

# FACIAL RECOGNITION “DOS PONUM” TELLS IT ALL

The Yiddish words for “the face” is “dos ponum” or “dos punim.”

The Yiddish word meaning “to deserve” is “fardinen.”

And, according to Elaine Sullworth, a “sillilogy” is a stand-up comic’s routine.

By



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What’s “dos gute vort” (the good word)? The FBI can now quickly identify “dos folk” (people) just by looking at their faces. It’s called the FBI’s Next Generation Identification System. The government expects the system’s database to house 51 “milyon” (million) photographs by 2015. So “say cheese.”

Facial recognition is meant to help identify suspects using clues at the “farbrekhn” (crime) scene.

Jordyn Taylor (“Comedy Club Uses Facial Recognition to Charge Audience by The Laugh”) says that “The FBI aren’t the only ones implementing new facial software.

A comedy club in Spain is using facial recognition technology to charge “optsol” (patrons) by the laugh. (Note: The Yiddish word meaning “to laugh” is “lakhn.”) Barcelona’s Teatreneu Club has installed tablets on the back of its seats and patrons are charged 0.30 euros (or \$.38) every time they laugh, with a maximum of 24 euros (\$30.42).

The plan is working well for the comedy club, according to Taylor.

So, here’s some jokes that I think deserve \$.38 or more:

Billy Crystal

“I am a grandpa. I love being a grandpa, and I like being called ‘Grandpa,’

even though sometimes when I hear it, I think the kids aren't talking to me. In my mind I'm still the guy who takes more naps than they do.

Now I wasn't always 'Grandpa.' The kids used to call me 'Trust Fund,' but I stopped that right away."

Source: "Still Foolin' Em - Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys"

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Fran Fine (The Nanny)

"When I was 16, I went on a kibbutz and I had the time of my life."

Margaret (Maggie Sheffield)

"A kibbutz? Isn't that like one of those hippie communes from the 60s?"

Fran Fine

"Well, yeah except the only thing we smoked was fish."

Sylvia Fine:

"Darling, taking hormones is a natural thing. Your Aunt Addie and your Uncle Artie both took them."

Fran Sheffield:

"Ma, that's because Aunt Addie WAS Uncle Artie."

Sylvia Fine:

"Shhh. She's collecting two social security checks."

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Phyllis Diller (the grand dame of comedy) on her husband, "Fang":

"He's so dumb, he went up to the thermostat. He said, 'seventy!'

My God! I've lost 90 pounds!"

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Albert Brooks

"If anything happens to me, tell every woman I've ever gone with, I was talking about her at the end. That way, they'll have to re-evaluate me."

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David Brenner

Dan Quayle withdrew his hat from the ring, and he is most upset that the little propeller on top of it broke."

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Jonathan Winters [on Robin Williams]

“Robin Williams is a nice guy, despite the fact that he gets \$20 million a picture. He always sends me a million. Of course, it’s not deductible. So I wind up with about \$3,800.”

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Joan Rivers

“People say money is not the key to happiness, but I’ve always figured if you have enough money, you can get a key made.”

[Rivers’s lamentations that she was so ugly]: “Ripley’s Believe It or Not returned her baby pictures with the note: ‘I don’t believe it!’”

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Dr. Howard Goodman

His doctor asked him if obesity runs in his family. He replied, “No one runs in my family.”

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A couple is in a supermarket. She has a problem, though--she steals. She’s a kleptomaniac. She steals a can of fruit.

She’s taken before the magistrate. The magistrate says, “Sarah, how could you do something like that? What did you take?”

She says, “Well, I just took one can of peaches.”

“Peaches you took? How many peaches?”

“There were six peaches in the can.” He says, “Sarah, you are going to jail for six nights. That’s it, it’s final!”

She says, “Oh, my God!”

Her husband stands up and says, “Your honor! She also stole a can of peas.”  
Harry Macklowe, real-estate developer

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Bea Arthur (Dorothy, the sharp-tongued daughter of Sophia in “The Golden Girls”)

Blanche enters:

“Can I borrow your mink stole?”

Coco:

“It’s Miami in June. Only cars are wearing fur. Are you going out?”

Dorothy:

“No, she’s going to sit here where it’s a hundred and twelve degrees and eat enchilades.” .....

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Red Buttons

“Dinah Shore? Wonderful woman. Dinah formed a foundation to locate missing senior citizen by putting their pictures on prune juice bottles.”

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Jackie Mason

“A Jew on vacation is looking for a place to sit. That’s it. Jewish resorts are the only ones that advertise ‘Brand-New Lobby.’ A Jew sees a chair, it’s a successful vacation.”

“Two thirds of the actual world consists of water. And there’s a very good question here: Do we really need that much water? Do we really need it? Maybe the gentiles need it. But most Jews have a swimming pool. Gentiles buy boats and go on cruises...but Jews buy boats to show. If the boat is missing its motor, no problem. I know five thousand Jews with boats. I’ve never seen a Jewish boat move yet.”

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Arnold Fine

It was this day in Brooklyn’s Boro Park. A neatly dressed Jehovah’s Witness was going door to door. He knocked on the door and an old Hasid came to the door.

“Excuse me, Sir,” the Jehovah’s Witness declared courteously. “Would you care to be a Jehovah’s Witness?”

The old timer smiled warmly, adjusted his yarmulke and said, “Me? I didn’t even see the accident.”

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Joey Adams

First Lady: I’m going through agony and ecstasy with my daughter.

Second Lady: So, what’s the agony?

First Lady: The agony is she’s marrying a Gentile.

Second Lady: And the ecstasy?

First Lady: The ecstasy is, thank God, he’s a doctor.

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Morey Amsterdam

“Did you hear the one about the man who bought a car and wouldn’t take it

out of the showroom window because he's never had such a good parking place?"

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Rickie Layne (ventriloquist who frequently appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show" with his Yiddish-accented dummy, Velvel.)

During one Christmas-season appearance that included Layne's rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" from a Jewish child's point of view, Sullivan told Velvel that he had brought him a gift--a dog.

Velvil said he hated dogs.

"Why?" asked Sullivan.

"I used to be a tree!"

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Alan King [on South Florida decor]

"I've had velvet slippers and couldn't find a place to wear them. If nothing else, this is it."

[on Military Trail]

"Everything is Military Trail in this part of the world. No matter where you go, you always feel comfortable. My wife says, 'You're lost.' And I say, 'No, I'm not, there's Military Trail.' But it's Military Trail in the Keys."

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Jan Murray

Rabbi Jerry once asked Jan Murray if he would emcee a telethon for Chabad "What kind of a disease is that?" Murray asked. He ultimately accepted the offer and turned the event into an L.A. tradition.

Murray was on an airplane and helped a doctor revive a passenger suffering a heart attack. The man looked up and saw his face. "Jan Murray!" he cried. "I almost died."

"Died?" Murray said, "You shoulda seen me last week in Pittsburgh."

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Henny Youngman

"A man goes to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist says to the man, 'What do you do for a living?' The patient says, 'I'm an automobile mechanic.' The psychiatrist says, 'Get under the couch.'"

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MARJORIE WOLFE's TWO favorite joke; they're worth at least \$.38 each.

Teacher asks little Moishe: "What does 2 plus 2 make?"

Little Moishe replies: "Seven."

Teacher: "Moishe! Four, maybe five, but SEVEN?"

An "alt" (old) man who loves Halloween goes trick-or-treating wearing a pirate's "kostyum".

At first, the woman whose door he knocks on is shocked to see him. He says he's had to give up a lot of things as an "elter" (senior), but he doesn't want to give up Halloween. So she offers him Snickers bars, and he says he can't eat them because of the sugar. He has "tsukerkrenk" (Diabetes). Then she offers him chewing gum ("kaygume") and he says he can't chew it because of his dentures.

They both ("beyde") realize there's not much in the way of candy she can give him. But before he leaves, she offers him Metamucil wafers, and he's very happy with that. Then she offers him Polident for his dentures, and he gladly accepts. She then asks him to stay and have "tey" (tea) with her.

He explains, however, that he can't--his father is waiting for him in the car.

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