

# THE Kibbitzer

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## At least the plague of locusts wasn't very expensive.

You get it? Locust. Low cost. The plague of grasshoppers would be expensive.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**D**ear Rabbi. How do I look good praying at shul? Other than bowing at the right time, I have no idea what to do.

Shalom My Dear Pupil. First of all, call it Davening. Davening is the correct word. If you're going to be Frum, learn the word. It's not prayer. It's Davening. It's definitely not Tefillah. Tefillah is what nonFrum Israelis do. We're not trying to be Dati Leumi. We're trying to look good at a shul. Here are some tips.

•*Know When To Be Loud* When you say 'LMan Tizkru' in the Shema prayer, be loud and schlep out the 'z.' It just looks good. When saying the words 'Ya'aleh vYavo' in the Amidah, be loud. It shows you remembered it's Rosh Chodesh and that looks good. You get holy status right away for that. Also, be sure to be the first Ya'aleh vYavo guy. The first guy to reach it is the only one who gets credit. Hence, I suggest to skip the first half of the Amidah and say Ya'aleh vYavo as fast as you can.

•*Know When to Yell At People* Guy reading the Torah messes up a word, yell at him. This is very important. Most people just yell the correct words at

the guy. That's passive aggressive. I suggest to berate him correctly and call him an idiot. A good line can be, 'You fool. Next time practice. You're killing the Davening... Oy!!!' A loud 'oy' of disapproval can truly help you climb a rung on the shul status stairs to the Bima.

•*Be Fast When You See Hebrew* Be fast and mumble. If you're the loser that keeps everybody waiting at Hatarat Nedarim, when a group reads their statement to annul their vows, you're not Frum. You might have grown up in a Frum family but you're not Frum. You enunciate too much. Never enunciate. Good Jews mumble when they talk. This way it always looks like they're praying, even when they are having a conversation.

•*Close Your Eyes* It will look like you are very penitent. Do not worry about knowing words here either. There is something about closing the eyes that shows people you do not know where the congregation is at in the Siddur, and that is spiritual.

•*Know the Choreography* Follow the congregation. That is it. Three small steps. Do not get too excited by the dance. Do not put your right-hand in. Do not take your right-hand out.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- BO

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

**S**(Shemot 10::1) 'H' tells Moshe, 'Go to Paroh for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants.' Why H' hardened the heart of board, I don't know. They're a Paroh to the shul. Like locusts in the chapel... I've tried leaving, but they tell me I will not get paid... *It's with these signs*, the plagues, that the people can leave. But Paroh doesn't let them leave... The plague of the president and the sisterhood. They are always around. Covering the shul...

(10:9) Moshe tells Paroh that everybody is going for it is a Chag. We are all part of this congregation when it comes to celebrating... We have not had a Bar Mitzvah in while...

Nobody wants to sponsor a Kiddish.. Not just the people who have a cheap heart. The whole congregation includes the youth. They went out with us too... They definitely had youth groups. You don't want them around... You can't leave them. Teenagers don't come to shul. They sleep... I don't know if they left Egypt with everybody. I think they tried leaving them behind... They would've been complaining the whole trip... 'It says 'children and elders... women...' It leaves out teenagers. Have you ever tried having a peaceful holiday with teenagers?!... I just hope you can see H's signs in this congregation. Signs of what not to do. How not to treat a rabbi.

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:*  
The rabbi said that if H' gave Paroh the plague of the board and the sisterhood he would've let the Jews go right away. A bunch of idol worshippers came to shul because of the ad.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

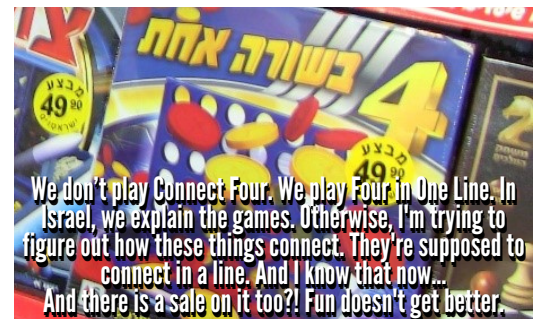
Youth group weekend is happening again next week. Last time was a great success. Five teenagers showed and there were no issues in the shul. We are hoping for fewer this time.

Shabbis groups for the kids are now starting at 9am, when we start shul. The idea is to not have to see the kids in shul.

Please support the day school in their fundraiser. The kid needs it. We have seen what a lack of Jewish education has done to Michael.

Class on how gambling is idol worship will take place next Tuesday. The rabbi doesn't support gambling. Yet, he's made it clear that it would be impossible for membership to give less money than they give right now. So, he is not worried about anybody losing money. A class on how to gamble right will follow, so that some of you might pay dues.

The bakery is back up and men in the back left have put on weight.



We don't play Connect Four. We play Four in One Line. In Israel, we explain the games. Otherwise, I'm trying to figure out how these things connect. They're supposed to connect in a line. And I know that now... And there is a sale on it too?! Fun doesn't get better.

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