

No, we have
no shame.

THE JEWISH AD BUCKET

Weather: Partly cloudy from
Maundy—Thursday; good Friday;
winds easterly on Sunday.

News in brief

New York: Tens of thousands of Orthodox Jews filled Madison Square Garden earlier this month to witness a basketball game between the New York Knicks and the Miami Heat, whose center had announced that the Mar. 1 game would be the last in his seven-and-one-half-year NBA career. Fervent fans attended the joyous “Siyyum Hashaq” wearing streimels with the Heat’s logo.

B’nei B’rak: It happened that Rabbi Eliezer, Rabbi Yehoshua, Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah, Rabbi Akiva, and Rabbi Tarfon were having a seder in B’nei B’rak, and Rabbi Tarfon said, “Hey, cool! We’re in the Haggadah!”

New York: Following the success of Christo’s *The Gates* in Central Park, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has announced a new installation in Boro Park: Yiddle’s *Bava Kamma*, *Bava Metziyah*, *u’Bava Batra*.

Monsey: A new Talmud study plan for people with young children, the *Daf Jahri* learns one page of *Gemarah* every year. The next siyyum haShas will be in the year 8476 from *briyas ha-Olam*.

Boston: The Vaad has decided that Vaad kashrut may not meet Vaad standards.

Record donation ensures Jewish continuity

A consortium of anonymous donors has given \$20 million to be distributed among Boston’s various kosher restaurants to ensure continuity of their existence.

“Too many kosher restaurants in Boston have closed in recent years,” said CJP President Barry Shrek. “Cafe She-Was, Zaatar’s Shove-in, Patsyland, Jewry’s Kitchen, and, of course, the apres-ski hangout Cafe Slalom are all now just fond memories. Boston’s Jewish community should be grateful to these donors for helping to ensure that our children and our children’s children will continue to enjoy Cheesy Cajun Fries.”

New Products for 5765



¶ From the makers of TiVo comes ToVi! Slept late on Shabbos? Catch up on all your favorite *parshiyot* without those boring *mi sheberachs!*

¶ Cheerios is now available with fluorescent dye. This year, do *b’dikat chametz* with a blacklight and find all the crumbs that your toddler left all over your house.

¶ Streit’s has a new line of perfumes coming this Passover. For women, *Potage de Poulet*, with its deep notes of bouillon and carrot. For men, *Leather*, a delicate scent that evokes all-nighters in the beit midrash, with top notes of gardenia and mango.

Sheilas & Teshuvahs

S: What bracha should I make after ordering seforim online?

T: *Birkat Amazon*, of course.

S: Where can I find the halachos pertaining to online auctions?

T: Masechet Bava Dot Comma, Daf 802.11b, contains a *sugya* on the return policies of eBay d’Rav Huna.

S: I have to email a few million of my close friends about an incredible business opportunity that they should not wait to take advantage of. May I send this email on *chol ha-moed*?

T: By all means, send the mail; as the posuk says, *ve-spamachta be-chagecha*.

Briefly “Noted”

Philip Glass has released a new recording: *Koyyanischatzikaddish*, or “Shul in Chaos: Ten Jews, Eleven Tempos.”

TV Highlights

Extreme Teshuvah Martha Stewart, host. (ABC)

American Idolator Eliyahu haNavi calls down fire from heaven to consume Simon Cowell. (Fox)

Desperate Balabustas Malke brings home a Galitziyaner. (ABC)

Iron Chef America with Boston’s own Yossi

Bob the Builder Bob accepts a contract from the Temple Mount Faithful. “Can we bring Moshiach? Yes, we can!” (WGBH, Sat, 60 minutes after sunset.)

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