

# The Schmooze Stories with a Yiddish Twist

## 45 SECONDS OF UTTER “SHTILKAYT”\*

\*The Yiddish word for “silence” is “shtilkayt.”

The Yiddish word meaning “to stare” is “glotsn.”

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Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, addressed a joint meeting of Congress. One newspaper headline read:

**BIBI NETANYAHU GIVES UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HIS DEATH STARE OF SILENCE.**

Netanyahu’s most powerful moment of the speech came when he declared the response of most countries present was one of “utter silence.” Then Bibi went silent for 45 seconds and gave the UN General Assembly his death stare.

Shown below are some of Netanyahu’s remarks:

“bashtetikn” (to acknowledge)

“I also want to acknowledge Senator Democratic Leader, Harry Reid. It’s good to see you back on your feet. I guess it’s true what they say, you can’t keep a good man down.”

“danken” (to thank)

“dankbar” (grateful)

“I want to thank you, Democrats and Republicans, for your common support for Israel. Year after year, decade after decade, Israel is grateful for the support of America’s people and of America’s presidents, from Harry Truman to Barack Obama. FYI: R.

Moshe Sherizen (“The Easy-Shmeezy Guide To Yiddish”) says that Barack’s Yiddish name is “Barak Obameh.”

“helfn” (to aid)

“dringlekh” (urgent)

“I called him [Obama] in 2010 when we had the Carmel forest fire, and he immediately agreed to respond to my request for urgent aid.”

“de hilf” (the assistance)

“In 2011, we had our embassy in Cairo under siege, and again, he [Obama] provided vital assistance at the crucial moment.”

“bashitsn” (to protect)

“Last summer, millions of Israelis were protected from thousands of Hamas rockets because this capital dome helped build our Iron Dome.”

“blaybn lebn” (to survive)

“strashen” (to threaten)

“...I’ve come here today because as prime minister of Israel, I feel a profound obligation to speak to you about an issue that could well threaten the survival of my country and the future of my people. Iran’s quest for nuclear weapons.”

“fartsaytik” (ancient)

“khurbn” (destruction)

“morgn” (tomorrow)

“We’re an ancient people. In our nearly 4,000 years of history, many have tried repeatedly to destroy the Jewish people. Tomorrow night, on the Jewish holiday of Purim, we’ll read the Book of Esther. We’ll read of a powerful Persian viceroy named Haman, who plotted to destroy the Jewish people some 2,500 years ago. But a courageous Jewish woman, Queen Esther, exposed the plot and gave for the Jewish people the right to defend themselves against their enemies. The plot was foiled. Our people were saved.”

“der has” (hatred)

“pruvn” (to attempt)

“Today the Jewish people face another attempt by yet another Persian potentate to destroy us. Iran’s Supreme leader Ayotollah Khamenei spews the oldest hatred, the oldest hatred of anti-Semitism with the newest technology. He tweets that Israel must be annihilated...”

“nokhyogn” (to chase)

“strashen” (to threaten)

“For those who believe that Iran threatens the Jewish state, but not the Jewish people, listen to Hassan Nasrallah....He said: If all the Jews gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of chasing them down around the world.”

“talantirt” (talented)

“oyshitn” (to protect)

“The people of Iran are very talented people. They’re heirs to one of the world’s great civilizations. But in 1979, they were hijacked by religious zealots--religious zealots who imposed on them immediately a dark and brutal dictatorship. That year, the zealots drafted a constitution, a new one for Iran. It directed the revolutionary guards not only to protect Iran’s borders, but also to fulfill the ideological mission of jihad..Khomeini exhorted his followers to ‘export the revolution throughout the world.’”

“teror” (terror)

“eyl” (oil)

“Iran’s goons in Gaza, its lackeys in Lebanon, its Revolutionary guards on the Golan Heights are clutching Israel with three tentacles of terror. Backed by Iran, Shiite Militia are rampaging through Iraq. Back by Iran, Houthis are seizing control of Yemen, threatening the strategic straits at the mouth of the Red Sea. Along with the Straits of Hormuz, that would give Iran a second choke-point on the world’s oil supply.”

“redn” (to talk)

“Just last week, near Hormuz, Iran carried out a military exercise blowing up a mock U.S. aircraft carrier. That’s just last week, while they’re having nuclear talks with the U.S.”

“bombe” (bom )

“Beyond the Middle East, Iran attacks America and its allies through its global terror network. It blew up the Jewish community center and the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires. It helped Al Qaeda bomb embassies in Africa. It even attempted to assassinate the Saudi ambassador, right here in Washington, D.C.”

“farnumen” (busy)

“mapole” (to defeat)

“Iran is busy gobbling up the nations..We must stand together to stop Iran’s march of conquest, subjugation and terror.”

“sakone” (danger)

“....ISIS is armed with butcher knives, captured weapons and YouTube, whereas Iran could soon be armed with intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear bombs...the greatest danger facing our world is the marriage of militant Islam with nuclear

weapons. To defeat ISIS and let Iran get nuclear weapons would be to win the battle, but lose the war. We can't let that happen."

"garantirn" (guarantee)

"farhandlung" (negotiation)

"But that, my friends, is exactly what could happen, if the deal now being negotiated is accepted by Iran. That deal will not prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. It would all but guarantee that Iran gets those weapons, lots of them."

"dervaylik" (temporary)

"According to the deal, not a single nuclear facility would be demolished. Thousands of centrifuges used to enrich uranium would be left spinning. Thousands more would be temporarily disconnected, but not destroyed. Because Iran's nuclear program would be left largely intact, Iran's break-out time would be very short--about a year by U.S. assessment, even shorter by Israel's."

"onkukn" (to inspect)

"...But here's the problem. You see, inspectors' document violations; they don't stop them..."

"aparat" (camera)

"opnarn" (to cheat)

"Like North Korea, Iran, too, has defied international inspectors. It's done that on at least three separate occasions--2005, 2006, 2010. Like North Korea, Iran broke the locks, shut off the cameras...Iran not only defies inspectors, it also plays a pretty good game of hide-and-CHEAT with them."

"getroyen" (to trust)

"Iran has proven time and gain that it cannot be trusted."

"shteg" (path)

"...This deal has two major concessions: one, leaving Iran with a vast nuclear program and two, lifting the restrictions on that program in about a decade. That's why the deal is so bad. It doesn't block Iran's path to the bomb; it paves Iran's path TO THE BOMB."

"oylsland" (abroad)

"hanoe hobn fun" (enjoy)

"bliendik" (prosperous)

"Why should Iran's radical regime change for the better when it can enjoy the best of both worlds: aggression abroad, prosperity at home? The deal won't be a farewell to arms. It would be a farewell to arms CONTROL."

“der kinder” (the children)

“dzhentlman” (gentleman)

“Ladies and gentlemen, I’ve come here today to tell you we don’t have to bet the security of the world on the hope that Iran will change for the better. We don’t have to gamble with our future and with our children’s futures.”

“handlen” (to deal)

“Now, if Iran threatens ‘to walk away from the table’--and this often happens in a Persian bazaar--call their bluff. They’ll be back, because they need the deal a lot more than you do.”

“tsuzogn” (to promise or pledge)

“My friend, standing up to Iran is not easy. Standing up to dark and murderous regimes never is. With us today is Holocaust survivor and Nobel Prize winner, Elie Wiesel. Elie, your life and work inspires to give meaning to the words ‘never again.’ And I wish I could promise you, Elie, that the lessons of history have been learned. I can only urge the leaders of the world not to repeat the mistakes of the past....But I guarantee you this, the days when the Jewish people remained passive in the face of genocidal enemies, those days are over.”

“tsuzamen” (together)

“moyre hobn” (to fear)

“My friends, may Israel and America always stand together, strong and resolute. May we neither fear nor dread the challenges ahead. May we face the future with confidence, strength and hope.”

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MARJORIE WOLFE’s favorite quote by Bibi Netanyahu:

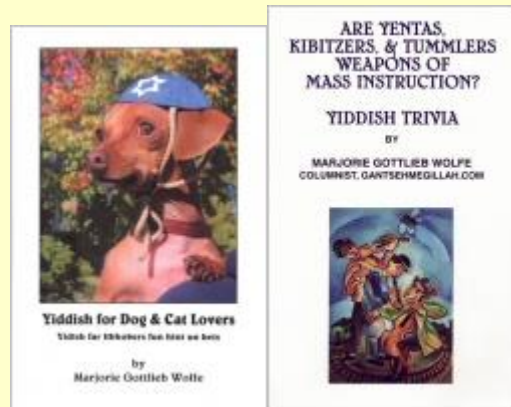
“I say that to my colleagues, by the way, in the internal Cabinet meetings, I say, ‘Look, I want to be very clear about what I want.’ I just - I don’t want a peace process, I want a PEACE RESULT.”

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