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### U DIVERSIFIES; SUPERVISION PLANNED FOR CLOTHING, LINENS, BOOKS, FILMS

#### Certification of People Rumored to Be Next

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FAIR LAWN, Feb. 26 — Facing a crisis unprecedented since running out of food products to certify and coming up with a kashrut certification program for air (see Purim Kronikle, March 23, 1997), the Orthodox Union has decided to diversify and grant certifications for non-ingested products.

The OU has been experimenting with expansion of its logo by testing consumer reaction to U<sub>DE</sub> for dairy equipment and U<sub>FSH</sub> for caviar. Having judged this program a success, the organization will soon be rating anything that may come in contact with food, such as table-

cloths, napkins, and of course, dishes, pots, pans, and metal and plastic utensils. Certified disposable plastic food storage containers have already reached major supermarket chains and the other utensils are expected to arrive before Pesach.

By year-end, the certification program will be extended to clothing. First to appear will be men's hats with the U<sub>HAT</sub> symbol to show that the hats meet standards for blackness and brim size.

Because parents are having a difficult time deciding what books and films to let their children watch, the OU will soon be issuing the following ratings for these and other cultural activities.

U<sub>VAY</sub> - Too much sex or violence

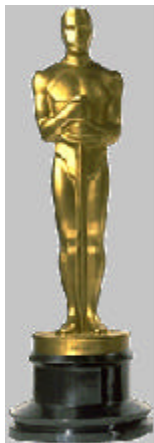
U<sub>KVETCH</sub> - Too much Woody Allen-type nebbish portrayals

U<sub>FEH</sub> - No redeeming Jewish values

Representatives of the certification organization have been spotted making inquiries at Boards of Health in major cities, leading to speculation that next on the Union's agenda is a program to mark birth certificates with the U<sub>FFB</sub> symbol to signify "Frum From Birth."

#### It's Oscar Time! The Kronikle Presents:

#### ESTHER'S & SIMMY'S PICKS FOR THE 2001 ACADEMY AWARDS



**LORD OF THE RINGS:** Moishe, midtown Manhattan's self-proclaimed "King of the Diamond District," finally meets his match.

**DON'T SAY A WORD:** A shul imports a muscular shammes (Arnold Schwarzenegger) to maintain quiet in the sanctuary in this moving tale of silence and silencers.

**I AM SAM:** Shmuli shocks his Haredi parents by announcing his intent to legally change his name to its secular equivalent.

**THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS:** A congregation nearly starts a riot when the kiddush following the fast of Yom Kippur turns out to be leftover cookies and Shop-Rite orange juice.

**A BEAUTIFUL MIND:** A pushy grandmother tries to convince various men to date her not-so-attractive granddaughter.

**IN THE BEDROOM:** A gothic tale of horror involving a man who goes overboard buying truckloads of muffin mixes and matzo farfel for Pesach. When the pantry overflows, there's only one storage space left...

**RIDING IN CARS WITH BOYS:** Shaindy (Drew Barrymore) is a free-spirited student at a co-ed yeshiva whose academic world begins to crumble around her after she accepts a ride home from a male classmate.

**THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS:** Tired of hearing their name sung annually as a Christmas carol, the Tanenbaums change one letter of their name and become a royal pain when they insist on changing the spelling on plaques in the shul and other institutions that have benefited from their substantial donations.

**THE SHEPPING NEWS:** A father beams with pride as his children begin contributing to his family newsletter.

#### Chumra-of-the-Month Club Buyers Make Spectacular Purchase in Kabul

Buyers for the Chumra-of-the-Month Club (COTMC), on a special trip to Kabul, have made an amazing wholesale buyout of thousands of burkas, left unsold when the Taliban were chased from their strongholds in Afghanistan last month.

Some COTMC members, dissatisfied with lenient attitudes of rabbis who permit women to dress in floor-length long-sleeve dresses, but with their faces visible to all, are snapping up the burkas as fast as they can be put on the racks.

With the ante raised to an all-time high, many will find it difficult to match or exceed these burka-buyers in their show of religious fervor.



COTMC members, looking for "that extra edge," select clothing for an upcoming wedding.

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