

Connecticut Section  
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Dear Connecticut section;

Your article about Connecticut and friendliness really struck a chord. I arrived here as a rabbi back in 1959, and served 10 years at Congregation Beth El in Fairfield. When folks new to town came to me after a couple of years of being here and told me that they could not break in, that it was incredibly hard to make friends, I originally attributed it to some emotional deficiency in them. I discovered soon enough that it was in the environment-this was indeed a tough "Yankee" town to break into.

I have now been here as rabbi and psychologist for over four decades. I now joke with those who voice the same complaints as in your article, that though I have now been here 44 years, I'm still not a native-only those born here are, but at least my daughter Rachel, born and bred in Fairfield is. So give it some time.

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