

## CELEBRITY NAME GAME COMING HOW ABOUT "NAME THAT RABBI"?

The Yiddish word for "celebrity" is "barimtkayt"  
To "shmues"/"schmooze" means "to chat"

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The headline read:

### CRAIG FERGUSON SPARS AND SCHMOOZES AT TWENTIETH TV UPFRONT

Craig Ferguson will host the syndie game show "Celebrity Name Game." It is debuting in the fall of 2014. The program revolves around a competition to celebs and other notable people. It is a 1/2-hour "team-based game where you compete to guess famous identities based on the clues given by your teammates."

The game show is created by Courteney Cox and David Arquette--both of whom will likely appear. The game is reminiscent of other celebrity-based verbal clue games such as Password and Pyramid. The game should be fast-paced and "komish" (funny).

Use your "fantazye" (imagination). Suppose one episode dealt with famous rabbis. Let's see how well you would do on this quiz.

- Q. 1. Which rabbi is the author of a book titled, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People?"
- Q. 2. This ordained rabbi is the only regularly practicing rabbi who also tours professionally as a stand-up comedian.
- Q. 3. This rabbi is the author of "Kosher Sex." His TV program was titled, "Shalom in the Home."
- Q. 4. Name the comedian who was a rabbi before he earned his money as a comic.
- Q. 5. The "God Squad" rabbi
- Q. 6. This rabbi is the leader of a star-studded Hampton Synagogue of West Hampton Beach (Long Island).

The orthodox rabbi has stood under the “chuppah” five (5) times. His synagogue raised more than \$1 million for the UJA-Federation of New York Israel Emergency Fund on Aug. 9, 2014.

- Q. 7. Talmudic scholar; leader of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) and Conservative Judaism. (1895-1991)
- Q. 8. Named the most influential rabbi in America by Newsweek Magazine
- Q. 9. Fictional creation of Harry Kemelman (1908-1996). A small town rabbi who resides in Barnard’s Crossing. Over 7 million copies of Kemelman’s books are in existence.
- Q. 10. The “Adventure Rabbi.” Author of the book titled, “God in the Wilderness.” Rabbi leads groups toward spiritual fulfillment in the outdoors.
- Q. 11. American Hasidic rabbi, psychiatrist specializing in substance abuse, and author of more than 60 books.
- Q. 12. The Rabbi of 84th Street; founding Chairman of the Daf Yomi Commission, which completes the Talmud every 7 years.
- Q. 13. The Surfing Rabbi
- Q. 14. The Jewlicious Rabbi. One of the most followed rabbis on Twitter; blogs regularly on Huffington Post and JewishJournal.com.
- Q. 15. The Grateful Yid
- Q. 16. Rabbi emeritus of Cong. Shearith Israel, the historic Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York City
- Q. 17. “The Singing Rabbi” (1925-1994)
- Q. 18. Civil Rights Rabbi. He participated in a Selma-to-Montgomery Civil Rights march. Walked arm in arm with Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Q. 19. The first woman to be ordained a rabbi in the U. S. on June 3, 1972, by Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Q. 20. Rabbi who said, “If I am only for myself, who am I? If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if not now, when?”
- Q. 21. The Lubavitcher Rebbe (1902-1994)
- Q. 22. He co-officiated on Shabbat with a Methodist minister at Chelsea Clinton’s intermarriage to Marc Mezvinsky.
- Q. 23. He played the rabbi in the first B’way production of “Fiddler on the Roof.” Jerry Robbins didn’t think his name was a good one for Broadway, and he changed it. (1899-1978)
- Q. 24. Reform rabbi; President of Shalom TV
- Q. 25. New [June 2014] Chief Rabbi of France, successor to Grand

Rabbi Giles Bernheim. "Unity" is the key word to his approach, and he will "speak to the whole of society."

- Q. 26. This Long Island Rabbi/filmmaker/publisher interviewed and dethroned 89-year-old Helen Thomas, "dean" of the White House Press Corps. He asked Thomas, "Any comments on Israel?" Her reply: "Tell them to get the hell out of Palestine." When he asked her, "Where should they go?" she replied, "Home!" "Where's home?" he asked. "Poland and Germany." This conversation was videotaped and went viral--into the millions.
- Q. 27. This Reform rabbi married Arthur Miller and Marilyn Monroe at Cong. Mishkan Israel, then located in New Haven, Connecticut.
- Q. 28. This Zionist rabbi was founder of the American Jewish Congress, created the Free Synagogue and Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. He worked with many Zionist leaders including Chaim Weitzman and David Ben-Gurion, and helped establish the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union. (1874-1949)

#### ANSWERS:

1. RABBI HAROLD S. KUSHNER
2. RABBI BOB ALPER
3. RABBI SHMULEY BOTEACH
4. JACKIE MASON
5. RABBI MARC GELLMAN
6. RABBI MARC SCHNEIER
7. Rabbi/DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN
8. RABBI DAVID WOLPE
9. RABBI DAVID SMALL
10. RABBI JAMIE KORNGOLD
11. RABBI/DOCTOR ABRAHAM JOSHUA TWERSKI
12. RABBI HASKEL BESSER
13. RABBI NACHUM SHIFRIN
14. RABBI YONAH
15. RABBI YOSEF LANGER
16. RABBI/DR. MARC D. ANGEL
17. RABBI SHLOMO CARLEBACH
18. RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL
19. RABBI SALLY J. PRIESAND
20. RABBI HILLEL (AKA "HILLEL THE ELDER")
21. RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON

22. RABBI JAMES PONET
23. "RABBI" GLUCK SANDOR
24. RABBI MARK S. GOLUB
25. RABBI HAIM/CHAIM KORSIA
26. RABBI DAVID NESENOFF
27. RABBI ROBERT E. GOLDBURG
28. RABBI STEPHEN WISE

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MARJORIE WOLFE'S FAVORITE RABBI STORY:

"Once, [Rabbi Chanoch] Teller was traveling with 16 of his [18] offspring. While changing planes in Frankfurt, Teller noticed a German woman gaping. 'Are all of these your children?' the woman asked. 'From one wife?' 'Yes, God has blessed me with all these children,' the rabbi replied. 'Haven't you heard about the population problem?' the woman sniffed. 'How many more children do you want to have?'

Rabbi Teller paused and looked the woman in the eye: 'About 6 million,' he said.

(told by Lynn Vincent)