

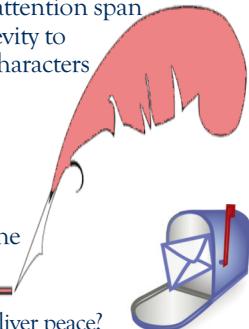
the **JEWISH** in**DISCRIMINATE**

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Print journalism is suffering from the shortened attention span of the TV generation. The internet brought new brevity to human communication, Twitter reduced it to 140 characters and, yeah, you stopped reading a line ago.

In an effort to revitalize and re-engage the Jewish community, the *IndiscriMinate* is adopting a new journalism style for those who do not have time for in-depth stories and Tweets.

This week, we review some of the year's news in the form of traditional Japanese poetry, haiku.



Gurvis a dozen years
Great promotion to New York
Your pledge still due

Prophecy or merely spin?
Dix is nixed and polls defied
Christy warned us she would win

Latest scheme:
Academic boycotts
Like burning books

Spanish initiative:
Welcome back, Jews!
Gracias, but no.

Voice of soda
Johansson drinks pop
And still such a figure!

Harper in Israel
Wishes MP Mark Adler
Back in York Centre

JCC has rules
Zionists have limits
Fills letters page

United Church joins BDS
Urge Israel and Jewish people:
Turn the other cheek

Mulcair and Trudeau's
Multilateral foreign view:
Harper too Jewish

Minor issue ...
Arab texts urge: kill Jews
Who still reads books?

Burqas, kippas, turbans
Quebec to ban religious symbols
(Crucifix OK)

Heard in JCC loo
I hate klezmer
Tribal membership revoked

Such joy der kinder
In languid days of summer
Six weeks the longest camping session!?

New friend on Facebook
At least one mutual chaver
Rabbi Shmulik everywhere

Lashon hara!
Synagogue is not the place
Starbucks Oakridge Sunday

Disappearing Palestine
Transit ads spark major plotzting
Disappear without effect

Nothing new under the sun?
Prez Peres, at 90, ponders
New career at 91

Crowded schools, old shuls
Dollars languish in purse
Nu! Capital campaigns!

Postal workers' union
So devoted to Palestine but

Who will deliver peace?

Desperate need for volunteers
Telethon starts Monday
It'd kill you to call?

Cleaning before Pesach
Hadassah ladies lament:
I miss Bazaar

Cotler leaving Commons
Record of achievement but
Better things ahead

Jack's subscription stopped
Sad enough, but now to fill
The letters page

A routine morning
Email conspiracies abound
Must forward to JJ

Superstore kosher deals
Jarred gefilte and frozen challahs
You'd rather I should cook all day?

Rick Nelson leaves JCC
Big macher in Toronto now
Take warm coat

Springtime in Vancouver
Hoping for a sunny day
Like waiting on Mashiah

Bubbe's on the Facebook now
Draws a line at Twitter
Succinctness not her suit

Diverse community
Shimon Fogel, Frank Dimant
Embarrassment of riches

Atoms split by ayatollahs
For energy or genocide?
The West proves best at splitting hairs

Victoria's Emanu-El
A century and 50
Gold rush shul now nation's oldest

Can Sochi all its woes transcend?
The world surprised!
Not so farkakte in the end

City grows like weed in spring
Traffic slows like snail
Bike lanes spread like creeping ivy

Summer crowds descend on Seawall
Gaze past mountains, ocean,
Right through Lululemon pants

City plans more density
Some welcome neighbors
Some say none is too many

Ariel Sharon, warrior
Turned visionary
At last, for him, the peace

Sea of black hats rage at plan
That Torah and a job
Can coexist in man

Stark views on PM's trip

Amanda Venerate REPORTER

Divergent perspectives are beginning to emerge about what transpired on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories in January. Two members of the delegation have spoken to the *JeWish iNdiscrimiNaTe* and depict events in distinctly different lights.

"He led our people to the Promised Land," said Cy Kofant, a member of the delegation who asked not to be named.

But another member of the delegation was more prosaic.

"He arranged for 280 Canadians to join his delegation," said Ida Scoft, another member of the delegation who also requested anonymity. "And 208 of us had to pay our own way."

"God appointed a man over the assembly, and let the assembly not be like sheep that have no shepherd," Kofant said.

"We were corralled from venue to venue like it was a package tour," said Scoft.

Kofant said the entire procedure was very orderly, adding that delegates were marched two by two onto the prime ministerial plane, at which point Harper offered welcoming remarks.

"The prime minister told us: 'Go for yourself from your land ... to the land that I will show you,'" Kofant said.

The delegation represented a wide swath of Canadian society, including Jewish and Christian clergy, business leaders and representatives of the nonprofit sector.

"And with you shall be one man from each tribe; a man who is a leader," said Kofant.

"Anyone associated with an organization that has the words 'Canadian Friends of' in its title was invited to tag along," said Scoft.

The drama began before the flight landed in Israel. Scoft said there was a medical emergency, in which a member of the delegation was feverish and apparently delirious.

Kofant, who said he has no recollection of a medical emergency on board, added that the flight seemed uneventful except for a dream he had.

"I was at a meeting of the G8, and all of the leaders of the G8 were binding sheaves in the middle of the field, and then Prime Minister Harper's sheaf arose and remained standing; then the sheaves of the other G8 leaders bowed down to Prime Minister Harper's sheaf."

On arrival in Israel, Harper was greeted with enthusiasm.

"His words rained fire and brimstone upon the Knesset," said Kofant.

An incident involving Arab members of the Knesset saw Harper heckled and disrupted.

"But God sent his angel and it shut the mouth of the lions," said Kofant.

"Actually, the lions left in a huff," said Scoft.

At a reception, Kofant said, the voice and musical mastery of the piano-playing prime minister entertained the audience of Canadians and Israelis.

"It was as if a choir of angels had descended, or as if David himself was gracing us with joyful sounds," said Kofant.

"Am I the only one who thought 'Hey Jude' was a weird choice for the circumstance?" asked Scoft.

The prime minister and a smaller entourage traveled from Israel to meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah.

"And he lifted up his hand and with his rod he smote the rock, and out poured water," said Kofant.

"Harper announced \$66 million in funding for the Palestinian Authority," said Scoft.

Returning to Canada, the two delegates agreed that the tour had burnished the prime minister's statesmanlike appearance on the international stage.

Kofant said Israel he spoke with could not believe a foreign leader was as supportive of Israel as Harper appeared to be.

"And when the Children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, it is manna," he said.

Scoft was impressed at how the prime minister remained energetic through the duration of the tour and the long return flight to Canada, during which not a hair on his head appeared out of place.

"His vigor has not been diminished," said Scoft.



Invitees wait to board the Harper Plane.

Editor:

Week after week in these pages, I read the opinions of those who disagree with me and I ask: Why?! By publishing the hyperbolic bile these people spew, you encourage the destruction of our people, the collapse of our civilization and the end of the world. Your paper remains a rare bastion in this community where divergent views can receive a fair and respectful airing. Stop it.

De'ah Echat

Editor:

It has become a routine in our community for people to line up to support an idea that represents everything evil and wrong, dirty, mischievous, immoral and just stupid, dumping all responsibility to protect our people from making grievous mistakes on me and the three or four friends who agree with me.

In a community as monolithic as ours, expressing alternative viewpoints has led to social isolation of me and the courageous few who have the kishkes to stand with me. There have been seders we have not been invited to, Purim parties where I have been ignored, even though people could not possibly have identified me due to my costume, and, last week, someone I have known for decades waved from across the street but did not even walk over to say hello. These people are trying to silence me. Throughout our history, most Jews have been wrong and it has only been the tiny minority of voices that have, time and again, spoken the truth. Obviously, in our era, I am one of those voices. Thank G-d for me.

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