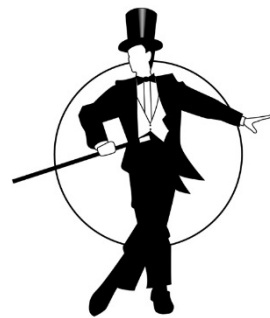


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CAST

SAM

MONA

RABBI

Place

Brooklyn, NY

Time

The present.

HANUKKAH SANTA

Scene 1

(Sam is in a closet, frantically throwing things around. Mona enters)

MONA: Sam, what are you doing?

SAM: Looking for something, obviously.

MONA: Obviously. But as I've told you over and over, if you keep things in order on a regular basis, you won't have to go crazy looking for them.

SAM: Nag, nag. Can you just help me?

MONA: With what, for God's sake?

SAM: Grr... *(greatly relieved, picks up an item)* Never mind. Here it is.

MONA: Let me see. *(she grabs it, tearing off the wrapper)* Oh, my, goodness. It's your Santa suit.

SAM: Duh, yes, so? *(he grabs it back)*

MONA: Didn't you promise to give it away to Salvation Army?

SAM: I guess I lied?

MONA: What are you still doing with it? Remember you wore it last Purim? Well, it's one thing to wear it for a Purim costume—and even then, half the congregation found it objectionable—but at actual Christmas time?

SAM: You're making too much of it. *(he heads toward the door, grabbing his coat)*

MONA: Where are you going?

SAM: To play Santa, obviously.

MONA: At 4 in the morning? You never get up till 8 on Sundays.

SAM: I have a long trip to make, and miles go to before I sleep.

MONA: Huh?

SAM: It means, I have a lot of stops. Department stores. Private parties. Churches.

MONA: Churches? That's going too far.

SAM: It's for Chris.

MONA: Who's Chris?

SAM: The guy in my office. You met him.

MONA: I don't care if we have lunch every week. Give me that costume. It's crazy!

SAM: What's crazy? I'll get to play Santa a few times, make some kids happy. I should be home by nightfall.

MONA: By nightfall? Sam! We have to light Hanukkah candles.

SAM: I'm well aware it's going to be Hanukkah. Just cause I'm playing Santa doesn't mean I'm changing religions. Good-bye, Mona.

(He runs out the door)

MONA: Grr!

(she walks around the room a few times, sits down, then gets up again, then picks up the phone)

Rabbi Leitner, this is Mona. Mona Goldberg? Yes. I know what time it is, and I'm terribly sorry. But it's an emergency....

END OF FREEVIEW

You'll want to read and perform this show!