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MONICA PIPER'S NOT THAT JEWISH CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

– AND YOU'RE INVITED TO THE PARTY

Santa Monica CA (NOVEMBER 18) – *Not That Jewish*, now one of L.A.'s longest running one woman shows, will celebrate its one year anniversary with a special night of EMMY Award winning writer/comedienne Monica Piper and related festivities at The Braid, the Jewish Women's Theatre's (JWT) Santa Monica home on Thursday, December 3 beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Piper is surprised, but thrilled to still be sharing her unforgettable, autobiographical roller coaster of a life with sold-out audiences. "My life as a comic probably started when my actor/father told me, "Kid, you're funny" one day in our Bronx apartment. As he prophesized, for a year now I've been able to take audiences along on my discovery of what makes a Jewish heart as we travel from Camp Fire Girl, to Roseanne Barr, to *Mad About You,* to *Rugrats* head writer, to single mom, to empty nester, to JWT."

The Blog*, If the Devil Had Menopause* calls Piper a "hilarious standup comedian and writer" and Monica Piper's "*Not That Jewish* a "… fabulous, hysterically funny and poignant performance piece," adding "If you can't relate to the subject matter which is as expansive and inclusive as dealing with breast cancer, adoption, divorce, compassion, acceptance, humor and family matters then you are dead and shouldn't be enjoying an evening of divinely relatable entertainment."

JWT's artistic director Ronda Spinak is not surprised that audiences continue to flock to Piper's show. "Jewish or not, woman or not, Monica's stories resonate with anyone who has struggled to find answers to some of life's biggest challenges. Monica's story is everyone's story. That's why what started out as a limited three-week run has now played for a year and will continue going strong into 2016," Spinak says.

Not that Jewish is directed by Broadway and Hollywood veteran Eve Brandstein, whose credits include "Shut Up, Sit Down & Eat," recently on Broadway, the New York and Los Angeles premiers of "Revisiting Wildfire" and Ronnie Spector's "Beyond the Beehive."

The *Not That Jewish* One Year Anniversary show is at JWT's The Braid, 2912 Colorado Avenue #102, with a pre-show reception at 7:15p.m. and the show beginning at 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 3. Tickets are $35 and can be obtained online at: www.jewishwomenstheatre.org or call 310-315-1400, Show runs Thursdays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

The Jewish Women's Theatre, provides a voice to the diverse and eclectic community of artists, and creators who comprise L.A.'s Jewish women's community. Both at its new home in The Braid theatre in the Bergamon Arts District, in intimate salons throughout the city, and on tour throughout the State, JWT stages traditional and contemporary works that provide a forum for the development, performance and showcasing of Jewish talent.

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