

# THE Kibbitzer

Yom Yerushalayim  
vMother's Day Special



## What do you call slaves with bad teeth? Indentured servants

You get it? Yovel and Shmitah, in the Parsha, talks about freeing indentured servants. People with bad teeth have dentures. It works.

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Y**om Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, is this Sunday and I still don't feel comfortable being around people.

### How can I celebrate?

I'm so proud of you longing to celebrate without people, my pupil. Here's how you can celebrate Jerusalem at home:

- Write your own song about Jerusalem. Don't be scared. None of the people carrying guitars in Jerusalem, have shied away from this. It's not complicated. I've seen it and here's their secret. Play any chord on the guitar and say 'Jerusalem.' Any chord is fine. For lyrics, repeat the word 'Jerusalem.'
- Other words that may be added to your song are 'peace,' 'gold,' and 'city of.'
- Dancing says celebration. Hora by yourself. It's safer. This makes for much less injury during the Hora at the arm raise section. As a rabbi, I've been hit countless times by long armed Yeshiva boys, at four feet, with happy intention at Bar Mitzvahs. Many Yeshiva students follow my decree of no arm raising at circle dances. Now, many leave arms by their sides when Israeli jump dance.
- There is nothing more meaningful than

walking the sidewalks of Jerusalem, made of its own stone. A feeling of holiness that cannot be duplicated without slippery floors. To bring this Jerusalem neighborhood feeling to your home, find any decently tiled kitchen, pour water on it and walk in your socks. Try not to fall.

- No Jerusalem Day mitzvah would be fulfilled without the tradition of a protest. They're easy to socially distance, and sometimes police will help with barricades. Treat everybody like they're part of the Jerusalem Day parade. Stand off to the side of the road and yell. If you're not in Israel, you can stand by the curb and yell at cars passing. Words like 'shame,' 'stop singing,' 'why are you here?!' and 'Jew' added to any sentence, brings the full Diaspora Yom Yerushalayim experience to your town.

- Sing in the streets. Singing in public is like a parade without a float. I caution you to be careful. Jews singing "Jerusalem of Gold" may be misconstrued as political tyranny.

- You can also decorate your car in Israeli flags. This too lets people know who to hate.

## SERMON OF REBUKE - BEHAR>>>

**S**habbat Shalom My Congregants

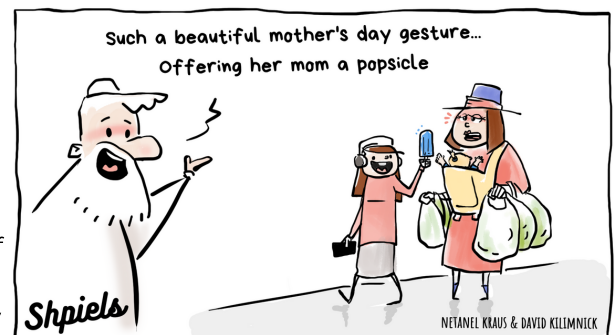
Stop!!! (Vayikra 25:1) *'The land shall return, it's a Shabbat for H'...* H' also deserves rest... That's why we don't ask for stuff on Shabbat... Give Him a break. Imagine people asking you for health and a good living all the time? It's a lot... The land returns to Gd in the seventh year... Shabbat... Rest... Give me a year off... (Vayikra 25:6) *'This Shabbat of the land will be yours to eat.'* Good food comes when you don't mess it up. You work it and... How somebody can mess up apple pie... Add cinnamon... unpeeled apple is better... Use whipped cream... Shabbat... Rest... Don't bake... Letting stuff rest so you don't mess it up... Trust in H.' Shmita and Jubilee is about allowing stuff to return... Why congregants can't return pens... The pen says 'Congregation Beis Emes USefeliah' on it... The Himelsteins giving the pen back will be a jubilee... Is it yours if it says the name of the company on it??? You mess things up for six years. Seventh year is for you to not touch... Give one day a week... One day where you don't come to me with questions... (Vayikra 25:8) *'Count seven cycles, seven times... 49 years.'* You can't count the Omer. You can't get to 49 days. How can you count to the Jubilee?... Tzvi counted 5 and stopped... (Vayikra 25:13) *In this year of rest, 'people will return to their inheritance.'* How can you rest

when you know you have something that is... It's the shul's pen... It's not your inheritance. It's the office's... It's a jubilee, you return the pens... (Vayikra 26:3-5) *'If you follow in my decrees and keep my commandments... I will give you rain in its proper time' the earth will work, you'll have trees and decent fruit... 'you'll dwell securely in the land'...* Don't touch... You mess things up... Rin will come when we're not trying to have a shul picnic... Keep the Mitzvot... The mitzvah is for you to not do anything... That's the key to success... You doing nothing... And count, Tzvi... Yes, counting is a Mitzvah... Can't even count to ten... Sabbatical the year. Study numbers... Return to rightful owner... You stole Max's Makom Kavuah, his shul seat... All will be good. Fruit will be good... It will be good if you do nothing.... No need for messed up apple pie with no cinnamon... Everybody, return your pens to their rightful owners.

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

He commanded all to take a break from work. But they still had to pay dues. The rabbi took a sabbatical. He felt his speech deserved it. 'Stop' was dramatic, with a pause. From the sermon, people remembered 'stop.' Many took to the rabbi's message of no working. Neighbors complained about Jewish lawns. After three weeks, the town council said they must mow them.

People had to return all pens. The rabbi said that companies ordered 5,000 pens with their names on them because customers were stealing them, like the Himelsteins. So, people knew where to return them. Due to the 'no overbaking apples' campaign, the sisterhood started serving fruit salad at Kiddish. He declared a week of jubilee year. Seats were returned to their rightful families. Being the names on the seats were of people who passed, the congregants all had to stand for Davening the next couple weeks.



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