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A Yearly Shpritz of JEWISH BITS

The Ultimate Illustrated Calendar
of Jewish Humor (Old and New)



CHARI PERE

Over 490 holiday
More than 50 illustrated
jokes and more!
Some borrowed, some
new, visually interpreted
with a fresh
point of view!

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"A Yearly Shpritz of Jewish Bits: The Ultimate Illustrated Calendar of Jewish Humor (New and Old)" was created by Bulls Head cartoonist Chari Pere.

tral to her humor, universal themes run throughout her work.

A comic series "Bullicies Buddies" features a "super-hero nerd." Her junior thesis in college was a comic book titled "Hester and Galatea" about a young girl who internalized others' opinions of her until she imagines herself a monster. A character she draws to life helps her see the world, and herself, in a new light.

Ms. Pere has set up her own company, Hey Yiddle Diddle Productions, to market her calendar and future projects. While she's hopeful that her Yiddish children's books will become a reality, and as she keeps busy as a freelance artist working on commission, she has one particular destination in sight:

"My ultimate goal, above everything else," she said, "is



Ms. Pere created this series of illustrations for a School of Visual Arts brochure.

to have a comic strip in the newspaper."

To see more of Ms. Pere's work, go to www.charipere.com. The calendar is available at Carmel Judaica in Willowbrook, or at

www.heyiddlediddle.com.

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