

Minutes of OYC March 20, 2005

As reported to Philip *Fishl* Kutner

Fishl had not heard from Our Yiddish Club (OYC) from Yenemsville since they had returned from their visit to their ancestral home of Chelm, Poland. So he asked his friend Nar, the OYC forzitser, to update him. It seems that Chelm affected the OYC more than they had affected Chelm. Readers of *Der Bay* may remember many of the 13 OYC members who went on the trip to Chelm.

Nar: The meeting of Our Yiddish Club is now called to order. Will the Secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting.

Leybl the Librarian: Mr. Chairman, how can we have minutes before we have seconds?

Nar: Pincus, as parliamentarian how do you rule

Pincus the Pickle Maker: Leybl is right. We cannot read the minutes until someone seconds a motion.

Nar: But we have no motion on the floor. Will someone make a motion?

Leybl: I move that we call Our Yiddish Club—Undzer Yidish Klub, so that it will be in Yiddish.

Everyone: (“Yo, yo, yo” is heard throughout the meeting hall. Then a moment of silence).

Nar: Fayvl, why are you raising your hand? Do you want to speak on the motion?

Fayvl the Fire Fighter: I would like to offer an amendment to the motion. Instead of calling Our Yiddish Club, Undzer Yidish Klub, we should call it the Sho Yidish Club. Sho in Hebrew is hour and hour comes after minute.

Nar: Leybl, if you accept the amendment, we won’t have to vote on the amendment and the motion.

Leybl: I accept the amendment.

Nar: Good, will all in favor, raise their hands. Since everyone raised both hands, the motion as amended passed.

Heshy the Chocolate Maker: As long as we have made a motion, made an amendment and changed our club name, I think we ought to go all the way. So I make a motion that we speak

only in Yiddish, Yinglish or Eynghlish, but no English. Our authority will be Leo Rosten and his *Joys of Yiddish*.

Perele the Pearl Peddler: I second the motion, no, ikh shtitse a firleyg.

Benny the Beer Brewer: sa vot iz she seyen—iz she sekunnen da moshun?

Nar: Benny, ya gotta spik tu da tsher. Pincus, az der program forzitser, vos tuen mir haynt?

Pincus the Pickle Maker: Der program iz “Kveln fun di kinder.” Yeder mitglied zol zogn a por verter fun di kinder un eyniklekh.

Gitl the Gardener: Ikh hob nor eyn zun, un er iz gey.

Nar: Meynt dos az er iz freylekh oder er glaykht mener.

Gitl: Yo!

Nar: Yo, vos?

Gitl: Er iz freylekh, un oykhet er glaykht mener.

Nar: Vainraykh in zayn verterbukh ruft dos homoseksuel.

Rokhl the Raykhe: Bay mir iz dos ibergekert. Mayn tokhter Teresa hot a meydele vos heyst Trudy. Zi glaykht nor froyen. Vi azoy ruft men dos af yidish?

Nar: Ikh veys nisht. Vaynraykh hot nisht aza vort in zayn verterbukh. Dos iz genuk vegn kinder un kinds kinder. Lomir itst esn. Bobe, vos hostu gebakn far undz?

Bobe the Baker: Haynt hob ikh gebakn a babke far mayn geburtstog.

Nar: Bobe, vi yung bistu?

Bobe: Kh’bin nayn un draysik—tsvey mol.

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Editor’s note: So ended the March 20, 2005 meeting of Our Yiddish Club from Yenemsville. During the business meeting they changed their name and decided to speak only Yiddish, Yinglish or Eynghlish, but not English.