

The Short Friday - mock legend

- 1) Order & boundaries ל.ר.ר. ל.ר.ר. ל.ר.ר.
 - a) Time : weekday - Sabbath : Short Friday festive town-wide
 - b) Order of prayer : sacred / profane preparations
 - c) Physical needs tightly regimented Reb Zaynvl
bath, nails, snuff... מ'ס'ק 700, 1111 1's most punctilious
 - d) total obsessive with time 267 Th Fri.

- 2) Missive from the outer world 72"2 572
 - a) Goy - ba'al guf (Getzi = idol!)
 - b) מ'72001 מ'7777 7777
 - (i) \$: passing from hand-to-hand same
 - (ii) sack of potatoes & goose same
 - (iii) fur overcoat & felt shoes same
 - c) Tizvel clothing : secular / profane

- his strict priorities already undermined by the pull of physicality
- 1st confusion of realms Rabbi welcome
the distraction

- 3) 7777 13/80 butcher added to
festivities
 - a) Questionable reliability of the 7777-7777
 - b) Bris itself: strict order of transmission =
identity = lineage, family ties
 - c) Izvish meats, liquor new
Reb Getzi measures time with brandy
 - d) drunken stupor
 - (i) Lippe = sack of potatoes
breaking down distinctions
 - (ii) analogy to Ivan
 - (iii) Lippe → goose"whered out" in a rather unseemly manner

- 4) On the Road
 - a) Descending order of creation : Jew - Gentile - Beast
ironically reversed distinctions
horse comes out on top!
 - b) Horse "strays from the proper path"
 - c) TEST : Lippe not equal to his illustrious predecessors
invokes Talmudic logic to desecrate the Sabbath
 - d) condemnation of nature <119> TIME

5) Arrival at the Inn

- a) from ice → tears
- b) internal order completely disrupted
mélange of sacred / profane

6) The Innkeeper & his family

- a) Divine order still intact - men totally out of synch
- b) Feivka thinks himself mad - then disrupts own order
- c) Transformation: work, Gentiles, daily prayers
Room: blurring of shapes, boundaries

7) Rabbi Awakens

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- a) horrible realization
 - b) prefer for world of undifferentiated time, endless journeying
 - c) Nature conspires against him

8) Open, public desecration

- 9) Elisha Levin's denouement: Rabbi does penance & abandons his rabbinic post forever → destitute melamed in Kherson

Identity: contingent upon

order

boundaries

distinctions

TIME

SOCIAL CLASS

RELIGION: JEW / GENTILE

BODY / MIND

Lippe's transformation & transgression

- 1) Into sack of potatoes & goose
- 2) Sabbath into weekday
- 3) Causes others to desecrate APL
- 4) (ע'ו) ׁׁׁׁ