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President's Message

During this past year our organization has lost two of its most prominent members, Rabbi Dr. Henry E. Kraus, z"l, and Joe Rosen, z"l. It was an honor for me to have been associated with them. They will be missed, although their wise counsel will always be with us.

As we approach the end of 2008 Hanukkah is rapidly approaching. Our party this year will again be held at Pizza World. I hope to see you there enjoying the Mini Latkes and Pizza, etc.

In April, at our annual Dinner, we will bestow an honorary membership, and honor, Assistant Sheriff Paul Tanaka and honor our long time member Alan Skobin. Honorary Member and former Chief Deputy Attorney General and L.A. County District Attorney Bob Philiposian will act as Master of Ceremonies and Sheriff Lee Baca will swear in our new officers. Please be sure you mark this important event on your calendars.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon, and my wishes to you and yours for a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marvin Goldsmith, President

SHOMRIMSOCAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Hannukah Get Together

Tuesday, December 23rd at 6:30 PM
Pizza World
365 South Fairfax Avenue, L.A.
(Just South of Third St.)

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 P.M.
Elat Burger 9340 West Pico Blvd.
(at Elm Dr.), L.A.

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ANNUAL DINNER-2009

Thursday, March 19th at 5:30 P.M.
Sinai Temple
10400 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 P.M.
King David Grill
6118 West Pico Blvd
(Just East of La Cienega), L.A.

May/June Sunday Brunch

Sunday, June 7th, 2009 at 10:00 AM
Place to be determined.

STEAK "FRY"

Sunday, August 16th at 5:00 P.M.
Goldsmith's BBQ
229 South Clark Drive, B.H.

LYNDON JOHNSON -- A FRIEND IN DEED

By Lenny Ben-David

The following articles appeared in the [Jerusalem Post](#) on September 10:

A few weeks ago, the Associated Press reported that newly released tapes from US president Lyndon Johnson's White House office showed LBJ's "personal and often emotional connection to Israel." The news agency pointed out that during the Johnson presidency (1963-1969), "the United States became Israel's chief diplomatic ally and primary arms supplier."

But the news report does little to reveal the full historical extent of Johnson's actions on behalf of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. Most students of the Arab-Israeli conflict can identify Johnson as the president during the 1967 war. But few know about LBJ's actions to rescue hundreds of endangered Jews during the Holocaust - actions that could have thrown him out of Congress and into jail. Indeed, the title of "Righteous Gentile" is certainly appropriate in the case of the Texan, whose centennial year is being commemorated this year.

Appropriately enough, the annual Jerusalem Conference announced this week that it will honor Johnson in February 2009.

Historians have revealed that Johnson, while serving as a young congressman in 1938 and 1939, arranged for visas to be supplied to Jews in Warsaw, and oversaw the apparently illegal immigration of hundreds of Jews through the port of Galveston, Texas.

A key resource for uncovering LBJ's pro-Jewish activity is the unpublished 1989 doctoral thesis by University of Texas student Louis Gomolak, "Prologue: LBJ's Foreign Affairs Background, 1908-1948." Johnson's activities were confirmed by other historians in interviews with his wife, family members and political associates.

Research into Johnson's personal history indicates that he inherited his concern for the Jewish people from his family. His aunt Jessie Johnson Hatcher, a major influence on LBJ, was a member of the Zionist Organization of America. According to Gomolak, Aunt Jessie had nurtured LBJ's commitment to befriending Jews for 50 years. As a young boy, Lyndon watched his politically active grandfather "Big Sam" and father "Little Sam" seek clemency for Leo Frank, the Jewish victim of a blood libel in Atlanta. Frank was lynched by a mob in 1915, and the Ku Klux Klan in Texas threatened to kill the Johnsons. The Johnsons later told friends that Lyndon's family hid in their cellar while his father and uncles stood guard with shotguns on their porch in case of KKK attacks. Johnson's speechwriter later stated, "Johnson often cited Leo Frank's lynching as the source of his opposition to both anti-Semitism and isolationism."

Already in 1934 - four years before Chamberlain's Munich sellout to Hitler - Johnson was keenly alert to the dangers of Nazism and presented a book of essays, *Nazism: An Assault on Civilization*, to the 21-year-old woman he was courting, Claudia Taylor - later known as "Lady Bird" Johnson. It was an incredible engagement present.

FIVE DAYS after taking office in 1937, LBJ broke with the "Dixiecrats" and supported an immigration bill that would naturalize illegal aliens, mostly Jews from Lithuania and Poland. In 1938, Johnson was told of a young Austrian Jewish musician who was about to be deported from the United States. With an element of subterfuge, LBJ sent him to the US Consulate in Havana to obtain a residency permit.

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Erich Leinsdorf, the world famous musician and conductor, credited LBJ for saving his live.

That same year, LBJ warned a Jewish friend, Jim Novy, that European Jews faced annihilation. "Get as many Jewish people as possible out [of Germany and Poland]," were Johnson's instructions. Somehow, Johnson provided him with a pile of signed immigration papers that were used to get 42 Jews out of Warsaw.

But that wasn't enough. According to historian James M. Smallwood, Congressman Johnson used legal and sometimes illegal methods to smuggle "hundreds of Jews into Texas, using Galveston as the entry port. Enough money could buy false passports and fake visas in Cuba, Mexico and other Latin American countries.... Johnson smuggled boatloads and planeloads of Jews into Texas. He hid them in the Texas National Youth Administration... Johnson saved at least four or five hundred Jews, possibly more."

During World War II Johnson joined Novy at a small Austin gathering to sell \$65,000 in war bonds. According to Gomolak, Novy and Johnson then raised a very "substantial sum for arms for Jewish underground fighters in Palestine." One source cited by the historian reports that "Novy and Johnson had been secretly shipping heavy crates labeled 'Texas Grapefruit' - but containing arms - to Jewish underground 'freedom fighters' in Palestine."

ON JUNE 4, 1945, Johnson visited Dachau. According to Smallwood, Lady Bird later recalled that when her husband returned home, "he was still shaken, stunned, terrorized and bursting with an overpowering revulsion and incredulous horror at what he had seen."

A decade later while serving in the Senate, Johnson blocked the Eisenhower administration's attempts to apply sanctions against Israel following the 1956 Sinai Campaign. "The indefatigable Johnson had never ceased pressure on the administration," wrote I.L. "Si" Kenen, the head of AIPAC at the time.

As Senate majority leader, Johnson consistently blocked the anti- Israel initiatives of his fellow Democrat, William Fulbright, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Among Johnson's closest advisers during this period were

several strong pro-Israel advocates, including Benjamin Cohen (who 30 years earlier was the liaison between Supreme Court justice Louis Brandeis and Chaim Weizmann) and Abe Fortas, the legendary Washington "insider."

Johnson's concern for the Jewish people continued through his presidency. Soon after taking office in the aftermath of John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963, Johnson told an Israeli diplomat, "You have lost a very great friend, but you have found a better one."

Just one month after succeeding Kennedy, LBJ attended the December 1963 dedication of the Agudas Achim Synagogue in Austin. Novy opened the ceremony by saying to Johnson, "We can't thank him enough for all those Jews he got out of Germany during the days of Hitler."

Lady Bird would later describe the day, according to Gomolak: "Person after person plucked at my sleeve and said, 'I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for him. He helped me get out.'" Lady Bird elaborated, "Jews had been woven into the warp and woof of all [Lyndon's] years."

THE PRELUDE to the 1967 war was a terrifying period for Israel, with the US State Department led by the historically unfriendly Dean Rusk urging an evenhanded policy despite Arab threats and acts of aggression. Johnson held no such illusions. After the war he placed the blame firmly on Egypt: "If a single act of folly was more responsible for this explosion than any other, it was the arbitrary and dangerous announced decision [by Egypt] that the Strait of Tiran would be closed [to Israeli ships and Israeli-bound cargo]."

Kennedy was the first president to approve the sale of defensive US weapons to Israel, specifically Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. But Johnson approved tanks and fighter jets, all vital after the 1967 war when France imposed a freeze on sales to Israel. Yehuda Avner recently described on these pages prime minister Levi Eshkol's successful appeal for these weapons on a visit to the LBJ ranch.

Israel won the 1967 war, and Johnson worked to make sure it also won the peace. "I sure as hell want to be careful and not run out on little Israel,"

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Johnson said in a March 1968 conversation with his ambassador to the United Nations, Arthur Goldberg, according to White House tapes recently released.

Soon after the 1967 war, Soviet premier Aleksei Kosygin asked Johnson at the Glassboro Summit why the US supported Israel when there were 80 million Arabs and only three million Israelis. "Because it is right," responded the straight-shooting Texan.

The crafting of UN Resolution 242 in November 1967 was done under Johnson's scrutiny. The call for "secure and recognized boundaries" was critical. The American and British drafters of the resolution opposed Israel returning all the territories captured in the war. In September 1968, Johnson explained, "We are not the ones to say where other nations should draw lines between them that will assure each the greatest security. It is clear, however, that a return to the situation of 4 June 1967 will not bring peace. There must be secure and there must be recognized borders. Some such lines must be agreed to by the neighbors involved."

Goldberg later noted, "Resolution 242 in no way refers to Jerusalem, and this omission was deliberate." This historic diplomacy was conducted under Johnson's stewardship, as Goldberg related in oral history to the Johnson Library. "I must say for Johnson," Goldberg stated. "He gave me great personal support."

Robert David Johnson, a professor of history at Brooklyn College, recently wrote in The New York Sun, "Johnson's policies stemmed more from personal concerns - his friendship with leading Zionists, his belief that America had a moral obligation to bolster Israeli security and his conception of Israel as a frontier land much like his home state of Texas. His personal concerns led him to intervene when he felt that the State or Defense departments had insufficiently appreciated Israel's diplomatic or military needs."

President Johnson firmly pointed American policy in a pro-Israel direction. In a historical context, the American emergency airlift to Israel in 1973, the constant diplomatic support, the economic and military assistance and the strategic bonds between the two countries can all be credited to the seeds planted by LBJ.

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MICHELLE OBAMA'S REMARKABLE COUSIN- RABBI CAPERS FUNNYE

By Scott S. Widitor

Our soon to be First Lady, Michelle Obama, is the first cousin, once removed, of prominent Chicago rabbi, Capers Funnye. Funnye (pronounced fun-ey) is the spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, a mostly black synagogue on Chicago's South Side. Rabbi Funnye and Michelle Obama's father, Frasier Robinson III (who passed away in 1991) were first cousins.

Funnye is a member of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, serves on the boards of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and the American Jewish Congress of the Midwest, and is active in the Institute for Jewish and Community Research, which reaches out to black Jewish communities outside the United States, such as the Beta Israel in Ethiopia and the Igbo Jews in Nigeria.

Beth Shalom was started by Rabbi Horace Hasan from Bombay, India, in 1918 as the Ethiopian Hebrew Settlement Workers Association. Along with African-Americans, the membership included Hispanics and White Jews, as well as former Christians and Muslims. In 1952, Chief Rabbi Wentworth A. Matthew came to Chicago to oversee the opening of a separate new temple to serve the Ethiopian Hebrew Community.

In 1984, Matthew's Congregation of Ethiopian Hebrews and Hasan's Beth Shalom Hebrew Congregation merged to form Beth Shalom Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation. Rabbi Abihu Ben Reuben served as senior rabbi with Funnye acting as assistant rabbi. In 1993 Beth Shalom merged with the Congregation of B'nai Zaken to form Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation with Funnye serving as the senior rabbi.

**Rabbi Wentworth A. Matthew and the
Commandment Keepers**

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Wentworth A. Matthew was, himself, a very interesting figure. Born in Lagos, Nigeria in 1892, Matthew founded the Commandment Keepers Congregation in Harlem in 1919. Heavily influenced by the white Jews he met, he also began to identify with the Beta Israel of Ethiopia as well. The Commandment Keepers were also influenced by the philosophy of Marcus Garvey who emphasized Black Nationalism and economic self-sufficiency. Under Matthew's leadership Israelite rabbis were trained and congregations were established throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

While never denying the legitimacy of white Jews, Matthew believed that the biblical patriarchs and the original Jews were black. White Jews, he asserted, had kept and preserved Judaism. The Commandment Keepers still believe that people of Ethiopian descent represent one of the lost tribes of Israel and claim King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba as their ancestors.

Matthew applied twice to become a member of the New York Board of Rabbis and was rejected both times. Eventually he concluded that black Jews would not be accepted by the white Jewish community. After his death in 1973, his religious legacy was continued by other rabbis, including Rabbi Funnye.

Funnye was ordained as a rabbi by Rabbi Matthew's Israelite Rabbinical Academy in 1985. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Jewish Studies and Master of Science in Human Service Administration from the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago. In contrast to Matthew's experience, Rabbi Funnye ultimately became the first African American member of the Chicago Board of Rabbis.

A Unique Perspective on Judaism

Like most of his congregation, Rabbi Funnye was not born into Judaism. He was originally a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, but became dissatisfied with its philosophy. Funnye investigated other religions, including Islam, before converting to Judaism. He comments that Judaism gave him a sense of intellectual and spiritual liberation because of its constant encouragement of examination and emphasis on questioning.

Beth Shalom members note that their minhagim (customs), in some ways, closely resemble those of Modern Orthodox Judaism with clear Conservative Jewish and African-American influences. Although men and women sit separately as in Orthodox synagogues, a chorus sings spirituals to the beat of a drum. The congregation also allows travel on the Shabbat for worship services. The community generally follows a biblical definition of kosher food that prohibits the eating of pork and certain kinds of sea food but does not require the separation of milk and meat products. Despite this, there are also members who are strictly kosher according to the rabbinical Halakah. As is traditional with Judaism, they do not seek converts, and members must study Judaism for a year before undergoing a traditional conversion which requires that men to be ritually circumcised and women to undergo ritual immersion in a mikvah.

Preference for the Term Hebrew or Israelite

Today, many of Matthew's followers prefer the terms "Hebrew" or "Israelite" for several reasons. First, these are the terms used in the Torah to refer to the "children of Israel." Secondly, these terms distinguish their community from white Jewish communities because the term "Jewish" is often incorrectly associated with "whiteness." Thirdly, the words Hebrew or Israelite, while distinguishing the community, avoid the changing nomenclatures of terms like Negro, Black, and now African-American.

"I'm Going to Reach Out Until You Reach Back."

While Funnye states that he does not discriminate against white people, he notes that there are a lot of white Jews who are racist. He believes that, as a result, some black Jews have responded with anti-white racism. Although the idea of African American Jews is sometimes met with skepticism, Rabbi Funnye told the New York Times, "We're not going anywhere . . . I'm going to reach out until you reach back." "I am a Jew, and that breaks through all color and ethnic barriers."

Beth Shalom's website notes that it is proud of its uniqueness and expresses that hope that others will also appreciate and enjoy it as well. Thankfully, with

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Barak's Obama's ascendancy to the Presidency, this sometimes overlooked aspect of Judaism has already received some long overdue attention.

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PERCEPTION OF JEWS

By Well Known Non-Jews

Some people like the Jews, and some do not. But no thoughtful man can deny the fact that they are, beyond any question, the most formidable and the most remarkable race which has appeared in the world." --Winston Churchill

"The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire, and has illumined with it the entire world. He is the religious source, spring, and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their religions." --Leo Tolstoy

"It was in vain that we locked them up for several hundred years behind the walls of the Ghetto (in Rome). No sooner were their prison gates unbarred than they easily caught up with us, even on those paths which we opened up without their aid." --A. A. Leroy Beaulieu, French publicist, 1842

"The Jew gave us the Outside and the Inside - our outlook and our inner life. We can hardly get up in the morning or cross the street without being Jewish.

We dream Jewish dreams and hope Jewish hopes. Most of our best words, in fact - new, adventure, surprise, unique, individual, person, vocation, time, history, future, freedom, progress, spirit, faith, hope, justice - are the gifts of the Jews." --Thomas Cahill, Irish Author

"One of the gifts of the Jewish culture to Christianity is that it has taught Christians to think like Jews, and any modern man who has not learned to think as though he were a Jew can hardly be said to have learned to think at all." --William Rees-Mogg, former Editor-in-Chief for The Times of London and a member of the House of Lords

"It is certain that in certain parts of the world we can see a peculiar people, separated from the other peoples of the world and this is called the Jewish people.... This people is not only of remarkable antiquity but has also lasted for a singular long time... For whereas the people of Greece and Italy, of Sparta, Athens and Rome and others who came so much later have perished so long ago, these still exist, despite the efforts of so many powerful kings who have tried a hundred times to wipe them out, as their historians testify, and as can easily be judged by the natural order of things over such a long spell of years. They have always been preserved, however, and their preservation was foretold... --Blaise Pascal, French Mathematician

"The Jewish vision became the prototype for many similar grand designs for humanity, both divine and man made. The Jews, therefore, stand at the center of the perennial attempt to give human life the dignity of a purpose." --Paul Johnson, American Historian

"As long as the world lasts, all who want to make progress in righteousness will come to Israel for inspiration as to the people who had the sense for righteousness most glowing and strongest." --Matthew Arnold, British poet and critic

"Indeed it is difficult for all other nations of the world to live in the presence of the Jews. It is irritating and most uncomfortable. The Jews embarrass the world as they have done things which are beyond the imaginable. They have become moral strangers since the day their forefather, Abraham, introduced the world to high ethical standards and to the fear of Heaven. They brought the world the Ten Commandments, which many nations prefer to defy.

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They violated the rules of history by staying alive, totally at odds with common sense and historical evidence. They outlived all their former enemies, including vast empires such as the Romans and the Greeks. They angered the world with their return to their homeland after 2000 years of exile and after the murder of six million of them. "They aggravated mankind by building, in the wink of an eye, a democratic State which others were not able to create in even hundreds of years. They built living monuments such as the duty to be holy and the privilege to serve one's fellow men.

"They had their hands in every human progressive endeavor, whether in science, medicine, psychology or any other discipline, while totally out of proportion to their actual numbers. They gave the world the Bible and even their "savior."

"Jews taught the world not to accept the world as it is, but to transform it, yet only a few nations wanted to listen. Moreover, the Jews introduced the world to one God, yet only a minority wanted to draw the moral consequences. So the nations of the world realize that they would have been lost without the Jews. And while their subconscious tries to remind them of how much of Western civilization is framed in terms of concepts first articulated by the Jews, they do anything to suppress it."

"They deny that Jews remind them of a higher purpose of life and the need to be honorable, and do anything to escape its consequences. It is simply too much to handle for them, too embarrassing to admit, and above all, too difficult to live by. "So the nations of the world decided once again to go out of 'their' way in order to find a stick to hit the Jews. The goal: to prove that Jews are as immoral and guilty of massacre and genocide as some of they themselves are. "All this in order to hide and justify their own failure to even protest when six million Jews were brought "Nothing could be more gratifying for them than to find the Jews in a struggle with another people (who are completely terrorized by their own leaders) against whom the Jews, against their best wishes, have to defend themselves in order to survive. With great satisfaction, the world allows and initiates the rewriting of history so as to fuel the rage of yet another people against the Jews. This in spite of the fact that the nations understand very well that peace between the parties could have come a long time ago, if only the Jews would have had a fair

chance. "Instead, they happily jumped on the wagon of hate so as to justify their jealousy of the Jews and their incompetence to deal with their own moral issues. When Jews look at the bizarre play taking place in The Hague, they can only smile as this artificial game once more proves how the world paradoxically admits the Jews uniqueness. It is in their need to undermine the Jews that they actually raise them."

"The study of history of Europe during the past centuries teaches us one uniform lesson: That the nations which received and in any way dealt fairly and mercifully with the Jew have prospered; and that the nations that have tortured and oppressed them have written out their own curse." --Olive Schreiner, South African novelist and social activist

"If there is any honor in all the world that I should like, it would be to be an honorary Jewish citizen." -- A.L Rowse, authority on Shakespeare

GIGGLES

Fred

A local law enforcement officer stops a car for traveling faster than the posted speed limit. Since the officer is in a good mood that day he decides to give the poor fellow a break and write him out a warning instead of a ticket. So, he asks the man his name.

"Fred," he replies. "Fred what," the officer asks.

"Just Fred," the man responds.

When the officer presses him for a last name, the man tells him that he used to have a last name but lost it. The officer thinks he has a nut case on his hands but plays along with it.

"Tell me Fred, how did you lose your last name?"

The man replies, "It's a long story so stay with me. I was born Fred Dingaling. I know, it's funny last name. The kids used to tease me all the time. So basically I stayed to myself. I studied hard and got good grades.

When I got older I realized that I wanted to be a doctor. I went through college medical school, internship, and residency, finally got my degree so I

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was Fred Dingaling, MD.

After a while I got bored being a doctor so I decided to go back to school. Dentistry was my dream. Got all the way through school, got my degree so I was now Fred Dingaling, MD, DDS.

Got bored doing dentistry so I started fooling around with my dental assistant. She gave me VD. So, I was Fred Dingaling, MD, DDS with VD.

Well, the ADA found out about the VD so they took away my DDS. So I was Fred Dingaling MD with VD.

Then the AMA found out about the ADA taking away my DDS because of the VD, so they took away my MD leaving me as Fred Dingaling with VD.

Then the VD took away my dingaling so now I'm just Fred.

The officer walked away in tears laughing.....

This MEZZUZOT incident could happen !!!

A wealthy, English, Jewish guy buys a fabulous home with over 50 rooms. He brings in a local workman to decorate the place. When the job is finished the Jewish guy is delighted but realizes that he's forgotten something -- to put mezzuzot on the doors.

He goes out and buys 50 mezzuzot and shows the decorator where to place them on the right hand side of each door apart from bathrooms and kitchens. He's really worried that the decorator will chip the paintwork or won't put them up correctly.

However, when he comes back a few hours later the job has been carried out to his entire satisfaction. He's so pleased that he gives the decorator a bonus.

As the decorator is walking out of the door he says to the Jewish guy: "Glad you're happy with the job, sir. By the way, I took out all the guarantees that were in the little boxes and left them on the table for you "

Bad Food?

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa.

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. "Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water.

"But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all, and we all have, or will, eat it. Would anyone care to guess what food causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a small 75-year-old Jewish man in the front row, raised his hand and said, "Vedding Cake?"

TRIVIA

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David Hearts - Charlemagne Clubs - Alexander, the Great Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and

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Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase.....
"Goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their

ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

Don't delete this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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