

# THE Kibbitzer

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## Yom Kippur Davening took twelve hours. The Chazin was told to fast.

You get it? It's a fast. He thought they were saying to slow down. The Chazin mistook the word 'to' for 'too'. If they would've spelled it...

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. I miss delis. It seems like all I can find is a kosher smokehouse. Why is it that I love delis so much and how can we bring them back?**

Shalom My Dear Pupil. It is a huge shame and harder to be a Jew nowadays. Let me tell you what it is that we love about delis, in hopes that people will be inspired to start salting and pickling more meat, as our founding fathers did.

•*The Smell* It's as close a smell as you can get to socks that have been through a marathon in the rain and then ran in again, and then left in the room with the windows down. Yet, it still smells so good, and any real Jew loves it. Which makes me ask why I still do laundry.

Salami doesn't smell that bad. But you leave it hanging for two years, something is going to come of that.

•*It Is Jewish* The deli reminds a Jew of the Lower East Side. Jews came from Europe and this is the food they took on the ship. Pickling done right can keep the food fresh for well

over a century. That's where the deli smell is from; Europe, a hundred years ago.

•*Pictures of Random Immigrants* A picture of a guy pushing a wagon in the Lower East Side of New York in the early 1920s, that every deli owner is related to. And then the another picture of a guy standing behind a counter, whose face we can barely see behind the hanging salami. Two pictures that unite every deli. Tradition.

•*The Tiled Floor* A restaurant that smells pickled, with a checkered floor that looks like a 1950s washroom. Décor does not get better than that. Love it.

•*Carpet that Hasn't Been Cleaned* If you don't have the bathroom tiles, it's decked out in speckled red and blue carpet that looks maroon. This way, we cannot tell how much kishka gravy spilled on it. I love the not needing somebody to clean the place. I love the smell of hanging salami and cured beef brought from Europe in 1910. I love pictures of random immigrants from Time Magazine that look like family.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: ACHREI-KEDOSHIM

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

**S**(Vayikra 6:29) *'...in the seventh month, on the tenth of the month, you shall afflict your souls'...* Yom Kippur Bernie. You afflict on Yom Kippur. You don't afflict me now... I know Rosh Hashana is the beginning of the year, but it's in the seventh month...

And days start at night. This is logic. I feel like I'm afflicted by a bunch of heathens. It doesn't say to afflict your rabbi...

What's affliction? Finally a decent question.

*Obstention from food and drink (Yoma 74b).* You lose weight by fasting. After

Rosh Hashana you don't eat. After all the brisket... Stop eating. That's how you lose

It had to weigh. It's in the Torah.

Working out happens after Yom Kippur. I am sure the Kohens worked out to help the Kohen Gadol with the Yom Kippur service... Possibly Pilates.

It's about not sinning... Not everything is about a healthy diet, Bernie. *Treat people well. Don't talk Lashon Hara. Don't hate in your heart. Don't bear a grudge... Love your neighbor as you (19:18)... It ends with 'I am H'.* When you understand Gd's oneness, you understand the connection with your neighbor. And you encourage them to lose weight after Pesach.

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:* Nobody liked the idea of a post Pesach fast.

When the rabbi mentioned working out, the congregants didn't like that either. Pilates classes were not attended. Nor was Minyan. Though, people did show up for Kiddish after Pesach.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As a community, the post holiday dieting didn't work. Not eating Matzah is not considered a diet. The rabbi wanted people to know that you can get heavy off of bread as well.**

**The community is working on a kosher restaurant. All fear that nobody will want to go, as members of our shul will go. We understand your fear of having to have a conversation about Rivka's kids when getting a corned-beef sandwich. Don't worry, we will make sure it is a deli, to chase away Jews who only eat at Texas style smokehouses nowadays. The Beckers are scared to reopen the kosher restaurant, as Jews might come. We ask the Hirshmanns to notify the Beckers they will not eat there. We all know how annoying the Hirshmanns can be as customers.**

**Since Pesach, it's been taking too long for people to walk up for their Aliyahs. The rabbi has required mandatory Pilates classes. If you don't attend Pilates classes, you will not receive an honor at shul.**



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