

Temple Beth El Men's Club

TRIVIA

Challenge

Ready for some OLD BROADWAY trivia? Here goes:

Remember: [Click here](#) to join Harriet Rubenstein on the Temple's Zoom site tomorrow evening (Tuesday), right after the 7:45 pm Minyan, so we can discuss our answers.

1. What play started without music then became a musical with the same story? It took place in Germany before WWII. The first play was I AM A CAMERA. The musical was CABERET and starred Joel Gray and Lotte Lenya.
2. What two actors met while in a Broadway musical and subsequently married and later divorced? It was the first Broadway show for each of them. A Tony nomination was given to the actress. The play was I CAN GET IT FOR YOU WHOLESALE and the actors were BARBSRA STREISAND AND ELLIOTT GOULD. Harold wrote the music.
3. What well known singer appeared as a Washington, D.C. socialite in a musical? The story was a spoof on politics. It received rave reviews. The musical was CALL ME MADAM and the star was ETHEL MERMAN. IRVING BERLIN wrote the score.
4. Who was the school teacher that traveled to Asia and her life completely changed, and who was the person who changed her life? The play was THE KING AND I, and The STARS were GERTRUDE LAWRENCE and YUL BRENNER. Rogers and Hammerstein wrote the music.
5. The MUSIC MAN is being revived when Broadway reopens. It was a huge hit and received the Best Musical Award in 1957-58. Do you know the names of the two stars who played the leading roles when it opened? BARBARA COOK and ROBERT PRESTON. MEREDITH WILSON wrote the music.
6. In April of 2001, a hit show opened to rave reviews and tickets became a premium. Mel Brooks wrote the score. It later became a movie that was also tremendously popular. Name the show and the two stars. The show was THE PRODUCERS, and the stars were NATHAN LANE and MATHEW

BRODERICK.

7. In August 1983 a new musical burst upon Broadway that had everyone talking about it with its unusual story regarding gender. It became a big hit with a lively score. The book was by Harvey Fierstein which should be a hint. What was the show and who wrote the score? The show was LA CAGE AUX FALLES. The stars were GENE BARRY and WALTER CHARLES. JERRY HERMAN wrote the music.

8. The movie version of this musical is shown every year during holiday time even though it is not a Christmas story. It was a huge Broadway success. Many actors and actresses have played the leading roles since the original cast. The fiftieth anniversary of its opening was this past April. When interviewed, neither star expected the play to be a success. Rogers and Hammerstein wrote the score. What was the musical and who were the stars? The show was THE SOUND OF MUSIC, the stars JULIE ANDREWS AND CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER.

9. This musical's plot revolved around the antics of a fun-loving eccentric woman whose life changes when she becomes the guardian of her late brother's child. What is the name of the musical and who was the star? The musical is MAME and ANGELA LANSBURY was the star. The score was composed by Jerry Herman.

10. In 1956 another new musical opened which the critics felt was more operatic and had the misfortune of opening during a season of many other more successful musicals. It ran for only 14 months. The story concerned the romance between an older man and a younger woman. There have been several revivals done since. What was the name of the musical? THE MOST HAPPY FELLA. The stars were JO SULLIVAN and ROBERT WEEDE

11. In 1971 an exciting new musical opened on Broadway. It was the story of a reunion of actors who had been together in a theatre that was shortly to be demolished. The play centered on the lives of two couples who had known one another during that time, which was sometime between WWI and II. This musical has been repeated many times in later years. What was the musical and who were the original actors? The play was FOLLIES. ALEXIS SMITH and DOROTHY COLLINS. The music was written by Steven Sondheim. In a later production BERNADETTE PETERS and ELAINE PAGE played their parts.

12. This musical opened in 1954 and the story dealt with factory labor troubles. The workers demanded a seven and a half cent raise that was refused. Somehow love blossomed between the head of the grievance committee and the boss. Many popular songs were introduced. What is the name of the show and who were the stars? The musical is THE PAJAMA GAME and the stars were JANIS PAIGE AND JOHN RAIT. The music was by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross.

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Ready for some YIDDISH trivia? Here goes:

Remember: Click here to join Helen Pollack on the Temple's Zoom site tomorrow evening (Tuesday), right after the 7:45 pm Minyan, so we can discuss our answers.

YIDDISH was born in the 11th century in the shtetles of Europe. It incorporated words from many languages as the wandering Jew crossed the world. So many Yiddish words have become part of our English language. So let's see how many you can put to everyday use!

1. To sum up all the good deeds of this special man, he is amentsh.
2. He really gave it to the audience in no uncertain terms, whatchutzpah.
3. Announcing the birth of my great granddaughter, filled me with lots of naches.
4. There are many culinary foods with Yiddish "tam". Name 3 or more: kugel, knish, bagel, gefilte fish, blintzes, kasha (many more)
5. Don't bother me now, I'm busy! Don't be a nudnick.
6. I cant carry all these packages from Trader Joe! It's a real shlep.
7. To get the best advice, ask Shirley. She is a maeven.
8. He is not his usual self today. He seems to be farmisht.
9. To be a contestant at Nathan's Hotdog Contest, you must be a fresser.
10. Eddie told me that he was involved in so many Zoom meetings today, that he is now osgezumpt.
11. To tell Mrs. Y your "tsoris" today, all your neighbors will know tomorrow. She is the neighborhood yentah.
12. Keep the story short! I don't need to know the gantze megilla.
13. Cleaning out your closet, the NCJW Thrift Shop will receive lots of shmattes.
14. The storekeeper really overcharged on everything. He is a gonif.
15. It is now time for me to say that there is so much more, but the Yiddish saying is genug iz genug!

However, can you translate or use in a sentence, all or some of the following: ?????

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| handel | kvell | meine babes tam |
| goyeshe kop | of spilkes | shande |
| kvetch | chochem | zei gezunt |
| farfalin | azey geit es | hok mir nit a tsheinik |
| yener velt | shlump | goldene medina |

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Ready for some RELIGION? Here goes:

Remember: [Click here to Join Rabbi Kupchik on the Temple's Zoom site tomorrow evening \(Tuesday\), right after the 7:45 pm Minyan, so we can discuss our answers.](#)

1. What are the names of the mothers of Israel?

Sarah Rivka Rachel and Leah

2. How many positive and how many negative mitzvot are there? Total?

248 positive 365 negative (613)

3. Who was the first king of Israel? From which tribe?

Saul – Benjamin

4. At what age does a Jewish male get circumcised?

8 days

5. How many sections (orders) are there in the mishna?

6 - Shisha Sidrei Mishna

6. Who succeeded Moses as leader?

Yehoshua bin Nun

7. What is the period between Pesach and Shavuot known as? Why?

Sefirat Haomer. Omer (measure) of new harvest brought to Temple

8. Who was the first one to walk into the Red Sea before it split?

Nachshon ben Aminadav

9. Where did the Purim story take place?

Shushan – Persia

10. Who wrote the code of law called "Shulchan Aruch"?

Rabbi Yosef Caro (XVI c.)

11. How many rabbis would make up the Sanhedrin?

23/71

12. Which are known as the pilgrimage or "foot/Regel" festivals?
Pesach, Shavuot and Succot

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Remember: Join Rabbi Kupchik on the Temple's Zoom site tomorrow evening (Tuesday), right after the 7:45 pm Minyan, so we can discuss our answers.

1. What is the literal meaning of the word "Sukkot"?

Booths

2. Sukkot is one of the three pilgrimage festivals in the Jewish holiday cycle. What are the other two?

Passover and Shavuot

3. The Sukkah, or festival booth must be a non-permanent structure and must consist of what?

at least two-and-a-half walls

a ceiling made from only plant material that you can see the stars through

4. This book is customarily read on Sukkot.

Ecclesiastes (Kohelet)

5. The lulav is made from the branches of three different types of trees bound together. Which trees?

Palm, Willow, Myrtle

6. In order for the Etrog (citron) to be certified as kosher for use in the ritual of Lulav, what must not fall off?

Pitom (Stem)

7. On which day does Sukkot start?

15th of Tishrei

8. For how many days does the festival of Sukkot last?

Seven

9. During Sukkot, one is supposed to welcome "Ushpizin" in the Sukkah. What are the "Ushpizin"?

Spiritual guests/ ancestors

10. Sukkot is also referred to as Zman Simchateinu. What does this mean?

Time of our rejoicing

11. Which Jewish holiday actually started as a Sukkot celebration?

Chanukah

12. What is Chol HaMoed?

The intermediate days of the Festival

13. Where are you allowed to shake a lulav?

Anywhere

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Ready for some TELEVISION TRIVIA? Here goes:

1. Who played George Costanza on Seinfeld?

Challenging Bonus Question: Almost every episode of Seinfeld contains a reference to or a depiction of the same superhero? Name the superhero.

Jay Scott Greenspan, now known as actor Jason Alexander, portrayed George Costanza on Seinfeld.

Bonus Question: Almost all of the 172 episodes of Seinfeld contain an image or reference related to Superman. Some are overt, where superman is mentioned or discussed, some are subtle such as Jerry's Superman statute or refrigeration magnet, and some are very subtle, such as the appearance of Terry Hatcher (who played Lois Lane).

2. What is the name of the CBS News Anchor (1962-1981) who was known as "the most trusted man in America"?

Challenging Bonus Question: What was his customary sign-off line?

Walter Kronkite (Walter Leland Kronkite Jr.) was known as the most trusted man in America.

Bonus Question: Walter Kronkite's sign-off line was "And thats the way it is... "

3. The current version of Jeopardy! has aired since 1984 with only one host. Name this person.

Challenging Bonus Question: The original version of Jeopardy! aired from 1964 through 1975 with only one host. Name this person.

Alex Trebek has hosted Jeopardy! since 1984.

Bonus Question: The host of the original Jeopardy! was Art Fleming

4. What is the (first and last) name of the high school chemistry teacher

who was portrayed by Bryan Cranston in Breaking Bad (AMC 2008-2013)?

Challenging Bonus Question: What is the name of the prequel to Breaking Bad, which is currently airing on AMC?

Walter White is the character portrayed by Bryan Cranston in Breaking Bad.

Bonus Question: Better Call Saul(AMC 2015-2021) is the prequel to Breaking Bad

5. Simon Helberg portrayed an aerospace engineer and Mayim Bialik portrayed a neurobiologist on which television series which originally aired on CBS from 2007 through 2019.

Challenging Bonus Question: Which Canadian rock band wrote and performed the theme song for this series?

Simon Helberg and Mayim Bialik were actors on The Big Bang Theory. Helberg played Howard Wolowitz all 12 years that the season ran. Bialik, who played Amy Farrah Fowler, guest starred in the 3rd season and was a full cast member in the 4th through 12th seasons.

Bonus Question: As the credits state in every episode, Canadian rock group Barenaked Ladies wrote and performed the Big Bang Theory Theme. Frontman Lloyd "Ed" Robertson has been credited for writing the theme.

6. Since Johnny Carson retired from The Tonight Show (NBC) 28 years ago, three men have regularly hosted The Tonight Show. Name all three.

Challenging Bonus Question: Who filled in for band director Doc Severinson when Doc was away or was filling in for Ed McMahon?

Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Fallon all hosted The Tonight Show after Johnny Carson's departure. Jay Leno had two stints. He was the host both before and after Conan O'Brien.

Bonus Question: Saxophone player Tommy Newsom, who was also the Assistant Director of The Tonight Show's NBC Orchestra, filled in for Band Director Doc Severinson when he was away or was filling in for Ed McMahon.

7. Lt. Colonel Henry Blake, the original commanding officer in the television series M*A*S*H (CBS 1972-1983), was replaced by Colonel Sherman Potter. What happened to Lt. Colonel Henry Blake?

Challenging Bonus Question: In the M*A*S*H series finale, who was the only character to stay in South Korea?

Henry Blake was honorably discharged and was on his way home when his plane "was shot down, there were no survivors."

Bonus Question: Max Klinger.

8. Who was the first sitting U.S. President ever to appear on television?

FDR's speech at the opening of the New York Worlds Fair in 1939 was the first time a US President appeared on television.

9. Which criminal defense lawyer usually had great success against Los Angeles County Prosecutor Hamilton Burger in a courtroom drama which originally aired on CBS from 1957 to 1966.

Challenging Bonus Question: What was the name of the actor who portrayed the eponymous lead in this courtroom drama?

Perry Mason was the criminal defense attorney who usually, but not always, prevailed against Hamilton Burger.

Bonus Question: Raymond Burr portrayed Perry Mason in the show that originally aired on CBS from 1957 to 1966 (but not in *The New Perry Mason* which aired from 1973 to 1974).

10. In 1980, one of the biggest questions was "Who shot JR?" on which prime time television soap opera?

Challenging Bonus Question: Who shot JR?

J.R. Ewing was shot on *Dallas* (CBS 1978-1991).

J.R. was shot by Kristin Shepard, who was Sue Ellen's sister and J.R.'s mistress. Kristin Shepard was portrayed by Bing Crosby's daughter, actress Mary Crosby.

11. In *I Love Lucy* (CBS 1951-1957), Lucille Ball, and her character, Lucy Ricardo, shared the same maiden name. What was it?

Challenging Bonus Question: Prior to moving to Connecticut in the 1956-1957 season, what was the name of the club where Ricky Ricardo performed?

Lucille McGillicuddy was the maiden name of actress Lucille Ball and her television character Lucy Ricardo.

Bonus Question: Ricky performed at the Tropicana.

(Although *Babaloo* was Ricky's signature song at the Tropicana, Ricky did not open up "Ricky Ricardo's Babaloo Club" until he moved to Connecticut in the 1956 season)

12. The longest continuously running program on network television started in 1947 and is still airing weekly on NBC after 72 years, What is the name of this program?

Meet The Press, the longest running show on network television, started in 1947. The only woman to ever host the show was its co-creator and first host, Martha Rountree.

13. The longest continuously running comedy on network television started in 1989 and continues to air on Fox 31 years later. What is the name of this comedy about a family who lives in Springfield?

Challenging Bonus Question: Before this show started airing in 1989, this family was featured in short clips on a variety show which aired from 1987-1990. What was the name of that variety show?

The Simpsons, the longest running sitcom on network television, has aired on Fox since 1989.

Bonus Question: Before having their own show in 1989, The Simpsons were often featured in short clips on The Tracey Ullman Show (Fox 1987-1990).

14. Ukrainian born Jew Milena Markovna (Mila) Kunis portrayed Jackie in the ensemble cast of this television series which originally ran on Fox from 1998 through 2006.

Name the series.

Challenging Bonus Question: Mila is currently married to one of the other actors who appeared regularly in the same series. Name the actor who is currently married to Mila and the first name of his character on the show.

Mila Kunis portrayed Jackie on That '70s Show.

Bonus Question: Her husband, Ashton Kutcher, was Kelso on That '70s Show.

15. Characters Ross and Monica were brother and sister on which comedy series that first aired on NBC from 1994 through 2004?

Challenging Bonus Question: What was Monica's maiden name and married name on the show?

Ross and Monica were the names of characters who portrayed a brother and sister on Friends.

Bonus Question: Monica Geller became Monica Bing when she married Chandler Muriel Bing on Friends.

16. If you think you know your television addresses, name the surname of the following television character(s) and the television show:

(a) Eddie is an only child, residing with his family at 1313 Mockingbird Lane;

(b) Sondra, Denise, Theodore, Vanessa and Rudith reside with their parents at 10 Stigwood Avenue in Brooklyn Heights; and

(c) Leonard resided in Apartment 4B before moving to Apartment 4A at 2311 North Robles Avenue in Pasadena.

(a) Eddie **Munster** resided at 1313 Mockingbird Lane on **The Munsters**;

(b) Sondra, Denise, Theodore (Theo), Vanessa and Rudith (Rudy) **Huxtable** reside with their parents, Cliff and Clare Huxtable, 10 Stigwood Avenue in Brooklyn Heights on **The Cosby Show** (NBC 1984-1992); and

(c) Leonard Leakey **Hofstadter** resided (with Sheldon) in Apartment 4B, before moving into Apartment 4A (with Penny), at 2311 North Robles Avenue in Pasadena on **The Big Bang Theory**.

17. Lyon Hyman Green used the stage name Lorne Greene when he starred as the patriarch in this western which ran on NBC from 1959 through 1973?

Challenging Bonus Question: What was the name of Lorne Greene's character on the show?

Lorne Greene starred in Bonanza from 1959 through 1973.

Bonus Question: Lorne Greene portrayed Ben Cartwright on Bonanza.

18. The Heidi Bowl or Heidi Game was a regular season American Football game on NBC in 1968 where the Oakland Raiders scored two touchdowns in the final minute to beat a bitter rival, the New York Jets, by a final score of 43-32. Why is it called the Heidi Bowl or Heidi Game?

At 7pm, with just over 1 minute left in the football game, NBC made the decision to switch from the football game to the regularly scheduled made-for-TV movie, Heidi, which had been heavily advertised by NBC. Therefore, the television audience never saw Oakland score the two touchdowns in the last minute to beat the Jets.
