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**SIMCHAGATE SCANDAL ROCKS
SYNAGOGUE**

Fort Lee, NJ—The president of a synagogue in Fort Lee, New Jersey, was accused this week of sabotaging the congregation’s Simchat Torah celebration last September by purposely jamming the aisles and other dance areas so members could not move about easily while trying to participate in the festive holiday occasion.

Bris Bristie, president of the Fort Lee House of Prayer and Bingo, denied that he intentionally created the dancing congestion, known as yidlock, as a way of getting even with congregants who didn’t vote for him in the last shul election.

“I had no knowledge of the yidlock or anything else,” Bristie declared yesterday. “On Simchat Torah, I was too busy handing out wine and shnaaps to pull some crazy shtick like that.”

Despite Bristie’s denial, many members of the congregation remain upset over what happened during the holiday.

“I brought my kids to shul to sing and dance,” said one distraught parent. “Imagine their disappointment when they didn’t even have room to wave their flags while sitting on Daddy’s shoulders. The human traffic was appalling.”

Several synagogue members complained that they couldn’t even gain access to the dance areas, due to aisle closures.

“Who shuts down shul aisles during Simchat Torah dancing?” asked congregant Cole E. Shaw. “It’s pure sabotage, plain and simple.”

The synagogue plans to vote next month on whether or not to impeach Bristie for his alleged wrongdoings.

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**WOMEN OF THE WALL SPAWNS NEW
GROUP**

Jerusalem—Ultra-religious protestors against Women of the Wall, the feminist group that conducts prayer services at the Western Wall while wearing skull caps, prayer shawls, and phylacteries, announced today that they have formed a new group to counter the “sacrilegious shenanigans” of the women.

The new organization is called Men of the Mall.

Spokesman Iman Idyat explained the group’s agenda.

“We plan to travel to malls throughout Israel,” he said, “and hang out there in protest. Our message is simple: Just as men don’t belong at the mall, so too women don’t belong at the Wall.”

Leaders of Women of the Wall were quick to condemn the intentions of the men, most of whom are hareidim, the strictest of all religious groups in Israel.

Men of the Mall announced that its first gathering will be held next week at the Seenwan Seenum Mall in Tel Aviv.

“We will assemble outside the Victoria’s Secret store,” said Idyat, “and we will stay there all day, if necessary, to make our point.”

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AGOUDA ISRAEL ADOPTS NEW RESTRICTIONS

New York—Agouda Israel, an Orthodox Jewish communal organization based in the United States, this week announced a new restrictive policy that will apply to women only.

Starting immediately, no images of women will be allowed to appear in any family photographs, including those taken at weddings, bar mitzvahs, or bat mitzvahs.

Rabbi Dovid Zweiback, Executive Vice President of Agouda, said the new rules were being implemented in order to prevent inappropriate thoughts by men who view the photos, such as in a wedding album.

“With today’s advanced technology, it’s no big deal to airbrush or photoshop people out of a snapshot,” Zweiback said.

The new guidelines are the latest innovation in Agouda’s popular “Let’s Make a Chumrah” program. (In Hebrew, *chumrah* refers to a prohibition in Jewish practice that exceeds the bare requirements of Jewish law.)

“Everyone knows that a bride and groom stand under a wedding canopy,” Zweiback stated. “So who needs to see the bride in a picture? We already know she’s there.”

In a related matter, Zweiback also announced that, starting immediately, the bride and groom must have separate yichud (separation) rooms at their wedding.

“This will keep everything on the up-and-up,” Zweiback declared. “And it will probably get the newly-married couple out onto the dance floor faster.”

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PURIM BECOMES A HYBRID HOLIDAY

New York—Because Shushan Purim (the day after Purim) falls this year on March 17, which coincides with St. Patrick’s Day, the National Authority for Religious and Secular Holidays (NARSH) has declared a new hybrid holiday for that date.

The new holiday will be called St. Purim’s Day.

Dr. Bo Bayom, director of NARSH, said that the new hybrid is similar to the recent holiday of Thanksgiving, which was created last November when Thanksgiving coincided with the first day of Chanukah.

Dr. Bayom explained, “Since both Shushan Purim and St. Patrick’s Day traditionally incorporate heavy drinking in their celebrations, St. Purim’s Day will be observed with extra-heavy drinking, naturally.”

In addition, the name of the Persian king read in the Book of Esther will be altered to O’Chashverosh, in honor of the Irish.

“And Jewish children will shake McGroggers during the reading of the McGillah,” Bayom noted.

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NEW POPE STRENGTHENS JEWISH TIES

Rome—Pope Francis, the Argentinian leader of the Catholic Church who succeeded Pope Benedict XVI after his resignation in 2013, announced today that new policies would be implemented at the Vatican in an effort to strengthen Jewish-Catholic relations.

Starting immediately, the Pope announced, all skullcaps for Catholic cardinals will be purchased from Yom Kippa Wholesalers, a

yarmulke manufacturer on New York’s Lower East Side.

In addition, the wine and wafers used in all Catholic Church rituals would be purchased from Manischewitz, the popular New Jersey-based firm whose kosher products include many varieties of heavy, syrupy wine, as well as thin, doughy crackers known as Tam Tams.

“Those Tam Tams are simply delicious,” Pope Francis chuckled. “It makes Holy Communion a real delight.”

Finally, in order to make church services more Jewish-friendly, the Pope said that the traditional Christian prayer “Ave Maria” will be altered to “Oy Vey Maria.”

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JEWISH WEBSITE MANGLES OBAMACARE

Brooklyn, NY—A Jewish Internet firm commissioned by the White House to create a website designed to make ObamaCare more understandable to Jews was sued by the government today for misleading customers with a plethora of typos.

“The most egregious error was the misspelling of ObamaCare as ObamaCar,” said Eliasz Feit, a White House counsel. “Jews on the website thought they were purchasing the President’s automobile. Those who signed up for ‘free emergency car’ believed they were getting their own personal ambulance.”

Morris Ayin, spokesman for the Internet company, YeshivaSpeak, claimed the lawsuit was “not kosher,” asserting that the website’s spelling errors appeared by accident and were not intentional.

“The guys who made this website never learned English good in yeshiva, especially spelling,” Ayin stated. “So the misspelled words aren’t really their fault.”

In addition to the “ObamaCar” typo, the website displayed “free Medicare” as “free Manicure,” leading thousands of Jewish women to get their nails done at upscale salons, thinking the government was subsidizing the treatment.

One paragraph mistyped “non-surgery” as “non- sugary,” causing over 100,000 diabetics to purchase foods that were harmful to their health.

Ayin said that YeshivaSpeak intends to fight the lawsuit. “We have fifteen years of website pages in our behind,” he declared, “and this is the first time anyone ever sued us for incontinence.”

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PEE-EW REPORT: “IT STINKS!” SAY CRITICS

Washington, DC—A recently-released report on the state of American Jewry has raised the hackles of rabbis from Judaism’s three major denominations: Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform.

The rabbis questioned the accuracy and validity of the report, prepared by the Pee-ew Research Center, an American think tank in Washington, D.C. Last week they shared their reactions on the popular Sunday morning national radio program, “Jews Shmooze.”

Among the Reform rabbis who criticized the report, Rabbi Noah Practice objected to its claim that 22 percent of all American Jews describe themselves as having no religion.

“That’s impossible,” asserted Rabbi Practice, “because no religion *is* a religion! Reform Judaism is living proof of that.”

Rabbi Picken Chooz of the Conservative movement had harsh criticism for the report’s findings on intermarriage. According to the report, among Jews who have gotten married since 2000, nearly six-in-ten have a non-Jewish spouse.

“That’s absurd!” Rabbi Chooz exclaimed. “If six Jewish men married the same non-Jewish woman, I’m sure we would have heard about it. But Jews marry only one spouse, not six. After all, we’re not Mormons.”

The strongest objections to the Pee-ew Report came from the Orthodox sector. Rabbi Meeso Holey of Boro Park sneered at the report’s claim that Reform Judaism continues to be the largest Jewish denomination in the United States.

Said Rabbi Holey, “Every Hebrew school child knows that the greatest Jewish denomination in America is the hundred-dollar bill, followed by the fifty and then the twenty. Reform Judaism can’t compete with that.”

Nodda Joo, a spokesperson for the Pee-ew Research Center, said the institution would stand by its report’s findings, despite the rabbis’ objections.

“If the rabbis disagree with us so much,” Joo suggested, “let them work together and conduct their own joint poll. We know how quickly *that* will happen!”

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ISRAEL’S CHIEF RABBINATE DISCREDITS AMERICAN RABBI

Jerusalem—The Chief Rabbinate of Israel, the supreme religious authority for Jews in Israel, announced this week that it will take disciplinary

action against Rabbi Avi Unwise, due to certain “un-Orthodox” views that the Modern Orthodox rabbi holds.

Asked for specific examples of Unwise’s heretical views, Rabbi David Loud, Israel’s Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi, enumerated the following “questionable rulings”:

In September 2013, Rabbi Unwise announced that riding in an airplane on the Sabbath would be permitted, provided the passenger kept his seatbelt fastened during the entire flight, because then it would be considered as if the person were “wearing the plane.”

In December of last year, Rabbi Unwise ruled that a man could attend an opera, despite the religious ban on *kol isha* (a man hearing a woman chant a melody). The rabbi stated, “He’s not *over* till the fat lady sings.” (In Hebrew, *over* means “committing a sin.”)

Rabbi Unwise’s most recent controversial ruling came in February 2014, when he was asked what a mourner should do if he cannot not find ten men for a *minyan*, the required quorum to say *kaddish*. Rabbi Unwise replied that the mourner may pray with five people and say *chatzi kaddish* (half kaddish).

The Chief Rabbinate will convene next week to decide on a punishment for Rabbi Unwise. In a worst-case scenario, the Rabbinate could completely withdraw its recognition of his rabbinic credentials.

Asked if he was concerned about the Rabbinate’s decision, Rabbi Unwise replied, “Rabbinate, shmabbinate. Those idiots use the same word *shalom* for hello and goodbye. They don’t know if they’re coming or going.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIES

The Wolf of the Wall—A playboy hits on women at the Kotel

Crowded with a Chance of Meatballs—Congregants rush to the kiddush tables

Froyzen—Hasidic remake of “Frozen”

The Hondle Games—Jews bargain with store merchants

American Hassle--Israel refuses to recognize legitimacy of U.S. rabbis

Loin Survivor—Baby boy is circumcised

Dollars Buyers Club—Rabbis run money-laundering operation

Cavity—Jewish dentist is stranded in outer space

13 Years a Slave—Bar mitzvah boy celebrates his freedom

Caftan Phillips—Reform rabbi wears a fancy robe

August: Sullivan County—Jews invade Catskills for the summer

Nebrisket—Man searches the Midwest for the best kosher deli

The Secret Loaf of Walter Mitty—Man nibbles on a challah hidden in his tallis bag on Yom Kippur

The Butter—White House servant errs while serving a kosher meat meal

Bespectacled Me 2—Yeshiva boys get glasses

Tefillinmania—Phylacteries become fad among girls

Blue Jewzman—A Smurf is bar mitzvahed

Shaving Mr. Banks—Man cuts off his beard on Lag b’Omer

THEATER

The Bridges of Medicine Counter—Moishe Bridges opens a pharmacy

Beautiful: The Esther + King Musical—The Megillah retold in song

Kinky Booze—Rabbi waters down kiddush club drinks

The Gas Menagerie—Zoo animals eat chulent

Of Mice and Mendel—Jewish scientist conducts lab research

Allyiddin—A walking tour of Brooklyn

Chava and the Angry Mench--Jewish couple fights

If/Then—Rabbis analyze the Talmud

A Raisin in the Mun—New recipe for hamantashen

Mo’ Town the Musical--Rappers recount the story of Moses

Barley Over Broadway—Kosher soup kitchen opens in Times Square

Waiting for God, Oh!—Jews grow impatient with Messiah’s delay

Peepeein’—King Charlemagne’s son is toilet trained

Ruchy—Female Jewish boxer makes a comeback

After Midnight—Israelites’ exodus from Egypt