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Stories with a Yiddish Twist

DONALD TRUMP, THE WHINER*

*In Yiddish, a whiner is a “k’vetsher, a “k’vatsh”, or a “kvetsh.”
“Dos valn” means “the election.”
The “voter” is “der veyler.”

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Here’s a great SAT word: “psephology”--the scientific study of elections and trends in voting. Degrees in psephology are not offered; a psephologist might have a degree in political science.

Before an election, some people make it their business to try to predict the results: who will vote for whom and why? Note: The Yiddish word meaning “to predict” is “foroyszogn.”

Donald Trump, “grunteygns” (real estate) magnate, was one of the 10 presidential hopefuls in the first debate held on August 6. Some have called Trump “the most fabulous whiner in all of American politics.” Cartoonist, Gary Varvel, calls Donald, “Teflon Don.”

Hillary Clinton attacked Trump charging he went “way overboard” with his barbs against Megyn Kelly. “It’s all entertainment (“farvaylung”), I think-- he’s having the time of his life, being up on stage, saying whatever he wants to say, getting people excited.”

Newspaper headlines have read:

Don & Out? Fat Chance (Still No. 1 in polls despite fight with Megyn)

Trump: Fox's Ailes promises fair coverage
("Ailes" refers to Roger Ailes, Chairman of Fox News)

"Bernie's 'weak': Trump"
(Bernie is candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders. Trump called him "weak.")

Shown below are some quotes by Donald Trump, who pronounced himself as the "baddest, smartest thing going." The Yiddish has been added.

- (However, if he is asked a challenging question ("frage"), he kicks and screams and demands to know how anyone could treat him so unfairly.)
- Fox News moderator, Megyn Kelly asked whether his past ("farbay") remarks about women leave him open to Hillary Rodham Clinton's charge about Republicans waging a war on women. She said, "You've called women you don't like fat ("fet" or "zaftik") pigs, dogs, slobs and disgusting ("ekldik" or "khaloshedik") animals. Your twitter account....."

Trump interrupted: "Only Rosie O'Donnell."

Kelly: "For the record, it was well beyond Rosie O'Donnell," and cited other examples.

(Note: The Yiddish word meaning "to interrupt" is "iberraysn.")

Trump: "The big problem this country has is being politically correct. I've been challenged by so many people and I don't frankly have time for total ("gants") political correctness...Frankly, what I say and oftentimes, it's fun, it's kidding, we have a good time. What I say is what I say. And honestly, Megyn, if you don't like it, I'm sorry ("Es tut mir bahng"/"Es tut mir laid.")

- [on showing his diplomacy skills]
"When was the last time anybody ("ver es iz") saw us beating, let's say, China, in a trade deal? They kill us. I beat China all the time."
- [on God making him to make jobs]
"I will be the greatest jobs president that God ever created." (Note: the Yiddish word meaning "to create" is "bashafn.")

- [on getting Mexicans to build a wall to keep themselves out of America]
 “I will build a great wall--and nobody builds walls better (“beser”) than me--I’ll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great, great wall on our Southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words.” (Note: The Yiddish word for inexpensive is “bilik.” The word meaning “to build” is “boyen.”)
- [on Iran]
 “If Iran was a stock, you folks would buy it right now, because you’ll quadruple.” (Note: The Yiddish word meaning “to buy” is “koyfn.”)
- [on where the U. S. ranks in the world]
 “Our country is in serious trouble (“tsore”). We don’t win anymore. We don’t beat China in trade. We don’t beat Japan...in trade. We can’t beat Mexico at the border or in trade.”
- [on websites (“vebzaytl”)]
 “We have a 5 billion dollar website. I have so many websites...I hire people. They do a website. It costs me three dollars.”
- [on his businesses going bankrupt]
 “I have never gone bankrupt...This country owes \$19 trillion dollars, and they need someone (“emetser”) like me to straighten out this mess (“balagan”).” Note: The Yiddish word for “bankruptcy” is “bankrot.”
- [on giving money to Democratic front-runner, Hillary Clinton, in the past]:
 “With Hillary Clinton, when I said come to my wedding (“khasene”), she came to my wedding. I didn’t know her money would be used on private jets to go all over the world (“di velt”); it was.”
- [on closing the U. S. border with Mexico]
 “They send the bad ones over because they don’t want to pay (“ba)tsoln”) for them. They don’t want to take care of them. Why should they when the stupid (“narish”) leaders of the United States will do it for them? And that’s what is happening whether you like it or not.”
- “Roger Ailes just called. He is a great guy & assures me that ‘Trump’ will be treated fairly on @FoxNews His word (“vort”) is always good!”

Note: The Yiddish word meaning “fair/just” is “orntlekh.”

- It amazes me that other networks seem to treat me so much better than @FoxNews. I bought them the biggest ratings in history, & I get zip.” Note: The Yiddish word for “amazed” is “dershtoynt.”
- “Boy, did I have nasty (“paskudne”) questions. Actually, Rosie O’Donnell saved me...I never thought I’d be giving credit to Rosie, but in this case, she was great.”
- “My whole life has been led on the theory that I do not want to embarrass (“farshemem”) people.”
- “They had 24 million (“milyon”) people watching. If I wasn’t on the show, they would have had 2 million.”

And what have the late night comedians said about Trump’s hair (“hor”)?

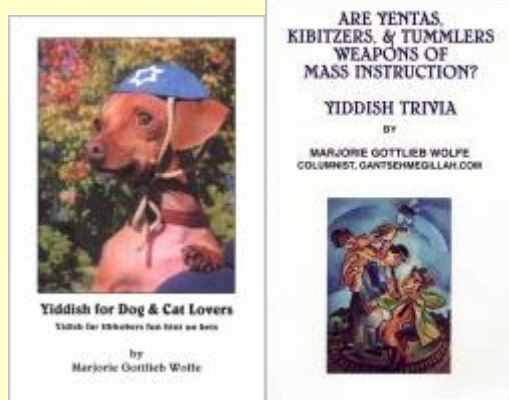
- “Donald Trump has a great campaign slogan: A COMPLEX WORLD DEMANDS COMPLEX HAIR.”
David Letterman
- “Donald Trump showed his birth certificate to reporters. Who cares about his birth certificate? I want to know if that thing on his head has had its vaccinations.”
Craig Ferguson
- “If Trump does become president, I hope he puts a wig (“paruk”) on his plane and calls it Hair Force One.”
Jimmy Kimmel

MARJORIE GOTTLIEB WOLFE agrees with Jimmy Kimmel:
“Maybe he should ease into this - by running for a lower office first, like President of the Hair Club for Men.”

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