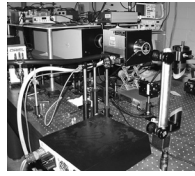




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# THE JEWISH AD BUCKET

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Purim 5763

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## **Sick of Pesach Questions, Local Rabbi Puts Self in Cherem**

**Moshe Rabbeinu Fires Arthur ben-Ander — Only 300,000 Left Egypt, Says Aharon**

**IBS and LDS to Collaborate on Garment Purchase — Tallis Katan, Mormon Sacred Underwear Available at Bargain Prices**

**YMCA Announces It Is Open on Sundays — Local Christian Leaders Say, “So What?”**

**Biological Weapons in Brookline Shul? No, but Rabbi Promises to Clean Refrigerator by Pesach**

**Mass. Voters Approve ‘Unz’ — Local Day Schools Now Required to Provide Immersion in English**

**Marathon-Route Vendor Vows: This Year, I’ll Sell Mazto Brei Instead of Fried Dough**

**Buddhist-Jewish Seder Promises Meaningful Search for the Afi-koan**

**Mashgiach ‘Puffed SPAM to Get Children in School’**

Rabbi Ya’akov Grubman, the former mashgiach t’midi for almost three hundred New York food production plants, confided to a friend that he hechshered SPAM so that Hormel would help get his kids into a fashionable kollel.

NYC Attorney General Eliot Spitzatem is probing strange emails from Rabbi Grubman and the circumstances behind a \$1M donation from Hormel to the 92nd Street Kollel, a select bet midrash that also runs an exclusive day school in Manhattan. The note suggests that the mashgiach gave hashgacha to SPAM, commonly considered to be a nonkosher luncheon meat, to please Hormel, on the understanding that the latter would ensure that Grubman’s twins were accepted to the school.

Hormel described the emails as “pure lashon hara.” An embarrassed Rabbi Grubman agreed.

## **Massachusetts Runs Out of Alcohol, Brisket: Governor Declares State of Emergency**

Package stores and groceries across the state closed their doors yesterday as shoppers stripped shelves bare of liquor and food. Brisket was impossible to find by 9 am.

Purim, the Jewish holiday that celebrates the failed attempt by Haman to eliminate the Jews from Persia, this year coincides with St. Patrick’s Day, the Irish holiday that celebrates the man who eliminated the snakes from Ireland. Both days are observed by wild drinking and partying, noisy celebrations, and the consumption of special meals often consisting of brisket or attended by Briskers.

Several community organizations held Jewish-Irish se’udahs in honor of the two holidays. “We have much in common, our two peoples,” said Boston’s new Mayor, Meir Mayer. “On St Paddy’s Day, everyone’s Irish!” Rabbi Wholefinger of Congregation Kadimer-Toras Mosher

in Brighton added, “Today, the requirement is to not know ‘Arur Haman’ from ‘Erin Go Bragh’. Besides, the Ireland is like Israel: we have a Shin Bet, they have a Sinn Féin.” Father Gael Murphy of St. Colombkille in Brighton added, “Besides, doesn’t it say in the Book of Esther, ‘King Achashverosh extended to her his shelaleigh?’” Ecumenical se’udahs included both Purim Shpiels and soccer matches, and Manishevitz distributed a special Green Malaga to its Boston and New York outlets for use at both Megillah readings and St. Patrick’s Day masses.

Rabbi Wholefinger noted that on Wednesday, March 19, the local Jewish and Chinese communities would hold common celebrations and se’udahs in honor of Schezuan Purim, a second day of partying that takes place only in Great Walled cities.

## **Kollel, Sephardi Synagogue Take New Fundraising Tack**

The Sephardi Synagogue and Kollel have “teamed” together to field several semi-professional sports teams, including a basketball team (the Savara Sals) and a football team (the Rechilus Rumyas). “I admit it’s unorthodox,” said Rabbi Adom Auerbach, “but we believe b’emunah sheleimah that a winning season will attract more support than the same-old-same-old fundraising dinner.” Games have been very profitable for the Kollel and their opponents, the local colleges, with the colleges charging \$50 per ticket and the Kollel charging \$100 a plate.

“It’s a wonderful program,” said Rabbi Michoel Davka. “A few more games and we’ll be able to just buy all the abutting properties.”

“The Boston Institute for Humanities loves this idea,” said Chancellor John Gold. “A few more games and we’ll be able to just buy all the abutting properties.”

BC Eagles Coach Tom O’Brien added, “Our boys really enjoyed playing ball

with these Kollel fellows. Sure, we had some rough spots, like when Rabbi Davka and Father Murphy, S.J., came out and argued with the refs about whether getting within daled amos of the end zone should count as a touchdown. The referees decided, though, that they did in fact need to be lifnei m’shuras hadin.” Rumyas coach Reb Davka added, “It was particularly difficult to argue about whether intercepting a ‘Hail Mary pass’ was avak avodah zarah.”

The Savara Sals have done “reasonably well,” says coach Reb Auerbach. “Taka we should have done as well as the Rumyas, but you know how successful Rechilus can be. Now that we’ve built an eruv around each court, making it ok to travel [carry the ball without dribbling], we should start winning games.” Reb Auerbach is still trying to determine how to apply Title IX to the Kollel’s programs. “Does the ezras nashim make us yotzei, or do we need a team for balabustaball?”

EDITORIAL

# JUNG ISRAEL MOVING UP IN THE WORLD

We at the *Jewish Ad Bucket* commend Jung Israel on its forward thinking in replacing its shabbos elevator with shabbos escalators.

However, we must take issue with several key decisions that JI has regrettably made in conjunction with the new escalators. First, dedicating the railings in one-foot increments is a mistake; JI should show leadership in this area, and provide a metric option. Second, we disagree strongly with Rabbi Goodword's p'sak halacha: we believe that the use of the "down" escalator is forbidden because of the requirement to be ma'alain b'kiddusha v'ein moridim. This is particularly offensive when it is noted that the down escalator is longer than the up one. Finally, we believe that JI should install a third shabbos escalator, in fulfillment of the pasuk: "And one more leading nowhere, just for show."

## A Bissel Torah: Tzav Rav M. L. E. l'Tella

This week's parsha opens with Hashem telling Moshe, "Tzav et Aharon v'et banav..." The meforshim ask a fascinating question on this pasuk: How can Hashem instruct Moshe to provide turtles to the kohanim? Don't we know that turtle isn't kosher?


Rashi explains that the reference here is to mock turtle soup, while Ramban takes a more homeletical approach. He suggests that Hashem is complaining to Moshe, "Like turtles are the Children of Israel progressing through the midbar. At this rate, it will take them thirty or forty years to make it to the land which I promised their three fathers and foremothers." As it is written, "And the Children of Israel raised their voices to Moshe, and asked, 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?'"

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Once again, Mr. Schwartz ("Cohen lies about Jewish history," *Ad Bucket*, Mar. 7-13) is mischaracterizing the points that I made in my earlier letter ("Schwartz is wrong, again," *Ad Bucket*, Feb. 21-27), in which I demonstrated the many errors and omissions in his so-called critique ("Contra Cohen," *Ad Bucket*, Jan. 31-Feb. 6) of my letter describing  
*(Continued on page 25)*

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## News in Brief:

**Newton:** A controversial proposition 1 1/2 override has passed in Newton, increasing Machatzit ha-shekel to \$1.75. The additional funds raised will be used to improve, rebuild, replace, or simply kvetch about Newton North High School.

**Brooklyn:** The Sinat Chinam Heritage Foundation has announced the availability of new videos and card games for Tish'a b'Av. For more information, contact barkamsa@sinatchinam.org.

**Newton:** For installing new, ergonomically-improved chairs, Cong. Shaarei Tefillah has been awarded the honor of the OSHA va-kavod.

**Manhattan:** Mayor Bloomberg has introduced a bill outlawing talking in shul in New York City, but synagogues are concerned about the impact on shul attendance. "If people can't talk in shul, they'll just stay home and talk there," said Irving Weingold, president of Congregation Anshei Omrim ve-Omrim. "And what about tourism? The Europeans will go to Baltimore or Boston if they can't enjoy a good schmooze during the Kedushah." Mayor Bloomberg insists that this is a health measure: "Each Shabbos, hundreds of shlichei tzibbur and ba'alei k'riah put their voices at risk trying to be heard above the (bet) din."

**Sharon:** In an unexpected twist to the "shul shuffle", the New England Patriots have announced that they will play next season at the old Young Israel. "Given how poorly we played last season, we're looking for a somewhat smaller venue," admitted Bob Kraft. Gillette Stadium will become the new home of Temple Israel.

**Detroit:** "What would the Rebbe drive?" Jeez, we at the *Ad Bucket* would love to jump on this station wagon, but feel it is inappropriate to SUVert the message of our ecologically-minded Christian brethren.

**Brighton:** Congregation Matzati Chein BaMidbar has recently received a grant from the CJP to install the Auto-ID Center's RFID (radio-frequency ID tags) in the siddurim and tallisim of participating members. "It's a big problem," said Rabbi Kofi Annan haKavod. "Some of our members have personal copies of Birnbaum, which we used to use, or of Artscroll, which we now use, and leave their siddur on their seat. Some nice kid comes along and reshelves it. Now we gotta tear the whole shul apart looking for it."

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# Ahts, Culchah, and Entahtainment

## THE FEAST OF (BACK) LOTS

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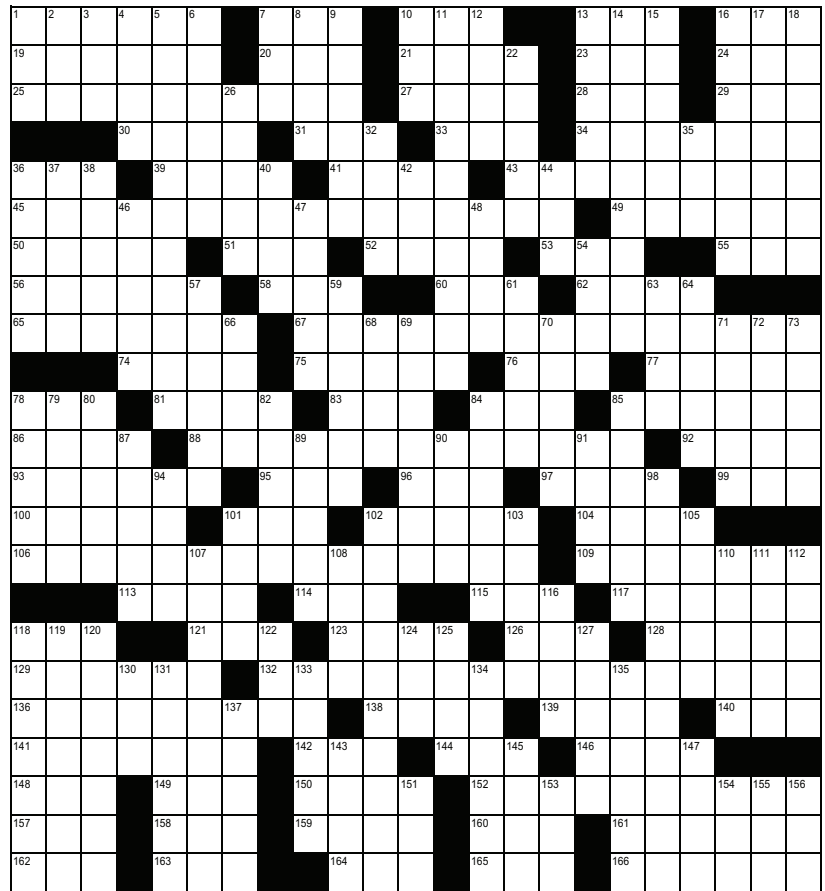
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 13 Be indebted to  
 16 "It \_\_\_ glorious thing" — Pirates of Penzance  
 19 HUD sec'y under W. Clinton  
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 21 What a pity!  
 23 Tribe of Israel  
 24 Decline, as sun or empire  
 25 II, directed by John Waters (1988)?  
 27 A token payment  
 28 Gold, to Cortez  
 29 Head covering  
 30 Prevaricator  
 31 MIT facility  
 33 Resort  
 34 Hermit  
 36 Part of a Spiel  
 39 "Never Mind the Why and Wherefore" is one  
 41 TV's Bridges  
 43 III, directed by Kurosawa (1950)?  
 45 IV, produced by Disney (1991)?  
 49 Character on Drew Carey or Buffy  
 50 Homes for roans  
 51 Culpa or Shearim  
 52 Soft stone  
 53 Man's nickname  
 55 Windows operating systems  
 56 Sign at an airport  
 58 Airbag (abbr)  
 60 Ancient  
 62 No returns  
 65 First word into the mike  
 67 V, starring Danny Kaye (1956)?  
 74 Start of a birth announcement  
 75 "I Was \_\_\_" (Children's book by Norma Simon)  
 76 Anger

- 77 Madrigal syllables  
 78 College football rankings (abbr)  
 81 Hawaiian dance  
 83 Movie man Howard  
 84 "\_\_\_ Mir Bist Du Shoen"  
 85 Kind of truck  
 86 Dutch trees  
 88 VI, starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire (1948)?  
 92 VII, starring Geoffrey Rush (1996)?  
 93 Slackjawed observers  
 95 Sounds of relief  
 96 Abbr. on clothing labels  
 97 Illumination  
 99 "A British \_\_\_" — Pinafore  
 100 The Jetsons' dog  
 101 Anger  
 102 Lawn ornament  
 104 Lawn rodent  
 106 VIII, starring Douglas Fairbanks (1924)?  
 109 Kind of fish  
 113 Flat piece of stone  
 114 Threefold (comb. form)  
 115 Contract to keep mum (abbr)  
 117 Take a nap  
 118 Org. defending Jews  
 121 Deli bread  
 123 Fruit drinks  
 126 GmbH, in U.S.  
 128 Put forth effort  
 129 Defeated  
 132 IX, starring Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn (1978)?  
 136 Hobbies  
 138 Fiddler in a hot town  
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 141 Perfectly oriented  
 142 A man of the '80s  
 144 Part of a Joule  
 146 Late Israeli ambassador  
 148 Those who review text (abbr)  
 149 Pigpen  
 150 Sons of Yale

- 152 X, starring Robert De Niro (1976)?  
 157 Soak flax  
 158 Mansion wing  
 159 New Jersey team  
 160 Past  
 161 Diagnostic procedure  
 162 Vietnam-era college org.  
 163 Color cloth  
 164 Body part cited at end of 68-Down  
 165 A megillah (abbr)  
 166 Garments

### Down

- 1 Exclamation of disgust  
 2 Two-wheeler racing grp.  
 3 Only for Hans  
 4 Civil War naval hero William  
 5 Record-setting Cowboy  
 6 Order of Catholic prayer  
 7 Crew paddle  
 8 Not imagined  
 9 Park on 42 St.  
 10 Clumsy one  
 11 Danger in En Gedi  
 12 Construction cover  
 13 Smells  
 14 Storage building  
 15 Adam's grandson, and others  
 16 To err \_\_\_  
 17 It can be used to make taffy  
 18 Goes to  
 22 Pediatrician and author William  
 26 King of Troy  
 32 Thai currency  
 35 Edict  
 36 Ecclesiastical leader  
 37 Former NJ governor  
 38 Pastries made by a queen  
 40 Small bills  
 42 It can be Black or Red  
 44 Symbols in e-mail addresses  
 46 First section of a syllabus



- 47 Pub game  
 48 Bill of Rights org.  
 54 Job  
 57 Follows  
 59 Beaches  
 61 Less wet  
 63 : in comparison  
 64 British Foreign Secretary Jack  
 66 Elegant celebration  
 68 Parsha after Kedoshim  
 69 Method of preserving fruit  
 70 Judicial proceeding  
 71 Was fed up  
 72 Russian woman's name  
 73 Less common  
 78 Word not appearing in the Megillah  
 79 Battle  
 80 Hollywood guild  
 82 Author of "Primary Inversion"  
 84 Drink mixer  
 85 Citric fruits  
 87 Peasants  
 89 Larceny  
 90 Encourage  
 91 Horse mothers  
 94 Disturb  
 98 Where Asia is  
 101 One \_\_\_ land  
 102 Newton's nickname  
 103 Character in "Movin' Out"  
 105 Strong adhesive  
 107 With seriousness  
 108 Support  
 110 Contemporary of Longfellow, H. W.  
 111 \_\_\_ Nashim  
 112 Popular again  
 116 Caesar's years  
 118 Those who wait  
 119 Having lost everything  
 120 Those most recent  
 122 Boston's clock setting  
 124 Nice summer  
 125 Angry  
 127 Gave up  
 130 Golf equipment  
 131 Got 131-Down wrong, for example  
 133 Ski city  
 134 Of finite lifespan  
 135 Ships of the Mediterranean  
 137 Panache  
 143 Not windward  
 145 Foolish  
 147 "\_\_\_ prius nuisance" — Mikado  
 151 Compass point  
 153 DJIA component  
 154 Household appliance  
 155 Consume  
 156 MD's coworkers

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## Television Highlights (Not that you should watch TV, it's Bitul Zman, but if you're going to anyway....)

**Bet Din TV.** A man with two groups of daughters from two separate wives comes to court and says: "I betrothed my elder daughter, but I don't remember if it was the eldest daughter of my first wife, or the eldest daughter of my second wife, or the youngest daughter of my second wife, who is older than the eldest daughter of my first wife."  
**Trading Spaces.** In a special edition of this popular show, families trade backyards and are given \$100, expert help, and a Sunday afternoon to design, construct, and decorate a sukkah for each other.

**Din And Seder, Special Victims Unit.** A body is found exactly halfway between two cities.  
**Cleaning for Pesach.** Reality show in which contestants are followed by a camera crew while ridding their homes of chametz. Each week, viewers phone in their votes for whose house they'd be willing to eat in. The winner gets a free trip to a Miami hotel for Pesach.  
**American Yiddle.** Semifinals for Best Chazanut (Female). Some material on tonight's show may not be appropriate for male viewers.

**The Sfornos.** Drama about a family of ex-egetes living in New Jersey. This week: Rav Ovadiah darshens on "Ayin tachat ayin" at the Badatz-Bing club.  
**Buffy The Golem Slayer.** Willow finally seeks help for her addiction to Shlomo Carlebach. The *bet din* rejects Spike's application to convert to Judaism.  
**Joe Talmid-Chochom.** Will Yosef choose Sorah or Sarah as his kallah? Will his bat-zug bug out when she discovers he prefers Baudelaire to Bava Batra?



## At The Movies

**Lord of the Herrings.** Frodo (Eliyahu Would, Would You?) continues on his quest to set up Seudah Shelishit, while Sam Weiss looks for the saltines. Good: the exciting battle scenes (watch for the yekke's fork!). Bad: Kol Isha.

**Herschel Potterovitch and the Chamber of Secrets.** This follow-up to Herschel Potterovitch and the Even Ha-Ezer finds the young wizard and his friends in their second year at Temple Beth Chazermums as they attempt to discover where in the shul kitchen the parve cutting board is. Good: the exciting battle scenes (watch for the yekke's fork!). Bad: the tedious discussion of nat-bar-nat.

**My Big Fat Simcha.** Tamar Portokaplan's family from the suburbs of Boro Park promotes exactly three traditional values: "Marry a Jewish boy, have Jewish babies, and feed everyone." From birth, she is mortified by pretty much everything they do, like any good Jewish girl. When she falls in love with Chandler, a WASP (with a name like Chandler...), he must convert and join a kollel to pass muster with her family. Good: the mikvah scenes. Bad: the Masechet Gitin scenes.

## Concert review

The Shamir Chorale of Boston gave an exciting concert last week. Highlights of the concert included The Who's felafeline lament, "Rami, can you hear me?"; Alan Sherman's tribute to YU, "Hello Torah, Hello Maddah"; and the Beatles' homage to Rav Soloveitchik, "Halachic Man (Please Listen)." Less successful was the children's classic, "Old MacDonald had a kibbutz, chirik patach chirik patach cholom." Overall, though, the concert was enjoyable and a successful fundraiser for Shamir's upcoming tour to Kazakhstan.

## New Products Available at Fine Jewish Web Sites

MyWigs.com recently announced its new line of sheitels for men. Available in 100% human hair, human-synthetic blend, and all-synthetic, the new "beard sheitel" is being marketed to men who understand the true nature of tznius. "Our beard sheitels are fashioned from the finest materials available, and may be dyed to match exactly any man's original beard color." The sheitels are available in both short and long styles, and MyWigs.com will later this year add "beard falls" and African-American beard sheitels. The store has many money-saver deals, with "Har Nof," "Boro Park," and "Flatbush" his & her sheitels available.

Ever had trouble fitting in all those guests your husband invited for sukkot? This year, get him to buy and assemble the Sukkah Tardis from drwhosukkah.com.

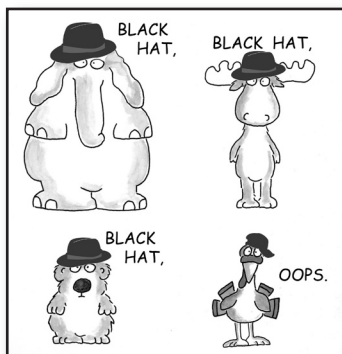
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## The New Ton Review of Books

Reader's Digest has released a condensed edition of "**Chanting the Hebrew Bible: The Complete Guide to Torah Cantillation.**" The new edition, weighing in at only 613 pages, omits the less-frequently used taamim such as *yareach-ben-yamo* and *parah-natar-al-hayareach*.

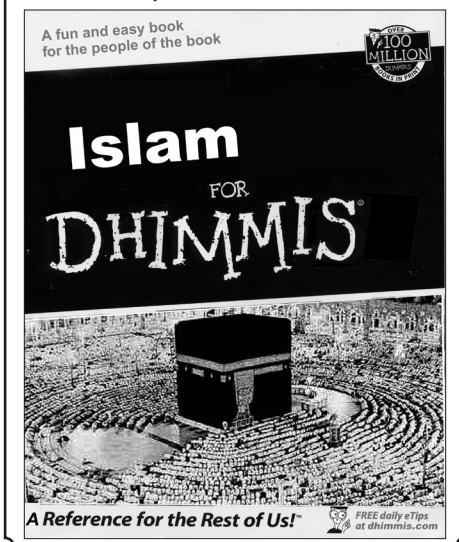
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## Ask the Rav

*The Schlitzer Rav did not receive any questions for his column this year. He rejoices that his followers have mastered all the halachic sources, since this will allow him to reach a higher madrega and lower handicap. However, recognizing his obligation to fill several column-inches, lest his salary be withheld, he has chosen to share some little-known halachic facts.*

- It is prohibited to derive any benefit from "Yayin she-avar alav Shushan Purim." This law reflects the deep connections between Purim and Pesach. Just as chometz on Pesach is symbolic of sin and sloth, alcohol on Purim is symbolic of getting a good buzz. Just as the past redemption of Pesach presages the ultimate redemption to come, so too last year's hangover is a reminder of... um, something. Because of this din, it is recommended that you either consume all your alcohol before the conclusion of Shushan Purim, or else sell it to the Schlitzer Rav before Ta'anis Esther.

- When Sukkos falls on Shabbos, we don't eat in the Sukkah. Why not? If the wind were to blow your schach half off the roof while you were making kiddush, you might be tempted to carry your sukkah outside the eruv to a baki to ask whether it's still kosher. So the mitzvah "leshev ba-sukkah" is docheh on Shabbos, even in Cambridge, where they now have an eruv and everyone is his own baki.

- The new multi-use paper plates require toiveling before use. So do the old, flimsy paper plates. And your paper towels.