

Dershowitz's Michabarach

In this scene Alan Dershowitz is a kid in Brooklyn and he and his friend Moishe are upset by way Jackie Robinson is being treated. They decide he needs a blessing from the Rabbi.

AARON: One of the stories I read was about that lawyer you were talking about earlier.

GRANDPA: Dershowitz?

AARON: Yeah, about when he was a kid.

GRANDPA: Take it away!

THEY BOTH PUT ON BASEBALL CAPS AND BECOME A 14-YEAR OLD ALAN DERSHOWITZ AND HIS FRIEND.

AARON: (as Alan) Moishe, I can't believe the way Jackie Robinson gets treated.

GRANDPA: I know Alan. He's the best player the Dodgers got!

AARON: We have to get Rabbi Mirsky to give a blessing for him. He needs all the help he can get.

GRANDPA: Are you kidding? The rabbi doesn't even like baseball. He calls it shtus.

AARON: Shtus?

GRANDPA: You know, nonsense. He's never going to give a blessing to someone called Jackie Robinson.

AARON: So what can we tell him?

GRANDPA: We'll make him one of us. Jackie can be...

AARON: Yaakov.

GRANDPA: Yaakov!

AARON: And Robinson?

THEY THINK.

GRANDPA: Gnov

AARON: Bu

GRANDPA: bchn.

AARON & GRANDPA TOGETHER: Gnov-bu-bchn!

THEY LAUGH.

AARON: Go get the Rebbe!

GRANDPA TAKES OFF THE HAT AND PUTS ON AARON'S TALLIS. HE BECOMES RABBI MIRKSY.

GRANDPA: Alan Dershowitz, what does my star pupil want today?

AARON: Rabbi... I have a friend who just moved here. He needs a blessing. A michabarach.

GRANDPA: I know what a michabarach is, Dershowitz. Where is this friend of yours from?

AARON: He played, I mean, he lived in Kansas City.

GRANDPA: Kansas City. What's his name?

AARON: Yaakov. Yaakov Gnov bu-bcn.

GRANDPA: Yaakov Gnov bu-bcn needs a michabarach. Why?

AARON: He just moved to Brooklyn, and it's hard. People aren't being too nice to him. He's being called a lot of names. Everything's not just black and white for him. I want to make sure he has all his bases covered.

GRANDPA: Okay, Dershowitz. But before I start throwing around mishabarachs for Yaakov Gnov bu-bcns, you need to make me a promise.

AARON: Sure, Rabbi. Anything.

GRANDPA: Get your nose out of that Encyclopedia of Shtus and know the Talmud as well as you know your baseball.

AARON: The Rabbi gave the blessing to Jackie Robinson, and the very next day, Jackie got a hit. We all became a little more religious after that.

THE SCREEN BEHIND THEM PLAYS A VIDEO OF ROBINSON GETTING A HIT.