

## New Israeli Party Has All the Political Angles “Covered”

In the latest negotiations over the coalition government in Israel, the Prime Minister has offered a portfolio to the newly formed Shheitel Party (formerly the Whig Party). This party consists entirely of women who wear wigs to cover their natural hair after marriage. The Shheitel Party has already been offered two choice portfolios in the current government: Bonsai Forest Management and Special Concerns of Immigrants’ Pets. Both are seen as stepping-stones to high-level Ministries and have never before been held by a member of a religious party.

In the Knesset, following the model of Sorah Imanu, both Shheitel Party members will be listened to but not seen. They plan to vote *in absentia* and skip all Knesset meetings. Supporters have praised their high standards of modesty, but opponents question their motives. Said one, “I’d wear just about anything to get out of Knesset meetings.”

Mrs. Frumma-Tzedek is considering running for Prime Minister after the current government collapses; while her own party cannot provide enough votes to give her a majority, she is willing to make strategic coalitions with the Shnood Party, the Bhig Floppy Hat Party, and the Khaffieh Party. However, the Shheitel Party’s hopes for an all-inclusive hair covering coalition were let down when representatives of the Shmattah Party indicated that they would not consider joining “so formal an organization.”

## Addition Equals Division

Bricks and mortar were just a few clicks away at the Yeshivat Rafram bar Papa parents’ meeting Tuesday night when a group of Reconstructionists filibustered to block a vote by an anti-building faction. This group of self-styled “Deconstructionists” has in recent months stymied efforts to raise funds for additional structures on the Goldbrick Road site.

“When I was that age we learned in a basement, and everything was fine,” said one distrustful Deconstructionist. “I pulled my kids out of the public schools so their learn-

## Purim In Boston Rescheduled For Sunday

According to the most recent archeological findings, long before the Pilgrims arrived on Plymouth Rock, the area that is now Boston was a thriving metropolis. The residents of that old city, the Noles (like the Seminoles, only taller), occupied that land until about 1500, when they all moved to the more affordable housing of the suburbs.

This story has relevance for the Jews, according to Rabbi Shlomo Shtreimel, spokesman for the Committee For Advanced Halakhic Research Proving That Your Bubbe’s Kitchen Was Actually Treyf. The Noles’ residence in *ur*-Boston extends back to the time when Joshua was marching through Eretz Yisrael, and during this time, there was a wooden palisade around the city. Therefore, says Rabbi Shtreimel, Jews in central Boston should

observe Shushan Purim, just like the Jews living in Jerusalem.

This year, because Shushan Purim falls on Shabbos, the schedule includes megillah on Friday, reciting *Al haNissim* on Shabbos, getting drunk on Sunday, and waking up Monday morning in a panic because you haven’t started cleaning for Pesach yet.

Many Boston neighborhoods, such as the Back Bay, were built on landfill during the 19th century: residents of those neighborhoods should consult a rabbi to find out when they observe Purim. However, to be on the safe side, if you are delivering *mish-loach manot* to people in those neighborhoods, make sure it is something that can be eaten underwater.

## Kollel Opens Day Care Center

The Rabbeinu Akiva Center for Talmudic Learning, located at 613 Korey Road, in conjunction with the association of Kollel Wives, Aishet ha-Torah, have announced a day care program, “Bavli n’ Baby,” opening this fall.

The Rosh Kollel explained: “We began to realize that asking a woman to support herself and her family while working in a job consistent with her spiritual refinement is too stressful for her.” At the new day care center, families can leave the four oldest children for part of the day. Girls will have an abundant supply of crayons and *tzniusdiche* coloring books. Boys can work on their own art projects, with such old standbys as “dye the leather on the tefillin.”

ing wouldn’t be constantly disrupted by the MCAS. But now it’s jackhammers all the time—my little Lo Ruchama says her *limudei kodesh* teacher wears earplugs!” Yossi O’Leary, owner of Yossi’s House of Treif, broke in. “That’s so the kids don’t distract him from his learning. No: we’re Jews, we have to build. It’s practice for the 3rd Beit HaMikdash, *bimhera vyameinu!* Besides, we need more walls for donation plaques!” O’Leary is a prominent member of the Reconstructionist faction, which has gained ground in recent months with the decision by a local summer camp to change its name to “Yibaneh.”

## Red Sox Convert En Masse

In a stunning development at Spring training, the Boston Red Sox have undergone a mass conversion in the hopes of finally winning the World Series.

“Many of us are religious men,” said Ramon “Reuven” Martinez, one of the Red Sox’ pitchers. “It’s just a question of which religion.”

His brother, Pedro “Pinchas” Martinez, summed up the sentiment behind the move. “5761 will be our year,” he said. “This year we’re going all the way— b’li neder.”

Led by the pitching of the Martinez brothers and the batting strength of Nomar “Amen” Garciaparra, the Red Sox are determined to have the best season they’ve had since 5678.

The Red Sox upper management was quick to support the players’ actions. “Since the days of Sandy Koufax, baseball has always been a haven for Jewish players,” according to Red Sox general manager Dan “Dovid” Duquette.

One potential problem for the Sox is that although Beit Shammai holds by the designated hitter rule, the halacha follows Beit Hillel.

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## THE JEWISH AD BUCKET

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Welcome to another edition of the *Jewish Ad Bucket*. We apologize for not coming out with an issue last year, but the Y5.76K crisis brought our computer systems down. Now that we have switched from ממת-DOS to the Free-ד"ד operating system, those problems are behind us, b'ezras Hashem.

Fortunately, in the intervening year, our staff has been composing joke after joke for inclusion in this issue. Unfortunately, after we presented our humor collection to the Schlitzer Rebbe, this magazine's spiritual advisor, he forbade us from publishing any jokes about Moshiach—the Schlitzer hates eschatological humor. To make up for the lost material, most of the jokes in this issue, therefore, were written in the month before Purim, while the Schlitzer was out of the country, inspecting the many distilleries under his *hashgacha*.

The production of a Jewish humor magazine, of course, is an awesome responsibility, as awesome as the day of Purim itself. Let us recount the power of this day's humor: The great grogger will sound and the voice of a hundred obnoxious children will drown out the rest of the Megillah reading. Purim shpielers will pass before us like a field of couch potatoes, and you shall apportion them the laughter that each deserves and inscribe our verdict.

On Rosh Chodesh Adar it is written, and on the Day of Purim it is sealed: what punch lines will be laughed at, and what punch lines will be anticipated; who will think the joke is on him, and who will think the joke is on his enemy; which rabbis will send in jokes for next year's *Ad Bucket*, and which rabbis will send the *Ad Bucket* editors into *cherem*; what jokes will be forgotten, and what jokes will be circulated on the Internet until their own authors are sick of reading them.

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Next week, the Ad Bucket introduces a new time-saver: our article rating system. News that is good for the Jews will be designated by :-), and news that is bad for the Jews will be designated by :-(. This will help you more rapidly determine the point of the articles, and thereby spare you the effort of actually reading them, since you only picked up this paper for the advertising, anyway.

We will also feature a guide to recently closed kosher restaurants.

### The Rabbi Bobbi Institute

announces a new lecture series by

Rabbi Samuel "Adams" Coors,  
Schlitzer Rebbe (*schlita*)

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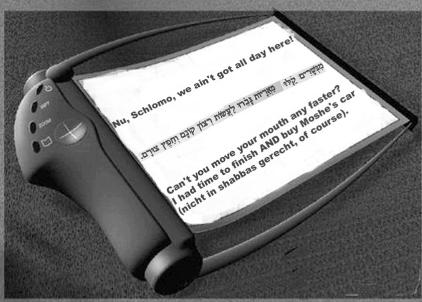


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**Don't turn them away!  
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pray for you today!**

*Bochurim from the Schlitzer Yeshiva in Allston will be schnorring in your neighborhood between now and Pesach in conjunction with the CJP-sponsored "Shekels for Shuckels" program. Tax-deductible donations will fund a P.D.Q. Bach concert at the school.*

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Invest in the new Art-scroll "Kavannah." This advanced siddur uses a patented electronic ink technology to provide the shatz with the words of the davening at the pace your congregation sets and provides inspiring phrases to keep the shatz's mind on his davening.

## New Products You Must Buy

Glatt Keshet, one of New York's most distinguished leather-goods suppliers, has released three new products to enhance your experience of the *mitzvah* of *tefillin*:

¶ Are you still saying Amidah when the pushke comes by? No problem! The E-Z-Pushke transponder will automatically deduct your contribution as it goes by. The transponder attaches with Velcro® to your *shel rosh*, and is compatible with the "Fast Lein" system.

¶ Do you need to stop davening every ten minutes, because your *shel yad* has turned into a bracelet? To end such embarrassment forever, there's Strap-Stik™. Simply rub Strap-Stik onto your arm before putting on *tefillin*, and the leather is guaranteed to stay in its place until the end of *shacharit*.

¶ The Handy Hat™ is not just a stylish *sodek*; it's designed to keep your *shel rosh* properly centered. A robot arm and sonar rig are built into the hat's crown. If your *bayit* has gone south while you're facing east, the Handy Hat's arm will swoop down and correct the problem before you can say "*barukh hu u'varukh shemo*." No more frantic gestures

## Prophet Predicts: Top Six Jewish Baby Names for 5762

In spring, a young woman's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of how her mother-in-law has been pestering her for another grandchild. Therefore, the *Ad Bucket* provides this list of the most popular "Names from the Nevi'im" as a form of Jewish Family and Children's Assistance.

6) Maher Shalal Chash Baz (popular among the dot-com folks)

5) Zion Hi Doresh Ein Lah (for the travel agents)

4) Lo Ruchama

3) Lo Ami

2) Pele Yoetz El Gibor Avi-Ad Sar Shalom (popular for December babies)

1) Menachem Mendel

All these names conform to the new ISO 9027.1 (Ashkenazi) standard for Jewish baby names. If you want to spare your local *gabbai* the nuisance of reading off one of these names, you can name your own child something more conventional. However, be careful not to use the name of a relative who is still alive, or the Angel of Death will think you're Sephardic.

from the *gabbai*, and no more constantly inspecting yourself in the mirror like a debutante.

**Other highlights** from the 5761 Jewish Products Expo, held at San Francisco's Moskowitz Convention Center:

¶ A new line of holiday greeting cards includes a musical Pesach card that's always a half-tone flat, and a Rosh Hashanna card that wishes Sepharadim a "Gamar Latina Tova."

¶ What *yeshiva bochur* hasn't wished he could ask Rashi to clarify a comment? Who hasn't had a *sh'eilah* at the Shabbat table, and wanted to get an answer right away? Now you can, with the new combination ouija/challah board! In addition to the letters aleph through tav, it has special words and phrases such as "Asur," "Mutar," and "Teiku!"

¶ New for your wireless PDA: a siddur with a streaming news, stock, and sports ticker on-screen.

¶ Internet portal site Y-hoo has announced a new service to track your favorite prophets, since profits are no longer available. Special websites [yirmi.y-hoo.com](http://yirmi.y-hoo.com), [eli.y-hoo.com](http://eli.y-hoo.com), and [yishai.y-hoo.com](http://yishai.y-hoo.com) put the *da'at* back in *da'at kam*.

## New Eruv Kit Makes It Easy

by P. R. Flak

"Special" to the *Ad Bucket* (wink, wink!)

Are the rents in your neighborhood only at market value? Wish you could get a dark roast cup of coffee on every corner? Want to boost your MCAS scores? You need to attract the "right" type of people to your community. How? Install an eruv! The new "Instant Eruv" makes it quick and easy. The \$770 kit includes wire, flags, pickup truck with fold-out ladder, phone numbers and bank statements of potential donors, clean-shaven lawyers to appear before your local zoning board (please specify ethnicity and regional accent), and impressively bearded rabbis to persuade your "don't hold by the eruv" constituents (please specify *yeshiva*). Or, for only \$29.95, you can purchase a recording telling callers the *parsha* and apologetically informing them that the eruv is down that week. Deluxe version includes a small red light to hang outside your local Chabad. Don't be the last town in Boston to get one; buy your eruv kit today!

## Great Toys For Hannukah 5762

It's never too early to start thinking about what to get the little tyke for Chanukkah, particularly since we Jews need to do our part to keep the economy out of a recession. The *Jewish Ad Bucket* takes a look at a few toys that your little Maher Shalal Chash Baz is sure to ask for:

¶ PrayStation III—This is the only shtender capable of reading a child's brain waves, thereby giving you an objective measurement of the supplicant's level of *kavannah*. Complete all 49 levels of play and get an animated display of the first chapter of Ezekiel.

¶ Lego Mishkan (product #6130)—Can you help the Cohen Gadol? This 6000 piece set includes everything you need to build the Third Temple according to Ezekiel's vision. (To prevent *apikorsis*, the pieces will not fit together in any form that does not follow a legitimate *shita*.) It even comes with a mini-Moshiach action figure.

¶ Tumah!—This sticky green goo will provide hours of amusement for boys and girls alike. Guaranteed easy cleanup—just dip affected clothing, children, and couches in your local mikvah. Comes with an educational activity booklet detailing relevant laws. Recommended for ages 7–10, not recommended for *b'nei cohanim*. For your older children: Tzaraas!

¶ Ask Me, Mori—Go ahead and ask this super-soft, plush rabbi a question, and he'll give you a straightforward answer in his avuncular way. You know he's giving you his full attention because when he responds, he lifts his head and pulls his beard. The latest in interactive toys from Mishkan-Bradliovitch, makers of "Kootchie-Kootchie Yekutiel."

¶ Temple Mount Puzzle—Remove the golden dome from the summit of the mountain. A challenge to keep you amused for hours. (Solution sold separately.)

¶ Kollel Wife Barbie—Comes with three different full-length skirts and an assortment of *sheitels*. Models with shaved head and hats also available. Your little girl will also love the Barbie Mikveh Play Set.

¶ Betty Crockpot Easy-Kosher Oven—recommended for girls ages 4-6. Comes with *milchig* and *fleishig* pots and a miniature blowtorch. Pesach *kelim* sold separately.

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## Book Reviews

### “Herschel Pottereitch and the Missing Matzah.”

Herschel Pottereitch, the scion of a Chasidic dynasty, was hidden away as a child because the Misnagdim wanted to teach him the Brisker method. At his bar mitzvah, he learned his true identity, and since then he's been a student at Yeshivat Hogglesworth, where he plays a game called *Qiddish* involving “seekers,” the “snitch,” and a cup of wine. In this, the fifth tractate of the series, the evil Wortebuch has stolen the *afikomen* and Herschel and his friends must find it by *chatzot* or their *seder* will be *pasul*.

### “Planning the Jewish Elopement”

Announcing the latest must-have self-help book: “Planning the Jewish Elopement!” Ready to marry that special someone, but fed up with interfering relatives and endless wedding consultations? This book is for you! Find answers to questions such as: Is it better to elope on a moonlit or a moonless night? Should you take your two witnesses with you, or hope to recruit appropriate bystanders at your destination? And, is it proper to register for gifts upon your return? The Schlitzer Rebbe provides responsa to such halachic conundrums as: “If there’s no videographer, is our marriage kosher?” (yes) and “What if there’s no scotch?” (scotch is preferred,

but slivovitz will do). Also included is a table of preferred transliterations for major Jewish communities, in both America and the Lesser Antilles. All this and much more awaits you in “Planning the Jewish Elopement!”

### The Complete “Talking in Shul”

This new sefer from Metsuris Publications features the complete text with commentary. Services in this volume include “The Grandchildren,” “Stocks,” “Lashon Hara,” and “Do the Red Sox Have a Chance?” The cover features the pasuk, “Hashem, S’fatai Tiftach.”



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## TV Highlights for This Week

**Throw Yoma from the Train** (Movie) — Two frustrated *bochurim* give up on *Daf Yomi*.

**The West Wall** — Shacharit, Mincha, Maariv. (Repeat)

**Whose Leyning is It Anyway?** — Improv comedy.

**Seats in the City** (HBO) — Three Brooklyn rabbis schnorr for their respective yeshivot. Adult themes.

**Survivor III** — Each week, the shul Board votes on which member will be permitted to resign. The last member remaining is drafted to be shul president.

**The Exodus Files** — A mysterious series of “plagues” culminates with the death of every first-born in Egypt. Charlton Heston guest-stars.

## Hora-scope

**טלה (ram)**—Work on improving your memory: 32 MB is not enough these days.

**שור (bull)**—Stop kidding yourself: go back to T-bills now.

**תאומים (twins)**—I heah yowah motha’s da gov’nah.

**כרוב (crab)**—Meet your besheert at Yossi’s House of Treyf (now a kosher establishment) tonight!

**אריה (lion)**—Someone’s pinching your basheert at Yossi’s—go there now!

**בתולה (maiden)**—Get your nose out of the paper! Your besheert is waiting for you at Yossi’s House of Treyf and his brisket’s getting cold!

**מאזניים (scales)**—

The Sun is in keshet and the moon is behind that tall building. Stand up on your toes and say “shalom aleichem” three times.

**עקרב (scorpion)**—Practice makes perfect, so read the daf again.

**קשת (rainbow)**—Dark skies ahead. Buy flood insurance for when this snow melts.

**גדי (goat)**—Avoid cats next month.

**דלי (bucket)**—You haven’t eaten all day. Have some hamantaschen before you start drinking. The cherry ones are buried behind the prune-filled.

**דגים (fish)**—Tomorrow’s Friday. Avoid Yossi’s II (not a kosher establishment).

## Yossi’s House of Treyf— Now a Kosher Establishment!

After years of disclaimers in *Ad Bucket* advertisements, Yossi’s House of Treyf will begin serving kosher food under the supervision of R’ Murphy of the FourLeaf Clover-K.

“With the recent closings of Porkless Pag-da, Little Akiva’s Matza House, and the Chazon Ish Bar and Grill, we felt it was time to explore the kosher market,” said Yossi O’Leary, owner of the newly-kosher restaurant.

Chana O’Leary, Yossi’s mother and sous chef, agreed that she was pleased with the change, but said she’d prefer to retain some of their traditional menu offerings.

Yossi’s brother, Dov Ber, has started a competing restaurant, which will remain treyf.

Yossi’s House of Treyf faced many challenges in going kosher, noted R’ Murphy, the mashgiach. “Of course there were the usual questions of shabbat observance, but these weren’t the hardest challenge. Ever tried to blowtorch a pigroast pit?”

Yossi’s will celebrate its Grand Re-Opening as a kosher restaurant on March 17 with a family special “brisket and cabbage” buffet.

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