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on Purim 2011**

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## **CALLS IT “GAGA-GANOUSH”**

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## **J STREET PROTESTS PURIM**

**Washington, D.C.**--J Street, the nonprofit advocacy group that strives to end Arab-Israeli conflicts peacefully and diplomatically, has called for a moratorium on the celebration of Purim.

Executive director Jeremy Ben-Dummi said at a press conference yesterday that the observance of the ancient Jewish holiday only serves to further alienate Arabs from Jews.

“Jews should not be reveling in the deaths of Persians that took place thousands of years ago,” Ben-Dummi asserted. “After all, how would Jews like it if Arabs reveled in their misfortunes?”

Ben-Dummi explained that J Street specifically sought to ban the wearing of Purim costumes by Jewish children, as well as the general spirit of gleefulness demonstrated by Jewish adults.

“Our official Purim policy is Don’t Mask, Don’t Kvell,” the director announced.

Asked to comment, Rabbi Eric Yofi-Yofi, head of the Union for Reforming Jews, said, “As usual, Ben-Dummi is living up to his name.”

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## **NEW SHEYTL CASE IN PEOPLE’S COURT**

**Monsey**--Heidi and Mendy, the notorious Jewish couple who created a stir in the Orthodox community last year when they initiated a lawsuit on the television show “The People’s Court,” are back in court again.

In their new court case, to be televised next week, Heidi and Mendy sue a car wash for washing a \$7,000 sheytl, which was left on the roof of their car by one of their young children.

“The car wash is definitely at fault,” Mendy asserted in court. “When my wife realized where the

sheytl was, I expressly told the workers to ‘watch’ the car, not ‘wash’ it. But they couldn’t tell the difference because they’re Hispanic.”

In adherence with program policy, “The People’s Court” will not reveal which side won the case before the show is aired next week.

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## **ISRAEL TO MARKET FLOTILLA SOUVENIRS**

**Jerusalem**—Israel’s Minister of Trade announced yesterday that his country plans to capitalize on the worldwide publicity it received during the Turkish flotilla incident of May 2010.

Letz Sellit, Trade Minister for the past three years, said that his office had hired a Tel Aviv marketing firm to produce T-shirts, mugs, and other gift items with catchy slogans about the raid.

“One T-shirt that reads ‘I Was a Flotilla Guerrilla’ is already a hit,” Sellit stated. “We’ve got 10,000 advance orders for that one.”

Other phrases to appear on products include “Get Your Facts Straight About the Flotilla Megillah,” and “Ask Me How I Got My Hernia—It’s a Flotilla Kileh.” (*Kileh* is the Yiddish term for hernia.)

Meanwhile, Ben and Jerry’s ice cream company announced that they were coming out with a new flavor for Israelis—Flotilla Vanilla.

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## **CHILEAN MINORS TRAPPED UNDERGROUND**

**Santiago**--Thirty-three participants in a youth minyan in Temple Manuel, a synagogue in central Chile, held a rally on Saturday morning to protest their assigned room in the synagogue’s basement.

“It’s not fair,” said Jose Canusee, a spokesperson for the pre-bar-and-bat mitzvah group. “We have to hold our services in the basement, while the adults get to be upstairs in the main

sanctuary. Why must we stay trapped underground just because we're minors?"

Shul president Juana Bett reminded the protestors that synagogue rules strictly prohibit any members from praying upstairs until they are of age, which is 12 for girls and 13 for boys.

Bett added, "If you don't like it, wait for the next earthquake and form a breakaway minyan."

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**"JEOPARDY" COMPUTER IS ORDAINED**

**New York**—Officials at Yeshiva University announced today that they have granted rabbinical ordination--known in Hebrew as *smicha*--to Watson, the IBM computer that recently appeared on the television show "Jeopardy" and defeated two of the program's smartest humans.

"This is definitely a first," stated the university's president, Richard Joke. "No other rabbinical school in America has ever ordained a computer. Now we've got Rabbi Watson."

Joke proudly demonstrated the machine's Talmudic acumen by feeding it questions in the form of an answer, which the computer had to answer in the form of a question.

First Joke said, "In Eilat."

Watson replied, "Where do they park cars in Israel?"

Joke then said, "Rashi's father."

The computer responded, "Who was the first person to learn Chumash with Rashi?"

Finally, Joke said, "IBM."

The computer retorted, "Why do I say the prayer *asher yatzar*?"

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**EL AL FLIGHT ATTENDANT OPENS PLANE CHUTE**

**Tel Aviv**—Passengers on an El Al flight from New York to Tel Aviv were startled by an angry flight attendant after their plane landed at Ben Gurion

Airport early Monday morning.

The attendant became annoyed with passengers who prematurely stood up to retrieve their luggage from the overhead racks, despite the pilot's strict instructions to remain seated until the plane had taxied to a full stop.

The attendant, identified only as a 35-year-old male "with a really short temper," suddenly opened the plane's emergency chute.

He reportedly shouted, "I'm outta' here, you beyhymas!" and attempted to exit the plane by sliding down the chute.

Instead, passengers restrained him as they grabbed their own luggage and slid down the chute first.

"What a mechaya!" exclaimed one passenger after reaching the terminal. "I never got off an El Al plane so quickly in my life!"

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**RABBIS RULE ON WATERBEDS**

**Brooklyn**—Dozens of ultra-Orthodox rabbis in the Williamsburg, Boro Park, and Flatbush sections of Brooklyn announced at a joint press conference today that they were imposing new restrictions on the purchase of waterbeds.

"Everyone knows about the serious problem we've been having with bedbugs lately," said Rabbi Eigot Lyce. "So effective immediately, all waterbeds sold in Brooklyn must have a filter."

The rabbi pointed out that kosher restaurants and bakeries throughout Brooklyn currently filter their water, so people are already used to the idea.

"A water filter will be practical," Lyce explained. "People are always saying, 'Don't let the bedbugs bite.' Now, we're really doing something about it."

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**PASTOR THREATENS TO BURN KOREN SIDDUR**

**Gainesville, FL**—Christian pastor Preston Rude, who gained notoriety last year after threatening to publicly burn copies of the Islamic bible known as the Koran, has now issued a new threat to burn a Hebrew prayer book with commentary by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain.

“What’s all this I hear about the Koran Siddur?” Rude exclaimed at a press conference on the steps of his small Gainesville, Florida, church.

“I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again--the Koran has no place in America,” he ranted. “It just preaches hatred and violence.”

When Rebbetzin Emily Litella informed Rude that Rabbi Sacks’ prayer book was not the Koran Siddur, but rather the Koren Siddur, the pastor sheepishly replied, “Oh, well, that’s different. Never mind.”

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### **YESHIVA REBUFFS ZUCKERBERG’S \$100 MILLION DONATION**

**Lakewood, NJ**—Facebook billionaire Mark Zuckerberg was astonished this week when The Holy Yeshiva of Lakewood in New Jersey rejected his \$100 million donation to the school.

“They said it was money made from the Internet, which I am told is banned in the Lakewood Jewish community,” Zuckerberg stated.

Zuckerberg said that the head of the yeshiva, Rabbi Frummer Danyoo, explained to him the technical problems encountered by accepting the donation.

“The rabbi called it ‘dirty money,’ Zuckerberg stated. “But then he said that, according to Jewish law, or halacha, it was possible to cleanse the dirty money by laundering it.”

Zuckerberg seemed flustered by the school’s rejection of his gift.

“When I gave \$100 million to the Newark public schools, they took it right away, no questions asked,” the billionaire said.

He added, “Now Lakewood tells me they don’t want to keep all the money, even if it’s cleansed. They said they’ll keep five percent and secretly kick

back the rest to me.”

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### **CHARLIE SHEEN DISCOVERS HIS JEWISH ROOTS**

**Hollywood**—Actor Charlie Sheen, dismissed last month from the hit TV sitcom “Two and a Half Men” for his erratic behavior and renowned drug partying, announced yesterday that he was shocked to discover he has Jewish roots.

“I know I mocked my former producer, Chuck Lorre, whose real name is Chaim Levine,” Sheen stated in a telephone interview on Friday.

“It suddenly occurred to me that my first name is also Chuck—short for Charlie,” Sheen confessed. “I Googled myself and found that I was actually born Chaim Sheensteen.”

Sheen admitted that he had suspected for years that he might be Jewish.

“In kindergarten, all the kids called me Sheeny,” Sheen revealed. “I thought they were just tweaking my last name, but now I see it was a religious insult.”

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### **MUBARAK TO RUN FOR U.S. PRESIDENT IN 2012**

**Cairo**—Hosni Mubarak, the recently-deposed ruler of Egypt, announced today that he plans to run for President of the United States in the upcoming 2012 election.

Mubarak said, “I’m quite qualified. I’ve already served as the president of a major country, so I definitely have the experience.”

When asked how he could run since he’s not a U.S. citizen, Mubarak replied, “Oh, please! I’m as much of an American citizen as Obama. Even my last name is the same—Mu-Barak.”

Mubarak said that he hadn’t decided on a running mate as yet, but that he had a short list of possible candidates.

“It might be Muammar Gaddafi,” Mubarak said. Then he added, “But who knows? That list may grow much longer in the coming months.”

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### **TYPO LEADS TO SALE OF SOUTH KOREA**

**Seoul**--A newspaper typo in the North Korean Gazette has led to the recent sale of South Korea to the nation of Israel.

The Gazette headline was supposed to read “North Korea Plans to Shell South Korea.”

However, a typesetter’s error resulted in the headline “North Korea Plans to Sell South Korea.”

Israelis vacationing in North Korea saw the headline and immediately notified Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who worked out a deal with North Korean officials via telephone and fax.

“It was a bargain we just couldn’t afford to pass up,” Netanyahu stated. “It was a steal. Originally North Korea wanted \$25 billion, but we negotiated them down to \$10 million.”

Asked what Israel would do with the newly-acquired territory, Netanyahu replied, “Build more settlements, of course.”

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### **ENERGY DRINK HARMS KOLLEL BOYS**

**Brooklyn**—Seven Jewish men in their late 20s and early 30s who are full-time students at a yeshiva in Brooklyn became badly disoriented after drinking Four Loko, the controversial energy drink popularly characterized as “a blackout in a can.”

The men, kollel students who choose to learn Torah instead of pursuing a trade, reported receiving a sudden rush of energy from the drink that impelled them to go out and get jobs.

All seven men are now working 12 to 18 hours a day at professions that range from taxi driver to

accountant.

The head of the men’s yeshiva, Rabbi Layze Bumm, commented, “Those energy drinks *are* dangerous!”

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