

WHY IS THIS SERVICE DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER SERVICES?



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The San Diego Jewish Journal states that, according to a Pew Research Center study, only 31% of American Jews are members of a synagogue. Others have joked that there are three kinds of Jews: “Reform, Conservative, and Orthodoxists.”

My dear friend, Sylvia, from West Palm Beach, FL, forwarded me a “humoristish” (humorous) piece titled, “21st Century Synagogue.” It can also be found on the “vebzaytl” (website) “Jewlariious”: www.aish.com.

Before sharing this piece, let’s examine these Yiddish words:

“shul”	synagogue
“Montik”	Monday
“yeder eyner”	everyone
zayt azoygut	please
“kompyuter”	PC/computer
“telefon”	telephone
“droshe”	sermon (Jewish)
“daven”	pray; Traditional Jews daven three times a day--evening, morning, and afternoon--in private or at synagogue services.
“kol-post”	voice mail
“ofn”	open
“efenen”	to open
“shmues”	chat
“got”	God
“shtilkayt”	silence
“bayshtayer”	donation
“kredit-kartl”	credit card
“shammes”	

“shames”	Sexton (Jewish)
“mashin”	machine
“kehile”	congregation
“elektronish”	electronic
“”tselularer telefon”	cell phone
“”sof-vokh”	weekend
“tfile”	prayer
“rov”	Rabbi (Orthodox)
“rebbe”	The name used for a teacher in a traditional Jewish school
“kvetsh-telefon”	Touch-tone phone
“klug telefon”	Smart phone
“bloy tson”	Blue Tooth
“ponim bukh”	Face book
“frayndlekh”	kind
“ha-Shem”	Hebrew (hah-SHEM). Literally, “the name.” A euphemism for God, used by traditional Jews, usually in conversation. It comes from the belief that the name of God should only be said in prayer and with reverence.

21st Century Synagogue

Rabbi on Monday morning in shul:

“Will everyone please turn on their tablet, iPad, smart phone, and Kindles to Art Scroll page 232. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon.”

[pause]

“Now, let us daven. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God.

[silence]

“As we accept your kind tzedakah donations, please have your credit and debit cards ready. You can log on to the Shul Wi-Fi using the password ‘Hashem 18.’”

“The Shammes will circulate Mobile card swipe machines among the congregants: Those of you who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of our Shul. Those who

prefer to use iPads can open them. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the Shul account.”

“This week’s shiur will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don’t miss out.”

“And remember...Thursday Talmud Torah study will be live on Skype at 1900 hrs GMT. Please don’t miss out. And get this: You can follow the Rabbi on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers!”

Marjorie Gottlieb Wolfe says that we need such a service like a “lokh in kop” (a hole in the head).