

# THE Kibbitzer

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**He said he was only giving ten percent to charity. So they called him a Mayser.**

You get it? Miser. Mayser. Mayser is a tithe. They sound alike. If a Mayser was a type of person, it would work. He'd be a Mayser who gives Mayser. Sounds great.

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. I am looking for something to inspire me. Do you have a sermon story to help me?**

My Dear Pupil. Violins, as King David, inspire people. Let me tell you about Itzhak Perlman, who popped a string. •*Itzhak Perlman had a violin string pop* in the middle of a performance. He should've fired the string guy.

To see Itzhak Perlman walk on stage is a spectacle. He was stricken with polio as a child and walks on stage with leg braces and crutches. And then he puts on the most amazing performance. Nobody cared about that. A string popped. Now that's a something. You hear that. Wow... Ever since, broken strings on violins have inspired. The walking on stage has inspired no one. •*Nobody Helped* He didn't leave the stage and nobody brought him a string. At that point, he should've fired the whole crew. Nobody did a thing. The audience saw him walking on stage, and nothing. After noticing that nobody was going to help, and it was going to take a good half hour to walk off the stage, to fix his violin, he said, 'A bunch of selfish good for nothings. I'm going to just continue the thing.

•*He Kept Playing* To everyone's amazement Itzhak Perlman kept playing, when a concerto cannot be played with only three strings. And all who were at the show were amazed, and wanted their money back. To quote, 'The most amazing performance I've ever seen. It will be talked about for generations. Sermons will be given. Great to be here. We loved it. We'll never see a show this great again. Priceless. We want our money back. We paid to see a four string violin.' His mother wasn't impressed. As she said, 'The kid still can't tune the thing right. If he would just learn how to play a violin with four strings this well...' At the end of the show, to huge cheers, he said, 'You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left.' That's inspiration. It meant very little to the woman in the front row, who said, 'I'm a nurse. I'm not an artist.' And rabbis have been giving sermons ever since. Since this show, support for violins has grown immensely. Much money has been raised for research to make the neck brace more comfortable for violinists. Nothing for polio.

## SERMON OF REBUKE- BEHAR

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

There has been a lot of property fights in our congregation... I know the silver pointer 'Yad' with your name on it is yours, Shlomo... *When it comes to Israel, (Vayikra 25:23) 'the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, because the land is Mine. For you're sojourners and settlers with Me.'* You are a sojourner in the land. It's H's... Perpetuity here means forever. All the time... You ask me questions in perpetuity... Everything is temporary... It's good now. The sisterhood will mess it up... Temporary residents... They make the best congregants. That's what H' wanted in Israel. Decent congregants. Sojourners. Not people who fight over the rabbi's salary.

Life is about understanding it's not ours... You are sojourners in this shul, so share Kiddish... Your Makom Kavuah has caused so many fights... The shul is not your home... You're sleeping, Bernie... The parking lot is H's. Everything goes back to Him in the jubilee... You squatted on His land. That doesn't mean you own it. If I do bench press in your yard for five years... It makes me a bad neighbor... Once you understand that you are settlers... Just mow your lawn. It's a shanda. There's no jubilee with a lawn like that. Right now this shul needs a jubilee... A gymboree. All the same... Jubilee has never happened when you thought the Kiddish was yours... Some of that kichel has been around for a Jubilee...

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

The rabbi started paying people to not be members. Members think they own everything. They don't share seats at shul. They kick people out of them. They think they own the chairs. One member took a chair home and said, 'Not till the next Jubilee.'

If our congregants start to think they're sojourners, they'll never mow their lawns. They'll leave it for the jubilee.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Couple counseling is now taking place in the shul lobby on Mondays. We ask the Feigenwitzs and the Bergmans to come, to help us explain your messed up children. FA has been meeting in our shul as well. The Differences: Families Anonymous meetings are for couples who fight in front of their kids.**

**No parking in shul parking lot on Shabbis. People have become too bold. Now they have reserved spots. They have Shabbis signs. The board discussed it and driving on Shabbat is forbidden. From now on, you can only park in the parking lot if you pay a parking membership fee.**

**We formed the Death Committee this week. To capitalize on people passing, letters will also go out to families around Yahrzeits, with appeal cards inside.**

**Our new 'support the shul so your family member has a chance at going to heaven' committee will also be knock on doors the day of Yahrzeits, with appeal cards. Engraved name specific Yizkur candles will also be for sale. They're a great way to make money. Scented candles optional. Chanel Number 5 will be available for Bubbies. The new funds will help raise money for the in-shul jungle gym, in memory of whomever gives the most money.**



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