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**There was only one Bachur.
In their Mother's stomach
there wasn't enough womb.**

You get it? A Bachur is the firstborn. The first one out of the womb. Room. They sound the same, if somebody can't pronounce the 'r'.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. Last week you told me how to invite people. How do I cook for them, as a religious Jew?

My Dear Pupil. Frum Jewish cooking is about leftovers. The question is how you get there, and what you do.

•**Cook Stuff** You're going to have to cook. That's all people will be talking about. Nobody cares about your kid graduating high school. They don't care. They're there for the food. That's what they're focused on. If your child graduated culinary arts college, that would be a discussion.

You don't want somebody tasting your Kugel and saying, 'Wow. This is good. How did you make it?' And then you have to answer them with, 'I don't know. I'll have to ask Manischewitz.'

•**Cook A Lot** More important than what you're serving is how much. A lot is the goal. The more that's on that table the more religious you are. That's how you tell a good religious Frum Jew. Ten pots and four trays, you're a righteous family with a place in heaven. One pot and no tins, you're a heretic and they're eating off your dishware. The real goal is leftovers. If you have none, you've failed your guests your family,

and God.

Your kids will starve. Frum Jews don't cook for the week. They cook Shabbis and leftovers.

•**Overcook** That seems to have developed into the religious cooking style. You don't look at the choolante when you cook it for twenty hours, so don't check the kugel, meat or rice. Until choolante, I didn't know you can burn something when cooking on low.

•**Scream At the Kids** When preparing the food, yell at the children. That's the only Shabbat preparation tradition that is practiced by all Jews, no matter their denomination. Make sure they clean the floors. Scream at them for that. Yell at them for not showering at the right time. Then scream at them when making the soup. It helps with the cooking process.

•**Make a Salad** If the guests are not religious, they will enjoy this. Frum Jews stick to cooked brown stuff. Non-religious people like salads.

•**Use Tin For Everything** It's tradition. You cook in tin. You serve in them. When all is said and done, it's time to put the tin pans in the fridge. Now, the kids have food for the week. Food should never leave the tins. They should only be covered in tinfoil.

SERMON OF REBUKE- BEHALOTCHA

Shabbat Shalom My Flock...
(Bamidbar 8:2) *The Menorah was built from one solid piece of gold, hammered out (Ramban)...* It's not clay. You can't mold it with your hands. God didn't tell them to make a claymation... It's not like the romantic scene in Ghost... Made from one piece. It's not eighty pieces put together. It's not like Chaim's drawing is the Statue of Liberty... He tore it up. That's why it's in sixty pieces... Why is it hanging in the shul hall by a thumbtack?!
(Bamidbar 8:3) *He kindled its lamps. The wicks of the branches on the side faced the middle.* It was connected. Pointed to the unified middle... From now on, art in the shul needs symmetry... I'm not saying Aharon was

an artist... He would've done better with paper mache than the Hebrew School kids. Is it a shoe?... Then why is it in the entrance to the shul... Abstracts don't count. The Menorah is beautiful. A fine work... 'As H' commanded'... That's why it looks good. God knows art better than... Levites followed H's directions. That's why they don't have Jewish artifacts that look like shoe moldings...

(8:16) *The Levites took the place of the Bachors, the firstborns...* The Bachurs messed up like Chaim... Kids need to listen in Hebrew school before their place in shul is lost.

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
The Bachur and Levi point was beautiful. The rabbi's member exchange for people that don't come to shul, was passed by the board. They love the idea of members paying and other people coming instead of them.
The shul art is off. We have to stop taking donations. The paper mache is from a parent trying to get their kid's art out the house. Chaim's mom didn't want the family name on his piece. His name is on the piece and the family is embarrassed.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you want to blame anybody, it's the Gabai's fault.

The shul fundraising dinner will be \$80 for singles. \$90 for couples. \$98 for families with five children. If you have more than five children, the fundraising dinner is free for the family. We have tried to keep single people and divorcees away from the community, but we have decided that we will allow them to remain if they pay a lot.

If anybody has an idea for a name for the shul fundraiser, other than shul fundraiser, please write the office. We just ask that shul fundraiser is part of the name, as nobody will give money if they're not directed to explicitly. We were thinking of calling it the 'give money to shul shul fundraiser.'

New Rule: You have to say high to people. You are not allowed to pretend like you don't notice people in shul anymore. No looking away. Our congregation is too small for people to think they're important.

From now on, only classy events. All shul Simchas must start in a room where you're not going to eat. It has been decided that telling people to move to another room is classy.



Do we play Monopoly? No. We play Good Business. It's not just a game. We are playing for a place in heaven... The tagline, 'The Game of Jewish Businesses,' also makes it clear to the kids that Jews run the airlines, hotels, and have a lot of money.

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