

# Daily Shpiel

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“If it’s in the Shpiel, it may not be real!”

## BREAKING NEWS!

### Anshe Emet to Offer Divine Stimulus Package

Rabbi Siegel unveiled Anshe Emet’s new plan to help the synagogue during this economic crisis: “We’re going to pray really hard,” he said. “Don’t get me wrong,” he went on, “our congregants are relatively pious for Conservative Jews, but we’ve decided that what the shul really needs is a swift infusion of prayer.”

The working theory to explain the current crisis is that confidence... in God... is considerably lower than it was a few years ago. As Rabbi Burg, now officially ‘the young rabbi,’ has explained, “God has been pretty good to us for quite some time now. However, the current economic climate proves that the Almighty has run out of patience.”

Several board members have protested the move saying that “prayer does not constitute sound fiscal policy.” Executive Director Bob Krakowsky, too, has expressed discomfort with the plan asking, “shouldn’t we be trying to increase our fundraising and cut back on spending?” For his part, Board President Jay Goodgold has cautiously supported the move stating, “Prayer certainly couldn’t hurt! Let’s try this for a while. If it doesn’t work we can always look at the budget next year.”

Attempts to interview God for this story were unsuccessful.

### *(Another) New Choir Forming!*

After the rousing success of Shireinu, Anshe Emet’s newest volunteer choir, congregants have begun clamoring for a choir that would speak to them and for them. The new choir will be called *Lo Kol*, which means “no voice.”

If you have ever been told, “just mouth the words, don’t sing,” then this choir is for you.

If, when asked the question, “What key are you singing in?” your response was, “What’s a key?” then this choir is for you.

If your cat and dog run and hide when you sing, then this choir is for you.

Potential choir members will be auditioned in an American Idol format by a panel of your peers. Worst performances will be given first consideration. We expect a large turnout for this new choir ... get your audition request in early. (Note: If you are concerned that your voice might be “too good” to get in, the judges will be accepting bribes ... this is, after all, the “pay to play/sing” state of Illinois!)

## Youth Director Implicated in Purim Carnival “Pay to Play”

Uri Pachter, Anshe Emet’s youth director was reprimanded this week for his involvement in a scandal involving massive tsochke kickbacks to SHMUSY. Secretly recorded conversations revealed that Mr. Pachter had extorted hundreds of prizes including Chinese yo-yos, silly putty, even live goldfish, in exchange for guaranteeing choice Purim carnival jobs. “Everyone wants to run the dunk tank,” Pachter allegedly stated. “That thing is bleepin’ golden. You think I’m just gonna give it away?”



Pachter’s punishment? Rabbi Futterman demanded that he pull double duty in the dunk tank this year and required him to write “Extortion and children do not mix” 500 times on the youth lounge chalkboard wall.

## Coming This Fall: High Holy Days E-TICKETS

Anshe Emet, in a bold new technological and ecological move, has converted all of next fall’s High Holy Days tickets into e-tickets.

“It’s very simple,” explained Laura Baruch, Membership Director, “We are going paperless this High Holiday season.” Congregants will get their tickets via email and can print them out or have them accepted at synagogue by a new iPhone app, “Shul-Seat.” “Our members will also be assured that nobody takes the wrong seat,” continued Baruch. “GPS programs will track our congregants’ movements which will be triangulated through cell phones and PDA’s... so we count on a high success rate.”

“If you don’t want to be tracked,” said Senior Rabbi Michael Siegel, “we suggest that you leave your Blackberries home this Rosh Hashanah.”

### SHMUSY Recipe Corner

#### Traditional “No-Bake” Hamentaschen

##### Ingredients:

- Two (2) Cool Ranch Doritos
- 1 teaspoon grape jelly

##### Directions:

1. Put jelly on one Dorito
2. Cover with second Dorito
3. Align the corners for traditional tri-corner hat appearance
4. Enjoy!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Persian Rug Burns: Iran Pulls Rugs Out from Under World's Feet

TEHRAN— In a shocking development, the Iranian government, responding to crushing pressure to roll back nuclear development, has cut the export of Persian rugs yesterday.

“The castles of the British Crusaders depended on our large rugs for insulation and warmth. The same is true of the infidel crusaders of today, who use our Persian rugs to warm their huge, capitalist, imperialist McMansions,” said Iranian Energy Minister Tolo Al-Thermostati. “Well, no more! Let them pay for their heating oil... pay and pay and pay! Bwaa-ha-ha-ha!”

Iranian police pulled in all existing Persian rugs in a house-to-house, wall-to-wall search, to prevent any privately owned rugs from being sold out from under them, skirting the ban. Residents resorted to burying their rugs in their backyards or disguising them as tablecloths and bedspreads. One Iranian citizen was arrested while cutting his rug into potholders and mailing them in manila envelopes, one at a time, to his cousin in New York. “He acted alone,” remarked the arresting officer, “Or at most, he may be part of a fringe group.”

The looming cut in rug availability generated static in the West. “You get me a Persian rug now, and I don’t care if you have to beg it or steal it or... or weave it yourself!” shouted Lotta Cashtaburn of W. Hartford, Connecticut, to her interior designer. “We are having my in-laws this weekend, and I will not have them seeing an unfinished living room!”

Elsewhere, buyers vacuumed rugs off the shelves, both in stores and online. Even rugs of dubious origin were snagging prices in the hundreds of thousands.

In another wrinkle, even showbiz was ensnared in this development. The new Disney musical “Aladdin,” based on the studio’s hit animated movie, folded its Broadway debut. “One of the key props is Aladdin’s flying magic carpet,” explained Reza Curtin, the show’s stage manager. “Ours went missing before the first dress rehearsal. The show was getting great coverage,” he sighed. “And now it has simply... unraveled.”

Some in Congress urged calm; others, action. “While it is true that I have a Freedom Rug in my home,” said Congresswoman Olive Branch, “Iran does not have us floored. They are part of the tapestry of the global economy now, and I believe this product covers too much area for its market to be swept under the... well, you know.”

“This is an act of war, tearing at the very fabric of our interwoven society,” disagreed Senator Cole Miner from the Floor of the Senate. “They have tried to pull the wool over our eyes, and we will not just curl up or roll over. The president must authorize carpet bombing. We can no longer let them feel safe— as snug as a bug in a... well, you know.”

In a press conference yesterday, newly elected president Barack Obama said, “I believe in a world with living room for people of all stripes. As humans, we are all cut from the same cloth. So I do not want Iran to set an ugly pattern with this rug boycott. Some isolationists may say, ‘It is easier to wear slippers than to carpet the entire world.’ I say, for too many on this planet, life’s floors are cold tile or hardwood. But if we each carpet our area, we can all cut a well... you know.”

### Coming Up in Our Next Issue...

- Rabbi Matt Futterman’s wife Chana is Really Really Nice!
- Professor at Brandeis Reveals: Obama Actually Jewish!
- Anshe Emet to Offer Video Conferencing... With God!

The following people contributed to this year’s Daily Shpiel: Paul Wieder, Naomi Richman, Miron Hirsch, Daniel Burg, Debby Lewis, Jerry Mayeroff, Matt Futterman

### Community Buzz:

Parking is getting very tight in the lot, and there are not enough spaces to meet demand. How should Anshe Emet assign parking lot spaces?

**Fleeb Gutstien:** We’ll have hand-to-hand combat - to the death! This will not only award spaces to the best fighters, but will also cut demand in half.

**Imperia Smythe:** They should only be given to those who can hold their own in a Talmudic battle of wits with Rabbi Futterman.

**Brain Cooperstein:** Award a space to anyone who can successfully endure one day as Hazzan Mizrahi’s personal servant.

**Ofar Kablani:** L’mi shemidaber Ivrit... v’me she noten li kesef.

### AES Trivia Quiz!

1. What does the “S” in Rabbi Michael S. Siegel stand for?

- a. Stephen
- b. Scott
- c. St. Thomas
- d. Phil

2. When was the synagogue founded?

- a. 1871
- b. 1776
- c. 1948
- d. 1873

3. (Advanced) Who’s Who?:



(Hint: Choices are Hazzan Mizrahi, Rabbi Futterman, Burl Ives)

ANSWERS: 1. Scott; 2. 1873; 3. We’re not sure.

  
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