

# THE Kibbitzer

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## Adam and Chava ate a lot of apples to fulfill the Mitzah to be fruitful.

You get it? We are told to be fruitful and multiply. Apples are a fruit. They're told to not eat from the Tree of Knowledge. They ate. So much here. Levels.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

#### Dear Rabbi. With everything going on in Israel, I want to help. What can I do?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Here are ways Jews help in times of war and terror, as I have witnessed. I hope this helps.

- Pray A Lot* Charedi neighborhoods are having full nights of Tefillah and Teshuvah. You can do that or say a chapter of Tehillim. I do one Tehillim. It's about time management.
- Put an Israeli Flag on Your Profile Page* This is patriotism. It also gets you likes, which is more important. Best is adding a flag to your previous profile picture, so people think you took the Niagra Falls photo in Israel.
- Worry About Any Noise* We heard the garbage truck the other day and ran to the bomb shelter. Before this past week, I never realized how much noise dumpsters make. Maybe they should wait till things calm down to collect trash.
- Look at Your Phone* Any video. This will help you worry more. Check it all day, just in case you had a moment where you thought people are good.

- If You Have a Business Make Sure People Know You Care* To Quote HaMosach Shel Tzachi: 'At Tzachi's Garage we here wis you during dese hard time. Be safe. Come for oil change and we get your car right way. Only 500nis.' He didn't use spellcheck.
- Tell People to 'Stay Safe'* If they're not safe, abort all other questions and talk to somebody else. You don't need negativity in your life.
- Kindness* The people of our Homeland are kind. I have not seen kindness like this in years. People are letting others cut them in line at the grocery. Cars are stopping to let you cross the street. Tremps (picking up hitchhikers who need to get places) are abundant and very scary. Buses are stopping at the bus stops and letting people on.
- Baking For Soldiers* Cookies. Soldiers like cookies... There are more many more ways of beauty that people have responded to this evil. I pray everybody who is out there comes back safely, so that I can start cutting off other cars again without feeling bad.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: BEREISHIT

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...  
*(Bereishit 2:15) 'And H' took man and placed him in Gan Eden, to work it and guard it'...* I understand there are worse people out there than our board... People came together. We sung 'Yehi Shalom.' Rockets were being shot at Jerusalem we sung... You sing about peace in Jerusalem's walls. That's what we did in Jerusalem, in the bomb shelter. Thinking about Gd... We're now going to sing 'Yehi Shalom' together... Because that's how you guard the world... Please stop singing... Hearing our membership sing makes me question why I was placed here. Gd. Would've never

given you the job of singing. There's a reason that was for the Levites. This kind of singing can mess up the world. It is so bad... That's not harmony, Yakey. Right now, I'm not thinking about Gd. I'm just thinking about how to get Helen to stop. What song are you singing Helen???!  
*(2:17) We may not eat from the tree of knowledge, 'for on the day you eat from it, you shall surely die.'* Knowledge kills. You thinking... The shul board thinks and there's death to anything decent... And Yakey thinks he has a decent voice.

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:*  
 By our rabbi, the board represents evil. Hamas is also bad. But they're not responsible for the rabbi not getting a raise. The shul singing about peace was really disjunctive. There was no unity in that. I truly think that our congregation singing about peace will bring disunity. And with all of this, they're still fighting over Aliyahs.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to this past week in Israel, we are collecting donations for our new shul bouncy house.

We are asking people to do Kaddish in unison. Kaddish is not a popularity contest to see who will get people to answer theirs. We are asking for the same speed from all Kaddish sayers. Phillip has been speeding ahead and we have noticed that everybody is responding to Phillip and not Baruch. We understand that most people don't like Baruch. Even so, he deserves an 'Amen' too. Even if nobody likes him.

The community rally for Israel will not take place at our shul because the Jewish Federation does not want people messing it up. They have seen what our membership can do when they help out.

We are going to have a community sing along. This will include members of other shuls that have decent voices. 'Yehi Shalom' and 'Anachnu Maminim' will be sung. They mean something to the rabbi.



The Kibbitzer this week is dedicated to the holy courageous souls of Israel that went to Olam Haba too soon.  
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