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Why did the holiday last fourteen days? They were celebrating Shavuot.

You get it? Shavuot means weeks. Seven days would be 'Shavua'. Celebrating Shavuot. That's at least two weeks. 21 days would be crazy.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. Shavuot is a time of Torah study. Can you please share some Torah with us?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Of course. You are my Talmid. Shavuot is when we received the Torah. As such, we stay up all night to learn. Here are a couple Mitzvot from the Rambam's Sefer HaMitzvot, about where we practice the laws first, the house. This should help with five minutes of your Shavuot all night learning.

•*Mitzvah 15: Permanently place a Mezuzah.* It says, *(Devarim 6:9, 11:20), 'And you shall write on the doorposts of the house.'* This Mitzvah has caused much anger amongst the parents of the Jewish people. Their kids learn this at school, they come home and destroy the house. They hear to write on the doorposts and they can't wait to get home. I can't tell you how many times I've heard parents reprimanding their children, 'You're killing the door. What are you doing?!... Go to your room and don't write on it.' To which the educated child responds, 'The Torah says...'

Then the kid is taken out of Jewish day school and sent to public school.

•*Mitzvah 214: For the First Year Make Your Wife Happy* After the first year, don't try. It won't happen. At that point, complaining about her cooking is suggested. Arguing about the kids is also tradition. You will want to blame her side of the family for anything that's off about the child. Drawing on the doorpost, her side. *(Devarim 24:5) 'When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go to the army... for one year, and he shall make is wife whom he has married happy.'* It's already enough to try make his new wife happy. We don't want to throw anything else on him, like war. After the first year, get out of the house. Problems start. At that point, you should be hanging out with the boys. That's how you keep a marriage together. She will want you out of the house. Many times, they request you be sent to the frontlines. If we learned anything from the Torah, it's to have a beautiful home. That starts with blaming your spouse.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: BAMIDBAR

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...
S (*Bamidbar 1:46*) 'The sum of all of those counted was six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty.' And they are all dead. They were part of our people. Now gone. Reuven, Shimon, Gad... I don't know what they did, Bernie. Maybe they didn't interrupt their rabbi's sermon. That's a legacy... Some may've been lactose intolerant. That may have been where our legacy of lactose intolerance started... They were not as odd as the members of our shul. They probably didn't let their kids run up during announcements... They watched their kids. That's how they were able to

to count them... They were accepting of all. Even weirdos... Like our members... The tribe of Levi was counted separately... They were not losers... They were special too. Just not as special as the Levites. When you get a Yisrael Aliyah, you are not special. When the only special thing about you is an upset stomach... I can't explain Olam Haba now. It's a place where nobody has lactose intolerance, and everybody can eat cheesecake. And even non-Levites are important there... The Torah we receive on Shavuot...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha: Bernie truly wanted to know what each of the 603,550 people did for a living.

The rabbi's mother went to Olam HaNishamot this week, and they still made him speak. He started crying mid-sermon. Once he started putting down Bernie, his touch came back. Who makes the rabbi speak in the middle of Shiva?!

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lactose intolerant members are asked to not come to shul this Shavuot.

Nobody needs people who can't enjoy a cheesecake at shul. Nobody needs to feel like they need to go on a diet when celebrating. And nobody should say anything about the strawberry jelly topping, even if Mark needs to take off a few.

We are open to new members. Everybody should know that they are welcome in our shul and they should feel comfortable. Our membership is made up of many odd people.

All night learning will be filled with classes, so that you can sleep.

Shavuot times are wrong. Please see the last notice we sent to be sure you have the times right. This bulletin is the last notice.

Class on how to not let your kids run up to the Bima in the middle of Davening will take place in the middle of services.



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