

The Schmooze Stories with a Yiddish Twist

HILLARY'S HAD "LUNGEN-ENTSINDUNG"*
*"GENUG IZ GENUG"

*The Yiddish word for "pneumonia" is "lungen-entsindung"
"Genug iz genug" means "enough is enough!"

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There's several Yiddish expressions about illness:

"Gezunt kumt far parnose."
(Health comes before making a living.)

"A make bay yenem iz nit shver tsu trogen."
(Another man's disease isn't hard to endure.)

. "Abi gezunt, dos lebn ken men sikh ale mol nemen."
(As long as you're healthy, you can always kill yourself.)

The recent news has not been "gut"—good.

. Actor-filmmaker, Ben Stiller, revealed that he has dealt with prostate cancer for over two years.

- . Ben Simmons had surgery to repair a broken right foot.
- . Toni Braxton, American singer-songwriter, recently had a Lupus flare-up.
- . Brooklyn DA, attorney, Kenneth Thompson is fighting cancer (“rak”).
- . Thunder guard, Cameron Payne, will be out for at least 6 weeks after fracturing a bone in his right foot.
- . Steven Adams will miss the Oklahoma City’s Thunder’s second preseason match as he continues to nurse an ankle (“knechl”) injury.
- . 76ers, Ben Simmons, had surgery to repair a broken right foot (“fus”).
- . And Hillary Clinton had pneumonia and spent two days hoping no one would find out. We all saw the video of Mrs. Clinton’s exit from the 9/11 memorial in New York. She was swaying and stumbling, her legs seized up and buckled, and aides helped escort her into a van after she felt ill (“krank”).

Her “dokter,” Lisa Bardack, released a statement that did not clarify the type or severity of the pneumonia.

Symptoms of pneumonia are distinct and can appear quickly. They may include: chest (“brustkastn”) pain with difficulty breathing, a high fever (“fiber”), shaking chills, excessive sweating, fatigue (“midkayt”), and a cough (“hust”) with phlegm that persists or gets worse.

The former secretary of state suffered blood (“blut”) clots in 1998 and 2009.

Donald Trump mocked Hillary’s bout with pneumonia.

Note: The Yiddish words meaning “to mock” are “makhn

khoyzek fun.” He said, “Here’s a woman, she’s supposed to fight all of these different things and she can’t make it 15 feet to her car.” He then swayed away from his podium and began mimicking Clinton’s departure.

In addition, he added, “She’s home resting right now. She’s getting ready for her next speech, which is going to be 15 minutes and is going to be in two or three days... folks, we need stamina, we need energy.”

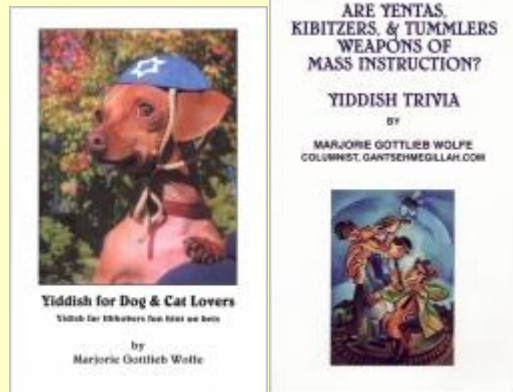
Hillary had a “vunderlekh” (wonderful) response: “As soon as he travels to 112 countries and negotiates a peace (“sholem”) deal, a cease-fire, a release of dissidents, an opening of new opportunities in nations around the world (“di velt”), or even spends 11 hours testifying in front of a congressional committee, he can talk to me about stamina.”

Washington Post columnist, Chris Cillizza, published a piece calling for journalists to “stop talking about Hillary Clinton’s health. He wrote, “So, to believe that something is seriously wrong with Clinton, you have to a) assume her doctor lied and b) that her coughing, which often happens when someone catches a cold or spends a lot of time speaking publicly, is a symptom of her deeper, hidden illness.”

“Genug iz genug.”

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