
"...a p'ri-text for shaking out the 'sin' in 'synagogue'.--Jack Rumor, *The Jewish Spectacle*

Talmudic Roots of Rock Lyrics by Shirah Tzur. You'd probably never guess that the Beatles' hit, "Money Can't But Me Love" can be traced to the Talmud (Sotah 21b). Meticulously researched guide to Talmudic analogues of contemporary song lyrics offers the novel theory that the Talmud can be a treasure trove of ideas for commercially successful rock music. Great Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift!

"...perhaps the most original 20th century book about Talmud not written by me."--Jacob Newsprint, *SUNNY South Review*

Lubavitch and reform join forces

Michael Millenson, *Highland Park, IL*

NEW YORK--Leaders of the Lubavitch Chabad and the Reform movement met together here to announce the launch of *Goy Echad*, a historic joint effort to convert Gentiles to Judaism.

Appearing before the press at Lubavitch headquarters in Crown Heights, representatives of the two groups said they'd decided to set aside their ideological differences to work together to maximize Judaism's appeal to non-Jews. The two groups will launch a marketing campaign that stresses the wide variety of acceptable Jewish lifestyles under the slogan, "Be a Jew--any kind of Jew will do!"

"After all, my grandfather, may he rest in peace, was a Hasidic rebbe," said Rabbi Marcus H. Black, Jr., a spokesman for Reform.

"And my grandfather, *alav ha'shalom*, was a Reform rabbi," said Reb Moishe Haim Schwartz, a spokesman for Lubavitch.

A recent proposal by Reform to proselytize among the Gentiles paved the way for the unexpected reconciliation. To avoid detection, emissaries from the two groups met secretly for weeks in the back row of a daily women's *minyán* at the Reconstructionist seminary.

"It was cheaper than Norway, and, besides, who ever goes to Philadelphia?" explained Black.

Still, both sides were required to make difficult compromises in the name of *shalom bayit*. Lubavitch, for example, has agreed to phase in a new policy whereby its emissaries ask both men and women, "Have you put on *tefillin* and/or lit *Shabbos* candles?" During that same period, meanwhile, the Reform movement will allow Lubavitch to check the *kashrut* of all its *mezuzahs*.

Surprising Reconciliations

Rebecca Jacobs, *New York, NY*

If Mort Zuckerman and Michael Lerner collaborated on a magazine, what would it be called?

U.S. News and World Repair

Latest lines from the leftover rebbe, Purim 5454 and one half

Alan J. Yuter, *Springfield, IL*

1. What does one call the Bostoner rebbe when he opens a shteibel branch in Detroit?

He goes out of his mind and becomes the Michiginer rebbe.

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2. What does one call the interlude when it is discovered that the Torah was set at the wrong place and one must roll the scroll on the spot?

It is called an "intermishen".

3. What was the name of the Hebrew translation of *Arabian Nights*?

Ma'ariv aravim?

4. How does one describe the goings on during *Arabian Nights*?

Ma'ariv areivim, very pleasant evenings!

Historic accord reached

Michael Mayersohn, Westminster, CA

Rabbis Menachem Mendel Schneerson of Chabad and Alexander Schindler of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, inspired by the Israel-PLO accord, have reached a historic agreement to merge their two movements. Divided by ideology, theology and decades of communal strife, the two rabbis, both now to be known as the rebbes, have set aside their differences. Their new movement will be known as Reform Chabad.

Months of secret negotiations between the rebbes resulted in this remarkable merger that has adherents of both movements shaking their heads. The Reverend Billy Graham brought the two rebbes together and shepherded the negotiations. Each movement made concessions to reach this accord: all Reform Chabadniks will lay tefillin on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They will keep kosher on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Shabbat. On Sundays, Reform Chabadniks will visit the two rebbes in separate rooms, receiving a gift from each rebbe, Schneerson will continue to give each visitor \$1, and will now ask that the *tzedakah* be given to the Gay Rights Action league. Schindler will distribute copies of his new brochure, *Outreach: I Didn't Really Mean It*.

Seeking the high holiday special

Pamela S. Nadell, Washington, DC

While selling High Holiday tickets for his synagogue, a friend of mine heard the following:

"Does the price include meals on Yom Kippur?"

"My husband's church doesn't charge for seats."

"Do you have a discount rate for attending only one service."

"Yes."

"Well, I am only going to go for one hour...."

Stardate 283affe.1a2--Elul 6527

Eric Mendelson, Toronto, Canada

To All Enterprise Crew--

Once again as the *Yomim Noraim* approach, I wish to confirm the details of our celebrations. The four *Slichot* lectures this year will be at 20:00h on the *Motaezi Shabbat* during Elul except the last which will be at 00:01h (Sunday). They are: "Who and/or what is a Jew?", Lt. Commander Data; "Jew by birth, doctor by choice", Dr. Beverly Crusher; "Intuitive guilt, community repentance", Counselor Deanna Troy; "The Captain's log and The Captain's log supplemental, a captain's view of judgment", Captain Jean-Luc Picard.

The Jewish Intragalactical Reconstructionist Federation informs us that the new Mahzor will not be ready for this year since we have discovered 70 new civilizations with evolving traditions whose contexts are not yet integrated. We must use the Birnbaum again.

There will be the following changes from last year's services: The Klingon Akeda service on the second day will use a holographic projection for Isaac and not a fresh cadet from the academy, never seen on the Enterprise before. R. Esav Hamas of the Beth Din of the Klingons approves of this and regrets last year's events deeply. No blame has been assigned to the operator of the transporter for the angel's late appearance.

Commander Riker and the others who insist on *mehitza* because of their personal problems with *kol ishah* and *yetzer harah* will be issued special optic/aural visors that chief Engineer Geordi LaForge has made this year which homogenize perception of the gender of those within 40 *amot* and make all those at the *bimah* appear and sound male.

Romulan and Vulcan *duchennens* will take place in separate locations and the mindmelding during the Avodah service will be restricted to those *Cohanim* actually involved in the ceremony.

Guinan and her Sister Act will use their *nussach* for *mincha* Yom Kippur and *maftir* Yonah.

I must remind all the Jeshuists, Frankists, Sabbatians, Schneersonites, Lernerists, and especially Ferengists, that