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**ISRAELI RABBIS REJECT DIGITAL TV**

**Jerusalem--**A coalition of 33 Orthodox rabbis in Israel declared this week that the government's plan to switch all television reception to a digital signal is forbidden and unacceptable.

"It requires converter boxes," said group spokesman Rabbi Lazer Disk, "and we don't recognize the converters as kosher."

Rabbi Disk identified the two companies hired by the Israeli government to handle the conversions as the Conservative Engineering Corp. and the Television Reform Network.

"I'm sorry," said the rabbi, "but we cannot accept digital conversions by the Conservative and Reform firms. We must draw the line somewhere. Otherwise, what will be next--a wireless eruv?"

Despite nixing the proposed signal conversion, the 33 rabbis did sanction a marriage this week between two TV antennas.

"The ceremony wasn't that great," said Rabbi Disk, "but the reception was amazing."

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**MADOFF'S DEFENSE: "I'M A VICTIM"**

**New York--**Disgraced financial investor Bernard Madoff, accused of bilking clients of over \$50 billion in an elaborate Ponzi scheme, pleaded not guilty at a grand jury hearing today, claiming he is a victim, not a criminal.

"Just listen to how everyone makes bad puns with my name," Madoff testified. "Bernie Madoff with the money. Bernie Madoff with fifty billion dollars. Bernie Madoff like a bandit. I am clearly the victim of a cruel and unfunny Punzi scheme."

Madoff insisted further that he has suffered other indignities, including unfounded accusations of being gay.

"I'm the victim of a Pansy scheme," he claimed.

When a prosecutor commented that Madoff bore a slight resemblance to Henry Winkler from *Happy Days*, Madoff shouted, "Aha! A Fonzie scheme, too!"

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**JOE THE PLUMBER BECOMES MASHGIACH**

**Cleveland, OH--**Fresh from his stint as a war correspondent during the recent conflict in Gaza, Joe Wurzelbacher, better known as "Joe the Plumber," has announced that he will soon embark on a new career as a kosher food supervisor, or *mashgiach*.

His new title will be Joe the Plumba. (A *plumba* is the small metal tag attached to meat certifying that it is kosher.)

"I've still got a lot to learn about the laws of kosher," Wurzelbacher admitted at a news conference on Monday.

"When I was in Israel, I met several rabbis who oversee kosher certification for the government," he explained. "The group is called Badatz. To me it sounded like an Israeli rimshot...ba-DATZ! But once they taught me about their work, I was hooked."

Wurzelbacher said that his first job may be at the Agriprocessor kosher meat plant in Postville, Iowa.

"I may not know all the laws yet," he said, "but at least I'm over sixteen."

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**PALIN TO RELOCATE TO BORO PARK**

**Nome, Alaska--**Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska announced today that she plans to move with her entire family to the Boro Park section of Brooklyn once her current term as governor expires.

"During my campaign for vice president, people were so critical of my daughter for being pregnant at such a young age," Palin explained.

"But in Boro Park, no one will criticize her. Girls there are married and pregnant when they're barely teenagers. I understand many of the young brides are registered for wedding gifts at Toys R Us."

"Besides," Palin added, "half the women in Boro Park are already wearing wigs styled after me."

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### **BIDEN REVEALS ISLAMIC ROOTS**

**Washington, DC--**Vice President Joe Biden shocked Washington officials today by announcing that his family heritage is Islamic.

"My ancestors came to America from Iraq," Biden admitted during an interview at the White House yesterday. "Our family name originally was Bin Laden. Officials at Ellis Island removed three letters from the middle of the name and shortened it to Biden."

President Obama expressed both surprise and amusement upon learning of the revelation.

"And people thought *I* was the Muslim," he chuckled.

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### **KOLLEL BOYS ASK FOR BAILOUT**

**Lakewood, NJ--**A group of kollel boys who are paid to study Torah instead of working for a living recently petitioned the federal government for assistance during the current recession.

"It's too difficult for us to do all this learning by ourselves," said kollel representative Lazer ("Lazy") Bumm. "We need a bailout in the form of other men who will do the learning for us."

Asked how the kollel boys would occupy their time if others were engaged to study for them, Bumm replied, "We'll do what we've always done--smoke cigarettes and sleep."

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### **RABBIS FIND SHEYTL SOLUTION**

**Brooklyn, NY--**After completing a five-year analysis of the wig crisis that erupted in 2004 over the idolatrous use of Indian hair in sheytls, a panel of rabbis has announced a plan that they believe will solve the problem for good.

"The answer is so simple," said Rabbi Baya Shmata, "that I'm surprised no one thought of it sooner."

Shmata said that, starting later this year, selected companies will manufacture a new style of wig called "The Shmurah Sheytl."

"It'll work just like *shmurah matzah*," Shmata explained. "Fine European hair will be watched from the time it is cut (known in Hebrew as *mishas k'tzirah*) until it is sewn into the wig. That way, there can be no possibility of idolatrous Indian hair somehow finding its way into the mix."

The rabbis plan to price the new line of sheytls just as they price *shmurah matzah*, starting at \$1,500 an ounce.

"We'll have Shaatzer sheytls, handmade sheytls, machine sheytls, the works," said Shmata. "Trust me, it's going to revolutionize the wig business."

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### **BLAGOJEVICH TO HEAD SYNAGOGUE COMMITTEE**

**Chicago--**Former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich announced today that he will take on a new job this fall at Congregation Ohev Kesef on Chicago's West Side.

Blagojevich said that he will be in charge of the seating committee for the High Holidays.

"Who knows how to sell seats better than I do?" the impeached governor exclaimed.

Synagogue officials said that they are thrilled to have Blagojevich as part of their team.

Asked what would happen to the ex-governor after Yom Kippur, synagogue president Eliasz Feit said, "Hey, he can always sell the *atah haraisahs* on

Simchas Torah, too."

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**BLOOMBERG TO SEEK TENTH TERM**

**New York--**Mayer Bloomberg, a distant cousin of Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City, announced today that he will run for the tenth time for president of his synagogue, Congregation Beth Wethtern, on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

"Technically, I'm not running," Bloomberg explained, "since no one else wants the position. I'm the only shul member willing to do the job."

Bloomberg continued, "As president, I get blamed for everything that goes wrong. Members complain all the time and never miss the chance to insult me. Even the rabbi hates me."

Asked why he continues to head the synagogue, Bloomberg replied, "For the *kavod*."

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**OBAMA FILLS CABINET WITH JEWS**

**Washington, DC--**President Barack Obama announced today that he intends to stock his entire Cabinet with Jews.

"Some past Presidents have stocked their Cabinets with liquor, but I intend to fill mine exclusively with Jews," he said.

Asked to name his specific choices, the President replied, "It'll have orange Jews, grape Jews, apple Jews, tomato Jews, and, since I'm from Hawaii, pineapple Jews, of course."

When a reporter asked Obama if he possibly meant "juice" instead of "Jews," the President paused for a moment and then replied, "Yes, you're right. I screwed up."

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**SYNAGOGUES MERGE TO SAVE MONEY**

**New York--**A recent study conducted by the American Jewish Committee shows that an

increasing number of synagogues across the U.S. are merging in order to economize during the current fiscal crisis.

"Shuls are blending, and so are their names," said Dr. Lane D. Parsha, head of the study.

Parsha gave some examples. "In St. Louis, Congregation Ben Zion recently merged with Congregation Gay Gezundt," he said. "The new synagogue is called Congregation Ben Gay."

In another instance, The Free Synagogue of Chicago joined forces with The Temple of Love. Their union is called Free Love.

And in Miami, the merger of two houses of worship, Mount Sinai Synagogue and The Children of Israel, has resulted in the hybrid Mount the Children.

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