

GHOST

A Memoir

LIGHT

FRANK RICH

Charukah is English
used term Negro
throughout

Zero Hostel -
hated Jerome Robbins
named names -
Harry Stein - Joe
Stein's son - author
of musical's book.

Mom's
sobbing
Joel's rage
doors slamming
smashed
furniture and
china

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Age 7 - Nat. airport - trip to M. Prank Wed Oct 25 / 2 P.M.
Started collecting programs of movies etc.

Hard time sleeping

Sister Polly

Bells are Ringing - Shubert Theatre in N.Y.C.

Capon Springs

Colonial Williamsburg

The National - Mr. Kerk Patrick

Joel brought you Variety - Times / Post at home

Joel - didn't crave anything for himself but attention
When I leave the theatre I feel a normal letdown

Somerset - first neighborhood

Rosemary Hills - 2nd

Cleveland Avenue - 3rd

John Eaton Elementary

Deal - middle school

Wilson High

Indian Hills - camp

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How I accidentally joined the vast
right-wing conspiracy.

Joel's father's suicide - had been a secret
Joel's moodiness

Wash Star paper route

The Life of Moss Hart (died at 57)

JFK shot

In Chicago "the girl I loved" -

Whose Afraid of Virginia Woolf

Mom - a Democrat for Stevenson
campaign buttons

she never went to theatre JFK did
JFK went to see The Best Man

Joel worked for Henry Wallace
at Commence

LBJ - lived in neighborhood didn't
allow negroes

Grandma Rose

Grandpa Herbert

Grandma Lib
Grandpa Nat

Helene

Scott
Mr. Kirkpatrick

Selma - Joel's sister

Harry (Stein)

Emily (Chicago
Kaufman)

Sara

June (at the national)

Clayton Cooks

Polly sister

Portable Radio

Variety

Playbills - diving
into trash cans

Joel's children { John
Lucy

Willie Mae

Made list of Joel's behavior
for Dad

Fiddler
Mum's at Campobello
Raisin in the Sun
Damn Yankees - 1st visit
Carnival to the
Gypsy national
Fiorillo
Do Re Mi
Camelot
Bells are Ringing
Bye Bye Birdie
The Music Man
Write Me a Number
Mr. President

Call shows on
tie-line to
check if they
were sold out

Mrs. Glosier
Deal - Boston teacher
how to read news