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JEWISH LIFE OLYMPICS SET FOR 2006: EILAT PICKED FOR SUMMER EVENTS; WINTER EVENTS ON MOUNT HERMON

Jewlympics Medals to Go to Laymen in Best Performance of Daily and Holiday Rituals; Speed Sermonizing, Mogul Jumping, Giant Shalom to Test Mettle of Rabbis and Cantors

Special to the Kustanowitz Kronikle

FAIRLAWN, March 14— The Conference of Presidents of Major Conferences of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations (COPOMCOPOMJO) announced today that Israel will be the site of the First Jewish Life Olympics, to be known as the Jewlympics, in December 2006.

The event, an ambitious attempt to bring world Jewry together in a show of sportsmanship and good will, is scheduled to take place in Israel, the only country experiencing summer and winter at the same time within 290 miles. This miraculous climatic convergence makes it possible to have summer and winter events concurrently.

With Olympic fever running high as a result of the Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy, COPOMCOPOMJO saw an opportunity to unite Jews all over the world and to determine, once and for all, who is best at activities such as Synchronized Duchaning, the Mechitza Hurdle, and the Kiddush Sprint.

Israel already hosts the Maccabiah Games, but these are demonstrations of athletic prowess that mirror the secular Olympics. The Jewlympics are unique in that the competition will focus on Jewish Life events and ritual observances.

Eligibility criteria for entering each contest have not yet been announced, but the events themselves have been defined. Some of them are self-explanatory. Unique competitions are more fully described here:

It's Movie Awards Time! The Kronikle Presents:



**THE KUSTANOWITZ KIDS' PICKS
FOR THE 2005
SILVER GRAGGER AWARDS**

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Dry Swimming, one of the Jewlympic events.

Competitive Events for Laymen

DECATHLON (10-PART COMPETITION)

- 1. LATKE HURL** — Variation on discus. Points awarded for distance and elegance of flight path.
- 2. ETROG PUT** — Variation on shotput, using an etrog, which must land without breaking the pitom.
- 3. LULAV THROW** — Variation on javelin. Points awarded for the best use of hadasim and aravot for aerodynamic lift and rudder control.
- 4. MECHITZA HURDLE** — Points awarded for jumping over mechitzas of increasing heights, according to Modern Orthodox, Yeshivish, Haredi and Hasidic practice.
- 5. STEEPLECHASE** — One-mile race. Points awarded for bypassing obstacles such as schnorrers, gabbais looking for a minyan, and solicitors for dinner journal ads.

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- 6. **TORAH LIFTING** — Points awarded for the number of columns of Torah text visible and the height of a Torah with nearly all the parchment on one roller.
- 7. **CHALLAH BRAIDING** — Points awarded for the most braids and the largest challah.
- 8. **SUKKAH BUILDING** — Points awarded for luxury designer features beyond the basic four walls and roof.
- 9. **NONSTOP NOISEMAKING** — Points awarded for length of time making annoying graggering noise without stopping.
- 10. **SPEED TEFILLIN-WINDING** — Points awarded for speed in unzipping tefillin bag, unwinding tefillin, placing on head and on arm, davening, and removing them in reverse order.

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM EVENTS

- SYNCHRONIZED DUCHANING** (Kohanim Only) — Points awarded for gracefully doing the wave in perfect synchronization. (NOTE: Judging of this competition has not yet been defined because only Kohanim are allowed to watch this event and if they are Kohanim they should be participating and not watching. More details to come.)
- ETROG JUGGLING** — Three etrogim are juggled. If the pitom breaks on any etrog, the participant is automatically disqualified.
- LULAV FENCING** — Contenders battle until one inflicts a splinter on the other with the end of a palm branch.
- DRY SWIMMING** — Praying for a split of the waters in a swimming pool, jumping into one end of the pool, and arriving at the other end without getting wet. (See Photo on Page 1.)
- SPEED DIPPING: 900-DISH DASH** — Fastest time for kashering nine sets of 100 dishes each in a mikvah (regular fleishig, regular milchig, regular pareve, fancy fleishig, fancy milchig, fancy pareve, Passover fleishig, Passover milchig, Passover pareve).
- PLEDGE FULFILLMENT** — Fastest time for making a pledge for a donation, writing a check for the full amount, and depositing it in a mailbox.
- ARK OPENING AND CLOSING** — Points awarded for smoothness of motion in ascending and descending a bimah and finding the right handle or pull-cord to open and close the ark without looking foolish or frustrated.
- HOLY ROLLING** — Holy rollers are clocked on speed rolling

a Torah from beginning of Genesis to the end of Deuteronomy.
KIDDUSH SPRINT — Timed race to the Kiddush table. Contenders must collect at least one portion of every item served and lick their own plate clean.



Competitive Events For Rabbis and Cantors:

(Medals awarded for best times when performed with a sample congregation of 100 members selected by the Jewlympics Committee)

TRIATHLON (3-PART COMPETITION)

1. **BLOW 100 SHOFAR SOUNDS and immediately**
2. **DRINK FOUR CUPS OF WINE and immediately**
3. **PERFORM A BRIS**

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- SPEED SERMONIZING** — Deliver a scripted 1500-word sermon in the fastest time.
- FREESTYLE SERMONIZING** — Deliver a 10-minute sermon on a topic chosen by the judges without any time to prepare.
- SPEED TORAH SCRIBING** — Points awarded for writing a column of text on parchment with a quill in the traditional Torah calligraphy without making a mistake.
- MOGUL JUMPING** — Identify big machers in a crowd andglom onto them with a big smile, handshake, and pat on the back.
- GIANT SHALOM** — Points awarded for best time in shaking hands with all 100 members of the congregation and saying “Shabbat Shalom” or “Good Shabbos” while correctly guessing which member prefers which greeting.



Mogul Jumping, a Jewlympics Event for Rabbis and Cantors.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This year we are once again boycotting the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for announcing the Oscars before publication of the Purim Kronikle. Here we present our own Silver Gragger awards for the outstanding film achievements of 2005.



- WALK THE LINE:** A mysterious Man in Black follows the path of the eruv that surrounds the town and finds that things are not what they seem to be.
- KAPOTE:** A modern Orthodox family must cope with their newly Hasidic son's monochromatic wardrobe.
- THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN:** A rabbi decides it's finally time to start learning Kabbalah.

A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE: Rumors fly when a non-Jewish man sees his

- neighbor swinging a chicken around his own head in September.
- THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE:** A courageous young man named Ari tries to convince his temperamental wife that Pesach does not also require two sets of clothing.
- CHICKEN LITTLE:** When her college-age son brings his two roommates home for Shabbat, a Jewish mother worries...is there enough food?
- GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK:** A wife's parting words to her husband as she takes an April business trip and leaves him to plan the sedarim.
- ARE WE THERE YET?** The story of one observant family who moves to a new community, three miles away from the closest Shul.
- THE SQUID AND THE WHALE:** An animated tale about animals happy to learn that they're not kosher species.
- WEDDING CRASHERS:** Panic ensues as 1200 Jews arrive at the Shul basement after a Chabad family invites “anyone who wants to come” to their son's Chupah.
- SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS:** The wacky adventures of three girls who sell their long skirts, buy jeans, and enroll in a less-religious high school.