

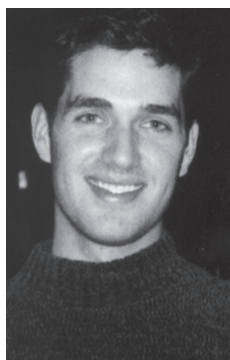
Daily Shpiel

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"If it's in the Shpiel, it may not be real!"

BREAKING NEWS!

Anshe Emet grabs NY synagogue in bid to retain Cosgrove



In a move generally associated with the corporate world, the Anshe Emet Synagogue of Chicago has concluded a hostile takeover of the Park Avenue Synagogue of New York City. Apparently, this action was motivated by a desire to retain Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, his wife Debbie and his myriad children in Chicago.

Rabbi Cosgrove will still become the head rabbi at Park Avenue Synagogue, but his presence there will be limited and his primary residence will remain in Lakeview. Anshe Emet Synagogue has cutting-edge

video conferencing capabilities, such that Rabbi Cosgrove will be able to fulfill much of his pulpit obligations through that technology.

Congregants at Anshe Emet are ecstatic. "We were hoping that the synagogue would find a way to keep the Cosgroves." "Wow!" "We love the Cosgroves." "I am impressed with the initiative of our Board. I didn't think they could be this creative and move this quickly." "Park Avenue should not view this as losing Cosgroves, but gaining Siegels, Mizrahis, Burgs and Lewis."

Congregants at Park Avenue were outraged. "Say it isn't so." "How could this happen?" "Is this legal?" "We should sue." "I never trusted these rapacious Chicagoans." "This is the worst swindle since Chicago snookered us out of the 1893 Columbia Exposition."

Numerous details are yet to be worked out, e.g., reconciling differences in ritual practices and reciprocal membership rights. Financials details have not been disclosed.

Siegel – Mizrahi to Drop Out of Presidential Race

Citing "irreconcilable differences," Rabbi Michael Siegel and Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi of Anshe Emet Synagogue have withdrawn their candidacy for president and vice president of the United States respectively. The clerical duo took the nation by storm earlier this year when they declared their intention to run as independents for the two highest offices in the nation. Fresh off their recent smash appearances at the White House which involved copious amounts of preaching, singing and catered kosher food, both the Rabbi and the Hazzan are said to have remarked, "Hey, we could get used to this!"



In the end, however, this new "Camelot" was not meant to be. Soon, a unified vision of increasing prayer in schools, prayer in the home – just a lot of prayer in general, fell victim to in-fighting over whether their 613 point plan should include a full repetition of the Musaf Amidah for all Americans.

Moreover, an inside source reveals that the Hazzan soon became disappointed with the vice-presidential candidacy saying, "How come he gets to be first on the ticket? I sell more CDs!"

For their part, Anshe Emet's Board of Trustees is happy to have their clergy back.

New Group to begin at Anshe Emet

In Anshe Emet Synagogue's constant effort to offer a group for members with virtually any trait, interest, or allergy, we are proud to announce the formation of "Chazackchkch," dedicated to those individuals who like to constantly clear their throats. Now we can join together to discuss topics without embarrassment. This month's topic: "Lozenges: They're not just for breakfast anymore."

Please note: Spitting will not be allowed during Chazackchkch meetings. For those who enjoy spitting, please watch for an upcoming meeting of "Shplatzim," a new group for those with overactive salivary glands.



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Writers Strike Ends, So too Scholars-in-Residence:

This past winter will be remembered by many Anshe Emet congregants as a season of Scholars-in-Residence. Starting in January, we have welcomed Rabbi Morris Allen, Rabbi Jen Krause, Professor Benjamin Gampel, Professor Wendy Zierler, Rabbi Arthur Green and the Music of Craig Taubman.

Recognizing that the arrival of this veritable rolodex of national Jewish leadership coincided with the Hollywood writers strike, the investigative team of the "Daily Shpiel" began to look into the motives behind this barrage of outside talent.

What we discovered may surprise you. With the rabbinic leadership of Anshe Emet bereft of its usual team of sermon writers, a team of philanthropically-minded members set up the Sermon Emergency Campaign (SEC). The SEC arranged for a series of Shabbatonim to relieve our rabbis from the burdensome task of having to draft sermonic material themselves.

One member of the SEC, who asked not to be named, reflected "Look, we weren't worried about Siegel – that guy can always go back and bring back a sermon from the old days. But Burg and Cosgrove – what were they going to do? And lets be honest, the moment you're done with the Exodus, it is really hard to come up with something interesting to say about the Tabernacle, sacrifices and leprosy. We all know that Mizrahi can stretch a Musaf like nobody else, but in this case we had to bring in outside help."

With the strike coming to an end, the SEC's work is done, and the Anshe Emet Rabbis can get back to what they do best - hiring the best sermon writers money can buy.

AIPAC to Replace Policy Conference with Purim Carnival:



All of us at Anshe Emet recall the bittersweet news of our beloved Youth Director Sam Caplan's departure for AIPAC last year. Our sadness in seeing Sam go was tempered only by our knowledge that he would be bringing his professionalism and enthusiasm to Israel's best friend on Capitol Hill.

Well, it looks like Sam's impact is already being felt. In a move that is sure to change the face of pro-Israel work forever, AIPAC has decided to replace its annual policy conference with a Purim Carnival like you have never seen. No more boring opening plenaries – this year an awesome deejay will get the party started, and conference participants will rock out with "A to Z" Bar-Mitzvah dancers. Stop

wondering what candidates really feel. This year, candidates from both parties will sit in dunk tanks while being asked questions on American Foreign policy. Get a pro-Israel high with inflatable moon walks, cotton candy machines and face painters. This year everyone goes home a winner. Sam – we couldn't be prouder!

Trivia Corner:

1948 bore witness to some of the most important developments of twentieth-century history. Sixty years later, try ranking the relative significance of the following five events:

- 1) Marshall Plan signed into law.
 - 2) Establishment of the State of Israel
 - 3) Chiang Kai-shek elected president of Nationalist China.
 - 4) Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi
 - 5) Birth of Alberto "Titiko" Mizrahi
- Call 773-868-5111 for the answers.

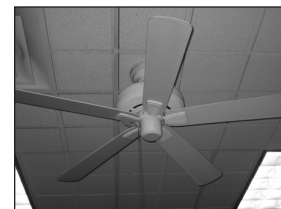
Three rarities sighted at Anshe Emet: Can you identify them?

The three items pictured below have only been sighted a few times over the past year, and even now just a handful of congregants can identify all three.

Try your luck! (Answers are upside down)



A,



B,



C,

A. Lettovers on a lox tray after the morning minyan crowd has devoured it
B. Rarely used ceiling fan from the stifling Reich Room
C. Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi

ANSWERS: