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Bushel Mit A Peck

B'nai Moshe keys off music of "Guys and Dolls."

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Remember *Guys and Dolls*, the musical by Frank Loesser and Abe Burrows?

Good. Now try to forget the musical, which brought comedian Stubby Kaye into the public's consciousness singing "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" in the 1950 Broadway hit.

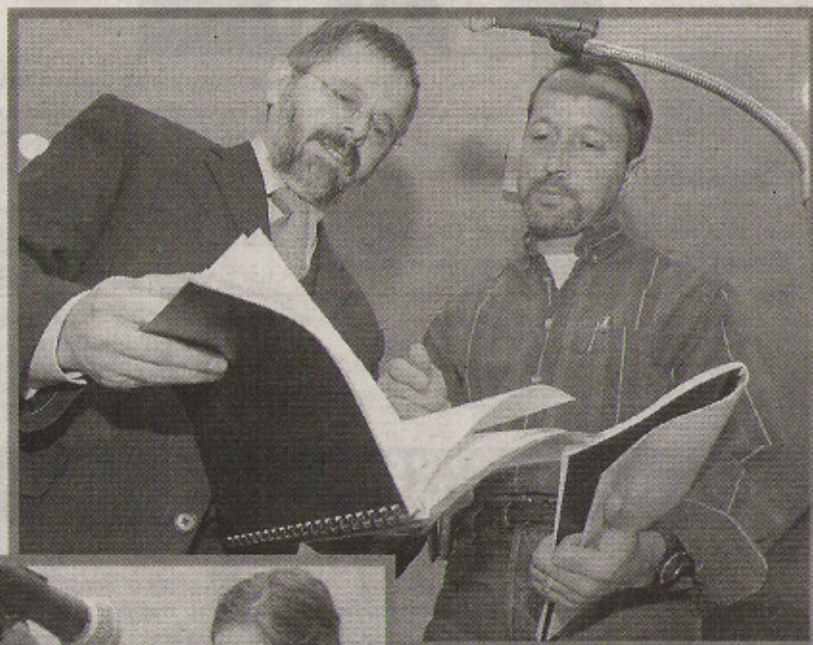
In the musical *Guys and Dolls*, to be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 31 at Congregation B'nai Moshe, no one cares if you're rockin' the boat — as long as your matzah balls float.

Guys and Dolls is not a parody of the popular musical, says Dan Sperling of Farmington Hills, producer-director of B'nai Moshe's annual musical fund-raiser. Instead, California writer Michael Lange has created an entirely new story, using the original songs with new lyrics (sort of).

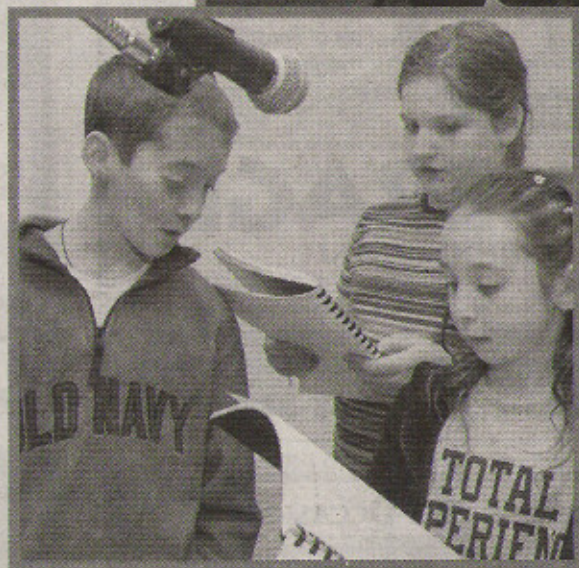
Instead of "If I Were a Bell," you'll hear "If He Knew How To Kvell"; instead of "A Bushel And A Peck"; be prepared for "A Bushel Mit A Peck."

"In the past, we've done cabaret-style shows, where people stood up and did their song or whatever," says Sperling, a computer consultant in real life. "This time, we decided to do something different."

Ticket prices for Congregation B'nai Moshe's production of *Guys and Dolls* are \$10 in advance, \$12.50 at the door for members; \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door for non-members. For advance tickets, call (248) 788-0600 by Friday, Jan. 23. □



Above: Actor Steve Rabinovitz works with producer-director Dan Sperling of Farmington Hills.



Left: Josh, 10, and Jenna Sperling, 8, of Farmington Hills, front, and Marly Zack, 10, of West Bloomfield rehearse a song for B'nai Moshe's Jan. 31 musical.