample questions & answers from SHALVA clients:

Did you try speaking with someone about your concerns before contacting SHALVA?

- I spoke with my Rabbi/Rebetzin.
- I spoke with friends, family, and attorneys.
- I saw a therapist at a family service agency/private/couples counseling.
- I spoke to a police social worker.

Which if any were helpful to you?

- Some offered advice as to what I could do differently to make the situation better but I felt like an idiot, which was exactly what my partner was telling me.
- Some simply did not want to hear about it or get involved.
- Some told me what a great guy he was but then I was embarrassed and wished I had never said anything.
- A few said I should leave sooner rather than later but I wasn't ready to hear that and didn't know how.
- Some stopped talking to me because they were angry I wasn't following their advice but then I was alone.

**24 clients served in 1986
Over 4000 clients
served since 1986**

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Once you recognized that you were being abused, what were the barriers to leaving the relationship?

All responded with one word...fear

- I was afraid that...
 - he would turn the children against me.
 - he would take the house and leave me penniless.
 - he would create a scandal (shonda) in the Jewish community.
 - no one would believe me, because in public he is a different person.
 - I would never be safe.
- I had no money for an attorney and was not eligible for free legal or financial assistance.
- I felt helpless, inadequate, and hopeless....a failure, unable to maintain Shalom Bayit. (Peace in my home.)
- I couldn't understand how this could happen to someone like me.
- The abuse was not continuous. There were moments when he was sorry so I thought he would change.
- I didn't know SHALVA existed.

Why come now?

Overwhelmingly the answer was because of the children. I stayed because of them and now I must get help because they have so many problems and are copying his behavior. I thought he was a good father but because he acted out in front of them they are repeating the cycle.

- I have such guilt, remorse. I thought I could stand it for my children.
- I didn't want to break up the family but it is not healthy for them.
- I feel sick, depressed, ulcer, migraines, anxiety, insomnia, cancer.
- I finally have words to what I have been experiencing.
- I have no one to turn to.
- The verbal abuse has escalated to physical violence.
- He filed for divorce.

How did you hear about SHALVA?

- 17% Rabbi/teacher/child's teacher
- 36 % Friend/family member
- 18% Saw ads, brochures, articles, newsletter, and flyers
- 2% Attended an adult program/child's school program/Hillel
- 24% Referral from social service agency
- 4% referral from Jewish social service agency

How has Shalva been helpful to you?

- I finally have a better understanding of domestic abuse and its effect on my children and myself. I have options and choices and I am not alone.
- I am comfortable working with professionals who are culturally sensitive and really care about the safety and welfare of my children. This means so much right now.
- I have to go to court often and I get so anxious and nervous. Having a SHALVA volunteer accompany me eases the tension. I feel confident that "I have a second set of ears."
- Knowing that you do not charge for services and are available 24 hours has been a relief.
- Having a Jewish agency that understands my connection to my religion is very important to me.
- You have given my family hope.

As we look back, it is clear that we have come a very long way. It is also clear that the Jewish community experiences domestic abuse as do other ethnic communities. We are not immune and abuse does not discriminate. It is unmistakable that domestic abuse occurs equally among all denominations of Judaism. It is also evident that children are the silent witnesses to domestic abuse and that without treatment their legacy will be to repeat the abuse. Yet, there are many unanswered questions and needs that are still unmet. Domestic abuse threatens the very existence of Jewish life. What remains unclear and yet unanswered is what else are we, as a community, going to do about this issue?

SHALVA News will feature a new column with a range of Jewish perspectives from local Rabbis on domestic abuse and how it affects Jewish families.



“Under every luxuriant tree”: Let’s not hide domestic violence

By: Rabbi Asher Lopatin
Anshe Sholom B’nai Israel Congregation

For over a month, Israel has been waging a fierce war against a terrorist organization, Hezbollah. One of the difficulties that Israel faces in fighting this group is that Hezbollah has been hiding behind innocent civilians—men, women and children. It is against international law – a war crime, in fact – for a fighter to use these people as human shields for violence.

What we might not be aware of is that right in our own communities violent people are hiding in homes, behind their spouses and children, and are protected from condemnation by acting like regular “balei batim” – regular heads of home. Domestic violence preys on the innocent. These victims, usually women and children are not only victims of terror in their homes where they should be safe and protected, but they are also unwitting shields for the perpetrators who can go unnoticed in our community because they are able to hide their crimes at home.

For six years Israel made the decision to allow the terrorists in Lebanon to build up their fortifications amongst the civilians of Lebanon. We in America, in Chicago, have also allowed abusers to continue their behavior in our communities and in our homes – in their own homes. It is time for this to stop. It is time for the community to work toward a zero tolerance for

domestic abuse and to no longer allow those who commit domestic abuse to have sanctuary- to make sure they know that we will not give them shelter behind those whom they harm: We will not be a community that gives cover for immoral actions against our family members. We must say no to domestic terrorism, just as Israel and the world must say no to international terrorism.

In the Torah portion of Re’eh, Moshe tells the Israelites that we must destroy all the places of immoral paganism committed in Canaan, “on the mountains and under every luxuriant tree.” (Deut. 12:2). The Torah is demanding that we not only look for crimes in the open, in the streets, in the public arena, but to look under the lush trees, shady places, places where those who perpetuate immoral behavior hide and feel safe. Our homes are our pride: They are our luxuriant trees, which in the best of circumstances provide for the spiritual and physical needs of Jewish families. They should be safe places, providing shade and comfort for all who dwell within them. The Torah is aware that sometimes the most immoral actions – violence, coercion, abuse – can occur under the most luxuriant of trees. The outward perception of Shalom Bayit (peace in the home) is deceptive. Domestic violence occurs in Jewish homes and our community must be there to expose it, remove it and protect

the innocent who live there.

May God give us the strength to prevail over those who try to destroy us and use violence to break us down. But even more importantly, may we learn from our Torah that we never allow domestic violence to be hidden in our most holy institution: the home, which is the future growth and flowering for the entire Jewish people or God forbid, to receive succor from the community who would ignore and deny it.

Let the domestic terrorists know that the Torah and our community will not let that happen, and with the help of organizations like SHALVA, our homes will be places of safety for the innocent, rather than places of violence committed against the innocent.

Rabbi Asher Lopatin is the rabbi of Anshe Sholom B’nai Israel Congregation, the modern Orthodox synagogue in Lakeview. He is a musmach of both Rav Ahron Soloveichik and Yeshiva University and holds a BA from Boston University, received an M.Phil in Medieval Arabic Thought (Medieval Islam and Islamic Fundamentalism) from Oxford University while on a Rhodes Scholarship. Rabbi Lopatin and his wife Rachel Tessler Lopatin are both Wexner Fellows. They have three children, the oldest of which attends the new multi-denominational school of Chicago, the Chicago Jewish Day School.

DEVELOPMENTS

What Warren Buffett Should Know About Tzedakah

Warren Buffett has thrust charity into the headlines by pledging a super-sized \$30 billion to the Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation. "I've found some people who are better at giving away money, and I'm turning it over to them," he is quoted as saying in the Washington Post.

Judging by the quotation it appears that Buffett sees the benefits of charity as flowing in only one direction: from the donor to the recipient. If the benefits of charity are unidirectional, it makes sense to outsource it to those who are best at giving money away.

Jewish tradition has a different view. "More than the benefactor does for the supplicant, the supplicant does for the benefactor," says the Midrash. That's telling us that to get the most out of his gift, Buffett's vehicle for giving should depend not only on how effective it is for the recipients, but also how effective it is in making him a better human being.

The act of giving tzedakah is supposed to improve the character of the donor as well as the living standard of the recipient. Tradition affirms that the process of tzedakah itself can make the donor more generous and less inner-focused. It can give him a healthier perspective on money and its proper role in life. The more continually and actively involved is the donor in the process of tzedakah, the more he/she can gain in personal character, generosity, sensitivity, peace of mind, and heavenly reward.

Maimonides said "tzedakah must be undertaken with more care than any other positive commandment because tzedakah is a mark of the righteous."

Each time we write a check to a charity or drop a coin in a tzedakah box, we should carefully consider what the act says about us as givers and how it should change us for the better. It should make us more conscious of the plight of the poor and oppressed, and it should remind us that whatever good fortune we have does not come entirely from our own efforts. We should work to assure that each act of giving should inspire us to give again, and to give more thoughtfully next time. **Requests for funds should be viewed as opportunities to improve the world, not bothersome distractions.**

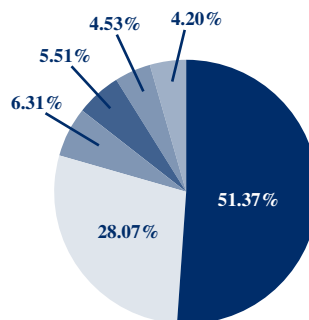
None of this means that Judaism rejects delegating part of the task of tzedakah to experts. At least since Talmudic times, every Jewish city and town was required to set up a kupah (public charity fund) into which residents contributed, and not always voluntarily. Kupot (plural of kupah) were run by appointed administrators who had to demonstrate competence in allocating money to the genuinely needy and withholding it from the less deserving. These kupot provided the impulse for recent generations to form social welfare agencies and establish Jewish federations.

But kupot were for the benefit of the poor, not the well off. The idea was to spare the impoverished the need to go begging from house to house, if they so chose. But the sages knew that the rich would be tempted to hold the rights of the poor hostage to the kupah. So the law is that the needy could never be required to forgo door-to-door solicitations, which often irk the rich, in exchange for a shot at the kupah. That proviso prevented the rich from making an arms-length contribution and then entirely disengaging from the tzedakah process. The existence of the kupah was never allowed to insulate householders from contact with, and consideration of, the poor.

Warren Buffett's pledge is enormous in sheer dollar terms. It dwarfs the largess of the great philanthropists of the past. It's five times as large as all the money given away by John D. Rockefeller and ten times what Andrew Carnegie donated, and that's after accounting for inflation. None of us can come close to donating an amount that will match its potential for good to so many individuals. **But each of us has an unlimited potential for tzedakah to better our own lives, if we give it in the right way with the right mindset.**

Excerpted from a New York Jewish Week article by Ira Kaminow, president of Tzedakah, Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to supporting more effective Jewish philanthropy (www.just-tzedakah.org).

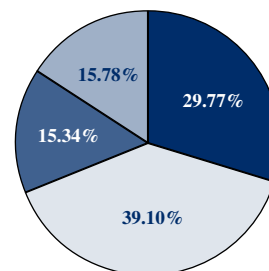
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Total Unrestricted Income: \$672,040
Total Unrestricted Expenses: \$592,892
Budgeted Income for FYE'06: \$564,950

Revenue \$672,040

Individuals	51.37%
Foundation Support	28.07%
Jewish Federation/JUF	6.31%
Major Gifts	5.51%
Synagogue & Outreach	4.53%
Misc. Activities	4.20%



Operating Expenditures Expenses \$592,892

Clinical	29.77%
Outreach/Prevention	39.10%
Administrative	15.34%
Fundraising	15.78%

For information, contact Ava Newbart, Development Director, at 773-583-4673 or anewbart@shalvaonline.org

10,000+ Cell Phones Collected

Dollars Raised in FYE 2006: \$14,419

Expense: \$0

Special thanks to volunteer extraordinaire, Leslie Berger, who coordinates this program.



Cell Phones for Funds

A big thank you to our donors for giving SHALVA your old cell phones! Your cell phone contributions have generated over \$14,000 for SHALVA programs in the last year.

A special thank you to **Streamline Wireless** (Cingular) in Highland Park for their continued support of our program.

Thank you to our organizational supporters for collecting cell phones and for so generously providing space for cell phone drop offs!

Please search your drawers and closets for cellular phones you can contribute. (Chargers & informational brochures are not needed.)

Shelters and domestic violence agencies collect cell phones to refurbish for use by abused women. The phones are distributed free and can be used as part of a safety plan to have immediate access to police, as

needed. Public concern over abused women's welfare has been such that the number of cell phones collected nationwide far out measures the number needed.

The agency we partner with in Florida has found a way to further the cause of domestic violence agencies and shelters by buying the extra phones for \$1-\$20 per phone, depending on the model. They pay the cost of shipping. More than 200 organizations participate in this program. This is a unique, simple and successful fundraising opportunity for SHALVA.

Cell Phone Drop Off Locations:

Rush Hospital (Chicago)
312-942-5000
Sandy at ext. 28714

Congregational Partners Drop Off Locations:

Adas Yeshurun, West Rogers Park
773-465-2288
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847-835-4800
Anshe Emet, Lincoln Park/Lakeview
773-281-1423

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847-869-4230

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Let us know if you want to add your organization to our list.



TRIBUTE CARDS

Artwork by poster contest winners
for Domestic Violence Awareness month

Send positive messages about
healthy relationships through art!

6 cards for ONLY! \$24

To order call 773-583-4673
or use the enclosed envelope.

Client needs: WISH LIST

Many women come to SHALVA seeking emergency funds for basic needs – often clothing, food and household products. Your donation of gift certificates is an easy way for you to directly assist these women and children.

Gift Cards from:

- *Dominick's*
- *Jewel*
- *Osco*
- *Target*
- *Walgreen's*
- *Wal-Mart*

Other needs:

- *Donated legal consultation*

"Your Letters" taken from *Pioneer Press*

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Domestic abuse is a major issue

Thank you for featuring the wonderful work of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) in the *Highland Park News* July 6,

Their Silent Witness Exhibit serves to underscore the lethality of domestic abuse and their Luggage for Freedom offers women a way to leave the shelter with some degree of dignity. Unfortunately, there is still much work to do in the area of domestic abuse. According to national statistics, one out of four women will be, have been or were in an abusive relationship.

Most of our North Shore community sees domestic abuse as an issue for "other people", not for their daughters, their sisters or their friends. SHALVA is a domestic violence agency serving the greater Chicagoland Jewish community, offering free counseling services to women in abusive relationships. Over 35 percent of our clients come from the Northern suburbs, dispelling the myth that the domestic abuse does not happen in respectable Jewish homes.

SHALVA applauds the work of NCJW as we join forces with them to raise awareness about domestic abuse and offer support and counseling services to the women in these abusive relationships.

Bobbie Gordon
Director of Outreach, Prevention and Education

SHALVA is staffed by eight part-time employees, one full-time employee & one dedicated volunteer.

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Thursday, August 3, 2006

May gets thanks for cell phones

SHALVA, a domestic abuse agency that provides free services for victims in the Chicagoland area, would like to thank State Rep. Karen May for her office's donation of cell phones.

Rep. May stated that, "For years my office has collected used cell phones for victims of domestic violence and is happy to partner with SHALVA to donate the phones to raise money for victims of abuse right here in our communities." Cell phones were collected by her office in a variety of ways including phones donated by Advance Cellular on Lincoln Ave. in Winnetka.

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6,912 donors to date

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