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NEW TALMUD VOLUME "VOTIN" FOUND IN IRAQ; JOINS FRESSIN, NAPPIN, MEETIN, TANTZEN, PATCHEN

*Unearthed Tractate Clarifies How to Vote for Bad Candidates,
Polling Place Hours, and How Long to Wait in Line*

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FAIR LAWN, March 24 – In the midst of the continuing struggle of the free world to defeat the armies of ISIS and Al Qaeda, a startling discovery was made last week in an Iraqi cave.

A team of archaeologists digging alongside Kurdish Peshmerga near the Turkish border discovered a cache of scrolls that included the long-lost Talmudic tractate *VOTIN*,



which details extensive discussions of the laws of planning and running elections.

Talmudic scholars are fascinated with the implications of the find, as the reasoning of the sages clarifies current issues relevant to the highly contested and

greatly anticipated elections in the United States in November.

The academic world has long believed that this tractate existed but were stymied in the search until now. This new volume joins its companion volumes, all parts of the *Talmud Baghdadi*, which were discovered in the 1991 bombing of Iraq and in the subsequent search for weapons of mass destruction.

The Talmudic volumes originally discovered include:

FRESSIN - The laws of preparing and partaking of a shul kiddush

NAPPIN - The laws of taking Shabbat afternoon naps

MEETIN - The laws of conduct during shul meetings

TANTZEN - The laws of mixed dancing

PATCHEN - The laws of child discipline

Another volume, *SHTUPPIN*, is still being deciphered, with experts uncertain whether it is about the laws of pushing an allegorical work alluding to more intimate behavior.

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THE TALMUD BAGHDADI Tractate *Votin*: A Sample Page

MISHNA: How does one choose a candidate when all of the choices are bad? One holds one's nose and casts the ballot. From what time is it permitted to cast a ballot? From the time that the final poll numbers are posted by CNN and FOX. How long is it permitted to wait in line to vote? Not too long, because idle chatter while waiting could lead to mixed dancing.

GEMARA: The *Etzba B' Af* asks: How long should you hold your nose? Only as long as it takes to pull the lever. The *Punkt Farkert* disagrees and says as long as you are in the voting booth. The *Grobber Yung* says that it depends on the size of your hand and the length of your fingers. And you know what they say about a man with a big hand.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Golden Globes and the Oscars were a good warm-up act. Now, the Kronikle presents its own Silver Gragger Awards for the outstanding film achievements of 2015.



THE BIG SHORT: A non-Jewish man has second thoughts about conversion once he learns the part about circumcision.

SPOTLIGHT: The local Jewish paper investigates synagogue shondas, including the rising cost of High Holiday tickets and having kiddush without chulent.

THE DANISH GIRL: A conniving baker deceitfully convinces an entire

community that her pastries are actually kosher.

THE HATEFUL EIGHT: Chaos erupts when clueless parents accidentally go all eight nights of Hanukkah without purchasing a single gift for their kids.

ROOM: After eating too much over a three-day Yom Tov, a man is forced to bring all of his pants back to the tailor.

THE COVENANT: A secular man is attacked and nearly killed by a beard. But after a while, he embraces both the facial hair and the religious devotion that it indicates.

INSIDE OUT: When a man can't find the bread he hid for Bedikat Chametz, he loses his mind and nearly destroys the house trying to figure out where it went.

TERMINATOR: GENESIS: A cyborg travels back in time to the Garden of Eden to find the and kill the snake that started the human race on its path to destruction.

BROOKLYN: All of the presidential candidates make a pilgrimage to Boro Park to seek the blessing and endorsement of the Bobover, Gerer, Satmar, Vizhnitz, Munkacz, Spinka, Klausenburger, Skverer, and Puppa rebbes.

FANTASTIC FOUR: From laughing at infertility to sitting on idols, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah had stories to tell. Don't miss this new biblical epic exploring the world of the Four Matriarchs.

BRIDGE OF SPIES: When vicious rumors spread, a local rabbi sends two of his trusted congregants to see if the townspeople are indeed using non-kosher bread for the Tashlich ceremony on Rosh Hashanah.

THE WEDDING RINGER: When a local couple gets engaged, members of the community battle over which of their cousins is the best diamond dealer on 47th Street.

FURIOUS 7: An Israeli is beside himself when he learns that a springtime trip to America will mean one extra day of eating matzah.

THE PEANUTS MOVIE: An animated film about legumes desperately trying to be accepted on Passover.

ANT-MAN: A romantic comedy featuring JDate's tallest subscriber.

THE NIGHT BEFORE: Erev Passover, three lifelong friends pursue invitations to the ultimate chametz party.

**THE TALMUD BAGHDADI
Tractate Votin: A Sample Page**

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A man with a big hand is likely to have a big nose. And a long nose may have to be held longer to complete the voting process.

The *Ohf Hagadol* asks: How long should the voting booths be open? The *Groisser Fresser* gives his opinion that it should be at least as long as it takes for an elephant to cross the Euphrates River. The *Regel BaPeh* asks: How long is that? The *Rodef Kesssef* replies: About twice as long as it takes a tiger to cross the Tigris River.

**MEET THE SAGES OF
THE TALMUD BAGHDADI**



We have learned much from the pages of the *Talmud Baghdadi*, but few of us know the sages behind the pages. Here are some brief profiles of the sages quoted in the excerpts from Tractate *Votin* and the other volumes:

The *Groisser Fresser* was one of the biggest of the sages, literally. His positions were strict, but he tended to be more lenient in his opinions whenever they served to permit the consumption of more food.

The *Punkt Farkert* was a regular opponent of the *Groisser Fresser*, and took great pleasure in refuting every one of his arguments.

The *Etzba B'af* was widely known for his penetrating analysis, but did not have many friends because of a lack of personal hygiene.

The *Regel BaPeh* had an uncanny ability to offer soundly reasoned arguments, but somehow tended to use them to undermine his own position.

The *Ohf Hagadol*, always one to seek compromises and find peaceful solutions, was the tallest of the sages but his skin had a yellowish cast, with an almost feather-like texture.

The *Grobber Yung*, as wide across as the *Ohf Hagadol* was tall, made his mark by barging in to discussions among the more revered sages, punctuating his remarks with obscure references.

The *Rodef Kesssef* had a sharp mind for business, and always managed to voice opinions that maximized his financial opportunities.