

Adam Sandler's Rabbi

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The president has his advisers; the pope has a confessor. Why are we not surprised then that a local rabbinical student could become Adam Sandler's rabbi?



Jason A. Miller with Adam Sandler in New York.

Recently, I met Adam Sandler. He is filming his new movie *Little Nicky* in the New York area. We spoke for a little while and he told me to come back and we could shmooze during his lunch break (I invited him to the seminary for lunch but he respectfully declined).

When I went back, Sandler's head of security

was stopping people from getting close to Adam. When Adam spotted me, he said, "Rabbi Jason's okay; let him in."

We talked for a little bit and I promised to return with a gift after lunch. I ordered two copies of Adam's latest movie, *Big Daddy*, on videotape from the Internet to be delivered to my apartment. Then my classmate and I took the tapes and headed back to the set.

After Adam signed the tapes for us, I presented him with a Jewish Theological Seminary kippa. He quickly put it on over his Little Nicky wig. Adam promised us that when he gets married, both my classmate and I would co-officiate at his wedding.

When I went back the next morning on my way to class, Adam said, "Hey, Rabbi." Then we took a picture together and, as I was leaving, he yelled out, "Be in touch and thanks for the yarmulke."

As an interesting footnote, I was recently a visiting rabbinical student at a synagogue in Virginia and told the story to the rabbi. On Saturday morning, I was introduced to the congregation as "Adam Sandler's Rabbi Jason Miller." This made me instantly popular with all the pre-pubescent boys. □

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