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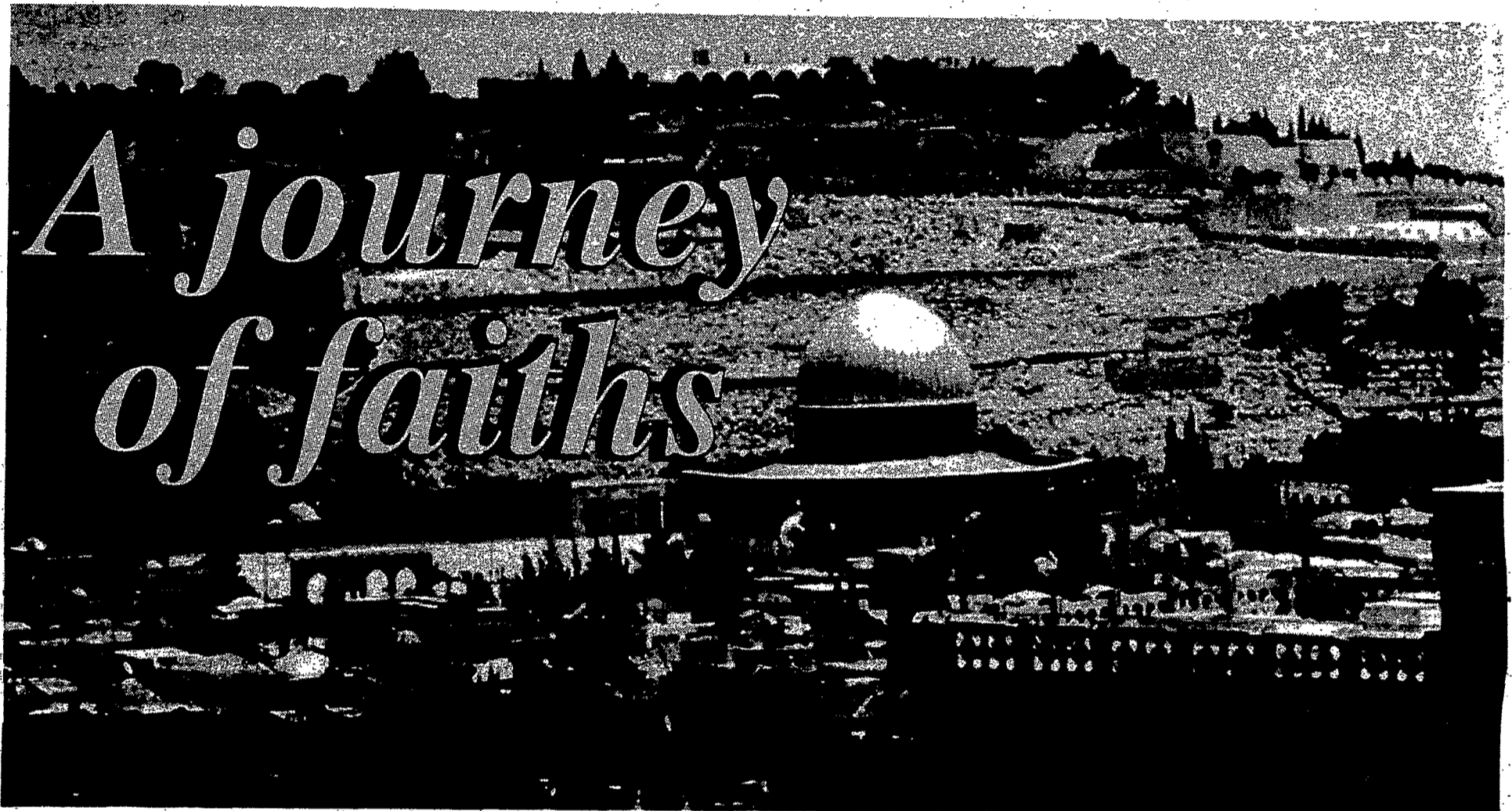
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## Pilgrims celebrate common roots

**R**abbi Alan Katz of Brighton's Temple Sinai often gets asked by Christians, "I got invited to my neighbor's son's bar mitzvah. What do I do? What do I wear?"

Students show up in Sister Susan Nowak's religious studies classes at Nazareth College and ask of the New Testament, "Why don't Jews 'get' this?"

Deacon Brian McNulty, as the part-time diocesan ecumenical affairs officer, often gets calls asking why Catholics cooperate with Jews on programs. Didn't the Jews kill Christ?

These three Rochesterians — along with 20 others who took part in an Interfaith Leadership Mission to Israel July 30-Aug. 11 — regularly deal with such questions. But they also spend much of their careers pursuing deepening relations with each other. During the trip — which was led by Rabbi Katz and Bishop Matthew H. Clark — they celebrated what they described as a deepening interconnection, but also talked of the challenges they face to help increase understanding among others when they returned to the Rochester area.

"I don't think there's a person on this trip who can't add something to the community," Rabbi Katz said on the way home.

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A Jew walks with his sons in Jerusalem's ultra-orthodox neighborhood of Me'a She'arim, Aug. 7.

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