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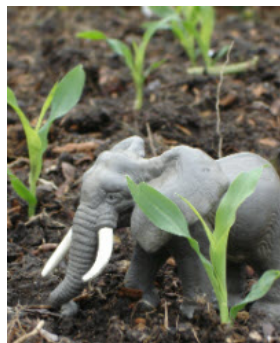
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RABBIS CREATE TALMUD AMERICANI; NEW LAWS EXTEND HALACHA TO THANKSGIVING AND JULY 4

*From What Time May Turkey Preparations Begin?
How High Must the Flag Fly? "As High As An Elephant's Eye."*

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FAIR LAWN, February 24 – The National Board of Rabbis, sensing that the nation is growing bored of rabbis, has launched a major new project to extend the halacha (Jewish law) to observance of Thanksgiving Day and the Fourth of July, since Jews are now celebrating these days with as much enthusiasm as the major Jewish holidays.



They have begun discussing the issues involved with regulating these holiday observances and recording the proceedings in a new set of scriptures called Talmud Americani, to stand alongside the Talmud Bavli and Talmud Yerushalmi.

The Kronikle's intrepid reporters have penetrated the inner sanctums of the deliberating rabbis and transmitted some of the livelier discussions for the benefit of our readers. Here are some of the overheard excerpts:

How high must a flag fly on the fourth of July? There is a *gezeira shava* between flags and corn. The *Gemara* brings forward two *beraitot*, one from *South Pacific* and the other from *Oklahoma*, two *seforim* written by Rav Rodgers and Rav Hammerstein.

"I'm as corny as Kansas in August, high as a flag on the fourth of July" and "There's a bright golden haze on the meadow. The corn is as high as an elephant's eye." Corn and height are mentioned in both citations. One might ask of the first citation, how high does a flag have to fly on the fourth of July?

The answer is obvious by juxtaposing the second citation – as high as an elephant's eye. But are we talking about an African elephant or an Asian elephant? That will have to wait until Elijah the Prophet returns.

The rabbis discuss another case related to the Thanksgiving holiday. One asks when it is permissible to start preparations for a Thanksgiving dinner. An answer is proposed based on a reading of

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another *beraita* brought by Reb Sheldon Harnick which says "I'd fill my yard with chicks and turkeys and ducks for the town to see and hear, squawking just as noisily as they can."

Reb Harnick continues, "and each loud squawk would land like a trumpet on the ear." Trumpet must mean *shofar*, and therefore chicks and turkeys and ducks (turducken) may be prepared from the time the last *shofar* blast is blown on Yom Kippur.

This is confirmed by another proof from Reb Hammerstein who says "Chicks and ducks and geese better scurry when I take you out in the surrey with the fringe on top." What fringe could he be talking about except *tzitzit*? So that is further proof that the optimum time to start Thanksgiving preparations is early in the morning after Yom Kippur but not until it's time to put on *tzitzit* before the *Shacharit* prayers.

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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 2012.



LES MISERABLES: The story of a revolution in the Jewish Quarter of Paris, where women preparing for Pesach find that they can't take one day more, because at the end of the day they have nothing but matzah.

SILVER LININGS PRAYBOOK: Sensing pessimism among his congregants, a rabbi uses White-Out to remove every negative passage in his synagogue's *siddurim*.

FLIGHT: On a plane to Israel and desperate for a minyan, nine Jewish men hatch a scheme to convince a Jewish atheist in first class to join the *daveners* at the back of the plane.

THE FIVE YEAR ENGAGEMENT: An ultra-orthodox Jewish man shocks his community by staying engaged for five years, during which time his eight brothers and sisters all get engaged, married and have children of their own.

MAGIC MIC: A soft-spoken orthodox rabbi takes voice lessons so his congregants can better hear him, which leads to swirling rumors about a hidden microphone existing somewhere under the *bimah*.

TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE: A cantor is fired in the middle of *Musaf* on Yom Kippur when the strict members of his congregation disapprove of the way he bows during *Aleinu*.

MAN ON A LEDGE: A *gabbai* successfully lobbies to have a railing installed around the narrow *bimah* after one too many close calls during *Hagbah*.

ABRAHAM: VAMPIRE HUNTER: A new look at Abraham's early years in Haran. What was his father's business anyway, and were those really idols he smashed?

TWO DAYS IN NEW YORK: Find out how long it takes a recent college graduate to move to the Big City, go to shul on the Upper West Side, and find his *bashert*.

LIFE OF PIE: A first-time faster spends every moment of his Yom Kippur fast dreaming of exactly how he'll break it.

THE HUNGER GAMES: Forbidden to ingest dairy because of lactose intolerance, grains because of digestive problems, and fruits and vegetables because they may contain small bugs that render them unkosher, a family prepares for Passover.

BREAKING DAWN, PART I: In B'nai B'rak, the rabbis would sit and discuss the Exodus all night, until their students came to tell them it was time for the morning prayers. This two-part mini-series examines the famous Haggadah story from the perspectives of the first-century students who roused the rabbis to their prayer duties.

JACK REACHER: When a man realizes that his morning newspaper is sitting several feet outside of the *eruv*, it's time to get creative.

HOPE SPRINGS: A Hebrew poet seeks refuge in a spa and is inspired to write *Hatikvah*, Israel's national anthem.

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