

# Poetry Corner

J. P. Crawfish  
*I like the rain*

**Chuck Schumer's Glasses**  
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Precariously perched  
Tilted and tepid  
How does he look up?  
Or straight forward?  
Or in any direction that isn't at a 60 degree angle?  
Left with many questions  
I seek

No answers  
Just Chuck

**Fiddler on the Roof**  
Without traditions  
Without traditions

Our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof

Oh no

That's not good

The fiddler

Has dropped the fiddle

From the roof

Onto Tevye's eldest

She looks hurt

Ok it's just a bruise she'll be fine

Surely nothing else bad will happen to the Jews of

Anatevka

**The Guy in the Macabreats that Wears the Astronaut Suit in the Candlelight Video from 14 Years Ago**

Please marry me  
I know you're married

~~And I'm a lesbian~~

But please marry me

This isn't a poem

**My Dad Kind of Looks Like Adam Sandler**

The universe  
Is cold and dark

Unearring and random

So why then

Does my dad look kind of like Adam Sandler.

Like they're not identical but they have a certain

similar likeness

The universe is

Absurd and answers to no one

So I shout to the void

If I have a child

Will it be Adam Sandler

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# All my Jewish Friends say the most antisemitic things

**Berner Rogers**  
*Oh god why do I use my real name for this*

As someone who isn't Jewish, I have not been involved in the production of the ReadMe Passover Issue. But even if it's not my place, I would just like to say something. And I swear, it isn't because it's written by Jewish people. I have nothing against the Jewish people. In fact, a lot of my friends are Jewish! Well, not that having Jewish friends precludes me from being antisemitic, but that — I mean, I'm not friends with them because they're Jewish, they just happen to be both Jewish and my friends. So I'm definitely cool with the Jews.

*Jessie* [Editor's Note: Really? Interesting choice of messiah], *Bernier, what are you doing? Get a grip. Just... just more on already.*

All I'm saying is that some of my Jewish friends have a rather dark sense of humor. Particularly the ones who write for ReadMe. And there's nothing wrong with that! Everyone enjoys a macabre joke every once in a while. But sometimes, from an outside

perspective, it can look a little...

questionable. Especially when they make these jokes in public. I mean, I understand that humor can be a way of coping with generational trauma. I'm not trying to say that isn't okay! I totally understand the appeal for self-deprecating humor. But we are in a very sensitive political time right now and, well, sometimes these kinds of jokes can come off rather poorly.

There might not even be any problems! I trust my friends to make good decisions while writing, and they're all very funny people. It's probably fine.

Look, I don't think I'm getting my point across very well. I just... wow. I don't know how else to say this, but... The Jewish people in ReadMe have said the most antisemitic things I have ever encountered. I've heard absolutely vile statements come from the mouths of my Jewish friends. If I repeated them, it would instantly make me

unhireable. I'm talking about talking points ripped straight from medieval Europe. It can be really, really bad.

# Torah Review Update to “Ain’t gonna work on Saturday”

J.P. Crawfish  
*My bat-mitzvah portion was just about crops and also the unwavering wrath of G-d*

**Noah's Ark**

☆☆

Great ocean scenery but they put me with the only other human and he keeps looking at me weird.

**Tower of Babel**

☆☆

Gribbledorf zantls thompsonously squibberwump's jibbleflop.

**Cain and Abel**

☆☆☆☆

If my dad named me Cain, I'd also be pissed off.

**Joseph's Coat of Many Colors**

☆☆

A bit too much if you ask me.

**Passover Story**

☆☆

Can't believe they plagiarized from the iconic 1998 American animated musical drama film The Prince of Egypt. Is nothing original these days?

**The Desert**

☆☆☆☆

It's been a great few days. I'm sure we'll get to the promised land really soon. I'm really not a fan of wandering or the number 40 but I'm sure that won't be a problem.

**Ten Commandments**

☆

We really traded a golden calf for two stones, huh.

# On the Four Questions

**Tali Kirschenbaum**  
*Questioning*

First of all, if you've ever heard of the Four

Questions, chng sameach. If you haven't, be grateful you won't have to do them when you're forced into

joining your hypothetical Jewish friends (who are all older than you, obviously) at their several-hour-long celebration of a liberation they claim they all were at even though it was 4,000 years ago and also probably never happened at all (I can say that; most Jews don't

*Oh man... This is not how I wanted this to go. What am I even saying? You need to save this right now, Bernier, or you can kiss any hope for an internship goodbye.*

Do I need to convert to Judaism? Because I'll do it. I am fully prepared to devote my life to reading the Torah and cooking for Shabbat dinner. Just please, someone let me know what I can do to make this stop. I'm a good person I swear. Christ [Editor's

*Note: Hmm... why am I even trying? It's hopeless! Why does it have to be me? I'm not an antisemitic! You have to believe me! It's not my fault! It's their fault! No, I mean, I don't want to blame the — goddamnit, it's not the Jews' fault either! I'm so sorry!*

*Oh god, why did I have to use my real name for this goddamn newspaper?*

# Wean is Shabbat Friendly?

Kanya Dogan  
*Stuck between Wean 4 and 5 for eternity*

On Shabbat, Jews are not to partake in physical

activity, work, or use contraptions that use electricity voluntarily — which means one cannot

press the buttons of an elevator. Many institutions use what are known as "Shabbat elevators", which are elevators that stop and open at every floor, such that observant Jews could go onto a different floor while still obeying G-d. One example of such an

institution that uses this technology is Wean Hall at Carnegie Mellon University, a prestigious T5 tech school nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. The way these elevators are shabbat compliant is rather unique — rather than using code

that activates on a Friday evening sunset to enable Shabbat mode, the University provides a multitude of goyish students to enter and exit at each floor. If one were to, lets say, try to traverse from floor 4 to 7, a very common commute here, the following scene would play out: someone calls the elevator at floor 4,

as is common, and presses the button for floor 5 because they are a lazy fuck that cannot bother to use the stairs. Once you are on the elevator and it gets to floor 5, this loser exits and a different schmuck enters and presses the button for floor 6.

Once there, the same scene plays out. If an observant Jew were to be on this elevator, Hashem would be very pleased. However, this method of using human labor to turn elevators into Shabbat machines has a major oversight — boards of lazy

people usually aren't on floors 1, 2, 3, 8, or 9, which means that a nice Jewish boy, girl, or neither would have to press the buttons themselves on these levels. Hopefully, the university supplies incentives to increase the student population at these floors, or just catches up to the rest of the world on Shabbat elevator technology.

# Man named Enu goes into hiding after passover seder

**Enu [Redacted]**  
*Help*

Although it's been nearly a year since that Seder, I am still in fear for my life. The incident started as a simple invitation. Several of my

Jewish friends invited me to a Passover seder. "You get four glasses of wine," they said. "It's like Thanksgiving with three

hours of prayers and none of the traditional food," they said. "It will be fun," they said. I was naive enough to accept the invitation.

A few days later, I donned a formal dress shirt, combed my hair, and made my way over to my friend's house. Although I was fifteen minutes late, I was the first to arrive. The coffee table was

flowers. My eyes wavered over to the table where a plate with different items (that they'd later tell me was a seder plate) rested.

My friend approached me. "This is your first passover seder?" he asked. "Don't worry, we'll walk you through it."

At first, I enjoyed the passover seder. We drank a glass of wine, ate parsley dipped in saltwater, and recounted the story of G-d freeing the Jews from Egypt. Then disaster struck. One of my so-called friends piped up, "How about we sing 'die Enu'?"

I froze. Did I hear her

correctly? The rest of the group heartily agreed. I sank back into my chair, certainly my ears were malfunctioning. The group began to break into song. I sang the first

condition of anonymity. "Yeah, my friends and I were celebrating the Jewish holiday of Purim," said Zhou. "We heard you're

supposed to drink until you can't tell the difference between Mordechai, who's the good guy, and Haman, who's the bad guy. I guess I got to the point where I couldn't even tell the difference between being awake and being asleep, though." Zhou says he will "learn from this experience" and "use the exact same excuse next year."

**Hannukah candle factory burns down**

ReadMe has received reports of an enormous fire which has engulfed the beloved Hannukah

candle factory in Montreville,

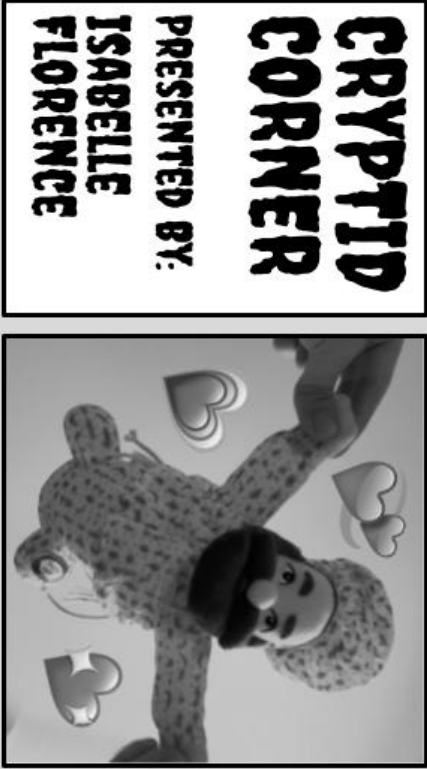
which served as a destination for many Pittsburgh-area Jewish preschool field trips for countless

December's past. According to people familiar with the incident, the fire was started by a member of the quality assurance department, who accidentally dropped the candle on the factory's repurposed industrial-era wooden floor, from where it spread across the hundreds of thousands of wicks and finished candles across the building.

Though there were thought to be only enough candles to keep the fire burning for one day, the factory remained in flames for eight. Miraculously, no one was hurt.

# Rejected Headlines #20

- Due to inflation, 11th man required for Minyan.
- Is that Nazi salute or is Elon Musk just happy to see me?
- How to Gossip at a Shiva Like A Pro
- How to tell if your reform rabbi is a lesbian (she is).
- How to tell if your lesbian is a reform rabbi (she is).
- Mom if I find the afikomen can I have my turn on the space laser.
- Kanye up to something.
- Intro to Religion Course Deadline Drops: Whole Class Converts to Judaism.
- It's not blood libel, it's just a better skin care routine.
- Worst kid in your Hebrew class insists on making Purim play a musical.
- Rabbi hot?!
- Gelt still more real than crypto.
- King Solomon Attempts to divide up twins, mother requests they're both cut in half.
- All this and more, not in this issue!



OH, I LOVE YOU MATZAH MAN

I love him. His small size makes our relationship dynamic a bit confusing. I'm sure Freud would have thoughts, but I couldn't care less. I think it's platonic but sometimes we steal flirty glances at each other. I'll admit I'm a sucker for strong beards. Each morning (except the Sabbath) I wake to his song, walk to the kitchen and see him on the counter, rolling out the dough. I tell him that he's such a good cook just to see his little smile and hear his little laugh, even if he only knows how to make matzah. What a beautiful little life we lead together.

B // One Twenty-sixth of the Alphabet



# Glossary of Jewish Terms for the uneducated reader

*Readme*  
*The Tartan wishes it were us*

**Afikoman:** Christians celebrating Easter wish they could be us. Oh you search for colorful eggs? Try a part of a large cracker. Your seven year old cousin will become a feral Sherlock Holmes and it will become everyone's problem.

**Bar/Bat mitzvah:** The service in which a 13 year old Jewish boy/girl becomes a Jewish adult. Your parents will not treat you as an adult though. (They never will.)

**Birkat Hamazon:** The set of prayers said after meals which at camp is accompanied by a near-canonical set of hand motions and sayings, among the more dubious of which is the classic "I swear I saw her bra."

**Chag sameach:** Hebrew for happy holidays!

**Fiddler on the Roof:** A classic.

**Four questions:** The thing you still have to sing during Passover because you are still the youngest at the seder despite being old enough to vote and own a gun.

**Gefilte fish:** an Ashkenazi gelatinous fish loaf. It's good I promise, just maybe not the first 2000 times you try it.

**Goy:** a gentile (non-Jewish person), but in yiddish because readme can't spell well enough to risk using the word *gentile* gentile

**Hashem:** the one you call on at every minor inconvenience

**Hamentashen:** Geez you try to kill the Jews one time and now they eat a cookie that looks like your hat for the next 2400 years; also somehow the least Jewish cookie you'll find in a New York City bakery

**Jewish Geography:** 'Oh where in Brooklyn?'

**Maccabears:** Every year twenty balding former Yeshiva University students, will release a banger of an acapella parody that will get sent to every synagogue email list in the matter of minutes, as G-d intended

**Matzah:** The shitty cracker-like unleavened bread we eat on Passover

that non-Jews seem to actually like for some fucking reason

**Mazel tov:** Congratulations. Said often during bar/bat mitzvahs to distract from the crushing loneliness of middle school

**Passover:** Like Easter but instead of finding brightly colored eggs you have one hard boiled egg you put on a plate next to some bitter herbs and animal bones. Also instead of a magical rabbit there's bitter herbs you eat on step 9 of 15 steps of a minimum 3 hour service. Actually not at all like Easter but if you want to get drunk and cry for religious reasons boy do I have a holiday for you.

**Purim:** The holiday that's much closer to the release of this issue. Purim celebrates the time the Jews of Persia were allowed to kill anyone trying to kill them, after which they all got super wasted. Jews of today are encouraged to get super wasted on Purim in their honor. Also just Jewish Halloween.

**Shabbat:** Day of rest. Most CMU students don't celebrate. Also the holiest day of the week to have sex. Most CMU students don't celebrate.

**Shabbos Kodesh:** fancy way of saying shabbat

**Schmiesel:** 'one who spills their soup', often upon the unfortunate schlimgazel

**Schnuck:** only an idiot like you wouldn't know

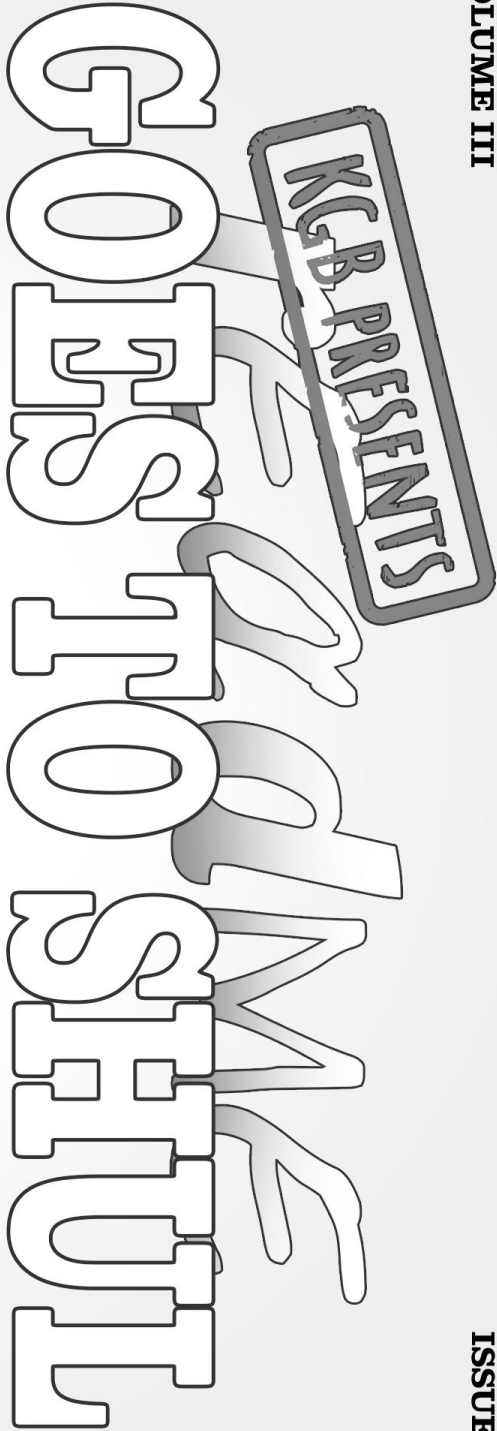
**Shul:** another word for temple

**Seder:** The 'let's eat' part of 'They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat'

**Seder plate:** a boiled egg, a shank bone, bitter herbs, horseradish, a vegetable and haroset (mix of chopped fruit and nuts meant to resemble mortar) on a plate. Honestly a pretty normal combination of things to put on a plate. Could not think of a more normal combination of things to put on a plate.

**Sukkah:** Go touch some grass and find out in person

**Temple:** another word for shul



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