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What kind of a kitten comes from the Middle East? A Chukat.

You get it? Chukat is the Parsha. You mispronounce it, and the pun works. Do the Israeli chach, the 'Chet' sound for a while. And it can be funny. The Chu is the

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I know about European Aliyah from the late 1800s and early 1900s. When did the American Aliyah to Israel begin, and how?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. The first Aliyah, Jewish people moving to Israel, as a nation, was after forty years in the desert. It would've been sooner, if the people didn't listen to the spies. But Jews love not listening to their rabbis. They brought back huge grapes, and people were scared. Big fruit can be frightening. I too would've been worried about staining my shirt. Until recently, American Jews have remained scared to move to Israel, due to the multitudes of fruit in the shuk.

- Aliyah started building up in America when parents began sending their kids to Israel to check out the land in the 1980s. They sent their kids to Yeshivas. The students went up in Jerusalem, and stayed there. A group of Yeshiva kids came back to America with a huge shawarma. One of the dads saw the size of the shawarma and said, 'We're moving to Israel.'
- A few years later, in the 1990s, word started spreading around the New York area that the laffas (Eish Tanors)

are huge. The Jewish people were inspired and they said, 'We won't let huge portions keep us from the Holy Land.' To see their Yeshiva kids, coming back from Israel, carrying poles with clusters of shawarma was a great miracle. Kedem discussed if they should change their logo to a picture of men carrying a pole huge clusters of shawarma. A prominent figure in Teaneck said, 'We must move to Israel. The land God promised us, flowing with chumus and tachina... flowing with chumus and tachina, and shawarma.'

- More Yeshiva kids came back to America and confirmed, 'We are huge in their eyes. They are much smaller than us. We are very heavy, and we eat much.' Discussion grew, as many students spoke out, 'The people who live there eat salad.'

And Nefesh Bnefesh started, and people made Aliyah, because they paid you to do it.

Once word got out that you don't have to pay for your child's education, American Aliyah reached all time highs. Americans are now spending more money on shawarma than ever before. And they are the heaviest people in Israel. That's the history of the American Aliyah.

SERMON OF REBUKE- CHUKAT

Shabbat Shalom My Impure...
(Bamidbar 19:2) H' tells Moshe and Aharon, 'This is the Chok of the Torah.' It's a decree. I'm not going to explain... Why do I have to explain every little thing... Rashi, quoting Tanchuma 7-8, explains that it's a decree that you can't contemplate... Because other nations and the Satan will ask the reasons for this Mitzvah... Every question you ask is a Satan. A bunch of Satan questions... The back left. Satan conversation. Yes. You have to keep Shabbis... I won't tell you what this Dvar Torah is about. Every sermon, you want to know... Satan. What's the Chok?. The red heifer to purify people. The Shul needs decrees...

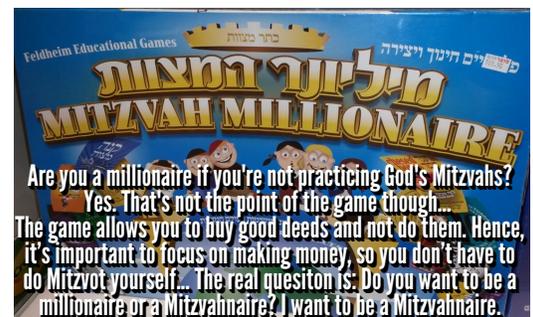
You have to wear a tie. These are Choks. No more sinning... It's a Chok. I will not explain what the sins are. Don't do them...
(Bamidbar 19:20) 'And a man that becomes impure and doesn't purify himself, this person shall be cut off from the people.' Who else should be cut off from our shul? At least from Bingo night... And Bernie. Cut him off... Why do we allow these congregants... Bad gift givers at Simchas. Kick them out. Why do you even invite them... No clean clothes. Cut them off. Out of the community. It's a Chok. don't have to explain it. A Chok. You give decent gifts. It's wedding season... If you don't do it. Cut off...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
 I think the rabbi is getting sick of explaining the Torah all the time. At one point, he said the whole Torah is a Chok. And he stopped giving classes for half a year. The rabbi wants to kick everybody out of the shul. Yes. He did say the congregants are Satan.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Shul yard sale will take place next Sunday. We ask that you sell stuff people want. Last year, they were offended by your 1980s tube TVs with the huge backs. They're not carriable, and they don't fit in homes. We understand you have stuff you want to get rid of. We also ask that you don't sell twin mattresses that are too small for you to sleep on.. And no leaving your trash you can't sell at the shul. Last year we almost had a Hoarders TV show episode filmed at the shul, when they heard the secretary couldn't get out due to the couch with cats in it.

Simchas are now being hosted to get mad at people that don't give decent gifts. We suggest all members give a lot of money, so there's less hatred, and less to listen to at Kiddish. Spend at least two hundred dollars on gifts. That or give two hundred dollars straight. If it's not on sale, two hundred dollars is better in cash. Bar and Bat Mitzvahs are an investment. There's a reason you're invited to birthday parties as well.



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