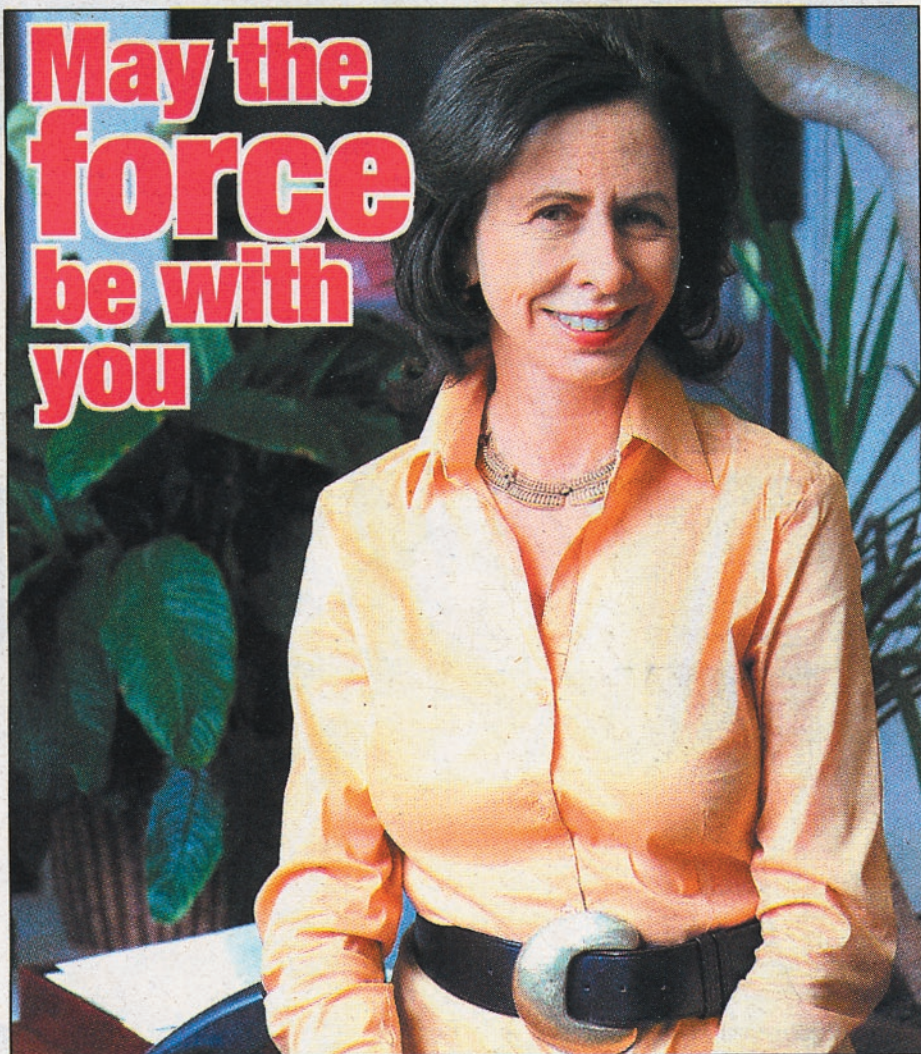


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Feng shui practitioner Judith Wendell, who "cleansed" the restaurant Candle 79 (below).

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Cleansing the vibrations with feng shui

WHILE feng shui design is commonly used in residential settings, those that have used it for work spaces say there are benefits for businesses and developments.

In 1995, there was a celebratory feng shui ceremony marking the ground breaking for Donald J. Trump's flagship Trump International Hotel & Towers, now considered one of the world's most successful hotels.

Tin Sun and his daughter, Pun Yin, blessed a five-foot tall scale model of the entirely renovated structure with powders, incense and flower petals to drive away negative energy from its former lives as the Gulf & Western and later the Paramount Building, and awaken the positive energy needed for success.

The feng shui master earlier consulted on the placement of entryways and changed the color of the building from gold to a bronze earthy tone to ensure its good fortune.

"When people like Donald Trump mention that they are doing feng shui it tickles the fancy," said Richard Bregman who heads the private MJB Asset Management.

When it came time to move his offices, Bregman consulted his own expert, Judith Wendell of Sacred



Currents. The previous tenants had walked out on some bills and the place simply had bad vibes.

"She helped me rearrange the furniture in a way that just produced a palpable feeling of different energy flow," said Bregman.

For Mary McGuire who operates American Yogini on the North Fork of Long Island, that service included checking her assistants' birthdays.

"Judith found the best directions for them to face and mine, too, and it feels so right, and never in a million years would we have put our desks this way," McGuire observed.

After Joy Pierson found a spot for her now celebrated and celebrity praised vegetarian restaurant, Candle 79 at 154 E. 79th Street, she worried about the location

because previous cafes there never lasted very long and there were rumors that one chef/owner had even drowned while on vacation.

"We did blessing and clearing ceremonies," recalled Pierson of her work with Wendell, who also consulted on the interior's renewable and environmentally friendly build-out.

"We opened five years ago and are still in business and it's better than ever. When people are eating we want it to be the healthiest environment and feng shui was a way to make it healthier."

Said Wendell: "Often I hear that after a clearing, there is a palpable lighter or brighter feeling in the office. And Feng shui can also be done at any point. Often small changes pack a big punch."

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