

# THE Kibbitzer



**This crazy man was screaming at milk. It turns out he's lactose intolerant.**

You get it? On Shavuot we eat dairy. Intolerant means the body can't handle it or not tolerant and bigoted. In the beginning, it seemed like he just hated dairy.

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. Shavuot is here. I tried staying up last year. I drank coffee, I walked and showed up late to every class, as you suggested. I timed my arrival to be there right as the rabbi said 'Chag Sameach.' Even so, I still fell asleep. Do you have other ideas for me this year?**

My Dear Pupil. I hope you showed up to the Shiur late. Showing up to any class on time will induce sleep. In addition, once you get used to any of the awakened states, you can become immune to that form of staying up. Hence, sleepwalking. Try these:

- Learn in Chavrusa Form** The tradition of yelling at your learning partner will help you stay awake. Note that it's best done with somebody you know. This way, when you're arguing over Rabba and Rava, they can also bring up how nobody likes you. It's the duty of the Chavrusa to encourage you to stay up. Bringing up bothersome stuff helps. You can always say stuff like, 'You're a nothing, and the Rambam agrees with that.' That should help them stay up, and bring them closer to the Mishna Torah. Tell them they're a slacker and they're a failure because they sleep, to

add an extra level of hurt. Hurtful statements make it harder for them to doze.

- Bring Your Children** They keep you up when you're trying to sleep on Shabbat afternoon. You might as well use them properly. If you have a newborn, bring them along as well. When you're about to fall asleep, they will make sure you don't. Their screaming and crying will also keep the rest of the community awake and not liking you.

- Board Games** Play Jewish oriented games and it's like you're learning Torah. Some great games that I played over Shavuot: *Who wants to be a Mitzvahneer?* *Run for Shabbis.* *Settlers of Judea Samaria.* I was conflicted with *Who Wants to Be a Mitzvahneer.* I started playing that game for money, then we learned that gambling is forbidden. That killed it. Then that led to a theological discussion of whether or not it's fine to do Mitzvot for money. More learning, and that wasn't going to help anybody stay up when learning. You can always have a friend smack you. Your Chavrusa will be happy to do this. Just ask them, and they'll do it for the sake of Torah. If none of this works, sleep. You're tired.

## SERMON OF REBUKE- BAMIDBAR

**S**habbat Shalom vShavuot Sameach... Yes. You stay up the first night... Stop crying. Be a man... We're making up for the weak ones falling asleep before getting the Torah... And are they awake when they do get sleep? Everybody falls asleep during Torah reading... You slept twelve hours last night... We start with a census... Because we care, Bernie. We don't want the kids getting lost, like at the shul baseball game outing, when we saw kids walking in the outfield... They were lost... There was no census... Then we had the Seabreeze Amusement Park fiasco... Not very amusing for the parents who couldn't find their kids... Their kids didn't even know their names... They were called on

called on the loudspeaker all day. Couldn't find them... They were on the Pirate Ship Afloat. Didn't even know their name... *(Bamidbar 1:4)* When taking the census, 'with you there shall be a man from each tribe. A man that is a leader of his father's house...' There's not one leader here. Can't even get the right number of forks... You counted the Kiddish numbers wrong last week. People had to eat with their hands. We need men to help... I have to do this myself... I can't knock on doors for Minyin. I'll get shot... When you start, you want to make sure you everybody is there... We would never start. Nobody shows. No men... Reuven had 46,500. Shimon had 59,300... Took a census. Twelve here today... If the Torah was given to twelve people...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:*

The rabbi got a lot of backlash for using the word 'man.' Many people said he should have told the men to be a woman. He was just happy there were only twelve people complaining. The rabbi is right. They have to stop crying, when they sleep.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The shul dairy dinner will take place via Zoom, after Shavuot. From now on, all shul holiday events will be celebrated after the holidays, on Zoom. The rabbi doesn't expect to see anybody in shul for the holiday, because they haven't found a way to make the shul a Zoom physical structure.**

**The Kosher Convention will take place in July, when the kids are in camp. This way, everybody will be able to enjoy themselves. What will be at the Kosher convention? Many people have been asking that question. To answer, there will be kosher food.**

**Shavuot all night learning will take place till 1am.**

**The Max rule: Hearts of palm must be in every salad from now on. They brought him so much Simcha last week. To quote Max, 'My grandchildren never brought me this much joy'**



Shavuot and these families are using the Mitzvah of harvesting to get kids to bring food home. Not to the Temple. Once again, using Judaism to exploit kids for child labor. Almost as wrong as when our day school made us sell 'World's Finest chocolate.'  
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