

# THE Kibbitzer

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**The eighth plague was the least expensive one.**

**It was locust.**

You get it? If someone with poor speech patterns says it, this pun works. Say locust very slow, with improper speech and it sounds like 'low cost.'

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. I'm still bothered such a holy Jew as yourself didn't serve in the IDF. Are there any other reasons you can share for your lack of service?**

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Don't be bothered. We have different skillsets. My skills are better used talking to others about football. Some people aren't fit for the army. Some people don't fit into army uniforms. Other than being too out of shape to walk around the base, here are more reasons Tzahal didn't take me.

•*It is the Israeli Defense Forces* You have to defend your country. I can't defend myself. I took Krav Maga and got hurt. First lesson, they whacked me. I said, 'That hurts. You win.'

•*I Couldn't Serve for Three Years* I have never held down a job for more than eight months.

•*I Studied Social Work* I can talk with a terrorist about their daddy issues. After that I'm not of much help. If that doesn't help them deal with their aggression, we'll never figure out what's really going wrong.

•*Soldiers Aren't Allowed to Receive Gifts for Their Service* I would go right to military jail because of pastry. I've given soldiers cookies at the checkpoints. I can't resist chocolate chip in baked form. I would even question my integrity for walnuts.

•*I Get Scared When Israelis Talk* Officers are 5 octaves lower than human allowability.

•*Mandatory Service for All Citizens* That word citizen scares me. I don't want to pay more taxes. I've suffered enough for our people. I've been on many shul committees.

•*My Hebrew is Bad* I wouldn't get commands. With scary voice, I'd be doing pushups by accident. They'd be saying, 'Good morning,' and I'd be down giving them twenty.

•*Even Guard Duty is Too Hard* I don't have abilities to sit in one spot for 8 hours, and finish 500 grams of sunflower seeds. 500 hundred is the amount you finish on a shift.

•*I Served by Being Kind to My Neighbors* That is a bunch of hogwash. Saying it makes me feel better about myself... I would have been an extremely lone soldier. That's sad.

## SERMONS OF REBUKE: BO

Shabbat Shalom My Herd...

You love to worry. Best thing that happened to you is your car got stolen. That's all you talked about about for the next month... You run to insurance... You shouldn't have bought a Kia. It's a plague... *Locusts are in the fields killing vegetation 'the hail left,' (Shemot 10:16) 'And Paroh rushes to call Moshe and Aharon, and he said, "I have sinned to H."* He is religious for a moment because he was worried. He worried about his money. The same way you worry about your Forte. The same way the board became religious when I asked for a raise. 'But we are here serving Gd.'

You're here not giving me a raise.

*Sforno teaches Paroh hurried cause he was worried about permanent damage to the vegetation. He was worried about his money. If you guys worried about the shul lawn, it wouldn't be full of weeds... (10:18-19) The locusts are hurled towards the sea and Paroh's heart is hardened by H' and he doesn't send out the Jews.*

When the monetary worry is gone, you have no reason to be religious or kind. The board decided to not give me a raise, and they didn't show up to shul today. A bunch of Parohs, they stop praying...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:* Those are the kindest words rabbi ever said to our members. He wants to stay with us, cause other shuls are also annoying. They should hire rabbis for beard length. Each inch should be a 10k raise in salary. Members want a longer beard from rabbi.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rabbi Mendelchem will remain with our congregation. He went on some job interviews for other congregations this past week and noticed that their congregants are just as annoying as ours.**

**The board would like to apologize for the rabbi's beard. When he was hired it was much longer. We thought we were hiring a rabbi with four chin inches. We thought he was holy. Now we question his holiness.**

**Aspirations are important. Our board aspires to find a new rabbi.**

**No more new tunes for Lecha Dodi. Binyamin thinks he's educating the congregation. It's just annoying. Everybody likes the traditional Bum BaDa Bum Bum tune... And no more excitement from the Baal Tefillah.**

**Excitement seems to manifest itself with loud table banging. Our members don't take well to excitement. Especially the older members.**

**We're asking members to greet each other. Hellos might help members feel wanted. Nobody in our shul is cool enough to avoid saying 'Hello.'**



**The Kibbitzer this week is dedicated to all of our holy brothers and sister who have been affected by the terror.  
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