

# THE Kibbitzer

Tisha BAv  
Humor Special

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## How do you know it's Tisha BAv? When you see the table on the ceiling.

You get it? Knowing Yiddish helps with puns. Tish is a table. Above means above. Ceilings are above. On Tisha BAv we don't eat, so it doesn't matter if the table is on the ceiling.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**D**ear Rabbi. Tisha BAv is coming and I am truly saddened by the thought of not being able to eat for 25 hours. How do I get my mind off of food, and focus on repentance?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. I'm here for you. All good Jews worry about fasting. What truly bothers me during this time of mourning is the idea of not being able to eat cream cheese and lox. After five hours of fasting, I'm not worried about the destruction of the Temples. I'm worried about starving, and even worse, losing weight. This Tisha BAv, I want to give you the tools to focus on the destruction of the Temples. Today, we shall focus on pregaming the fast, and what to do afterwards.

•*Gorge Before the Fast* Eat a lot. The tradition before Tisha BAv is to sit on a floor and eat an egg, bread and ashes, commemorating the destruction. Thus, I eat before that, to commemorate the fear of eating an egg and bread, and not eating for a day. I don't know when starvation begins. I don't know how much the body needs to survive. I do know that I love breakfast. I'm going to be missing out on breakfast and lunch. There are snacks, such as Snickers and

Chex party mix, and fruit pies. You might miss out on a nice peanut butter and chocolate ice cream. Eat it all before the fast. You don't want to miss out on any meal because the Temple was destroyed. A pre-fast meal should be a full day's worth of snack, pasta, pastry and whatever else causes a headache. That or sitting on the floor with an egg and ashes. I'm not knocking ashes. They just don't fill me up. Though, they're an excellent condiment.

•*Gorge After the Fast* The goal of the fast is to put on weight. The gorging after technique allows you to catch up on any accidental loss of poundage. Allowing you to continue in your goal of being a good Jew. The post fast meal should consist of eggs, cream cheese and bagels. You should also fill up on dairy products you missed when gorging before the fast. Quiches, lasagna, fettuccine alfredo, blintzes and anything else you ate on Shavuot. Be sure to also have cheesecake. Remember, you're making up for all food you didn't eat that day. And that includes everything... The Temples were destroyed. We want to bookend that with food. Otherwise, there's no way you'll enjoy commemorating the destruction.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- DEVARIM

Shabbat Shalom My People...  
S I was late. I was stuck behind Herman... You caused Davening to take another forty minutes this week... We had to wait for you to get up. Walk faster... Get a better walker... We waited for you in shul too. You should've skipped the Mishebeyrach. Those blessings for your family were way too long... There's a point where you don't do everybody's name... Like your friends in the office...  
(Devarim 1:6) H' tells the Jews, 'You've been at this mountain long enough.' Rav Lachem. 'It's too much for you.' 'It's too much for you to be here.' 'Couldn't dwell at Har Chorev. We were in shul way too long today, thanks to Herman... It's too much. God wants you out.

Move on. Get out... Reuven. You're twenty-eight years old. Get out of the house. It's your parent's house... Chorev is Sinai. It's too much to explain everything to you...  
The Mishebeyrachs are too much. Too much... Not all of your kids can lead davening. Just Effie... It's too much. Too much fighting... Too many messed up Aliyahs. by the Gabai... This all causes hatred. We have Tisha BAv tonight. And there's hatred because of how you act at shul. The Mikdash Miat, Small Temple, It's all too much. Can you imagine what happened when the Gabai called up the wrong lamb for the sacrifice?... It's too much for all of us. Tu BAv is coming... Take it easy on singles. Your messed up Shidduch ideas are too much... Put the singles in your Mishebeyrachs  
*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:*  
The break-fast had split pea soup. You need split pea soup.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Tisha BAv food drive is going to take place on the fast day itself. We know that you give food you don't like. Disgusting food, like peas and carrots. So, the Chesed people aren't worried that it'll make you hungry.

The break-fast will take place at the Schwartz's home. Hopefully they'll cook something decent this year.

We are going to have Effie do Anim Zmirot from now on. He's the best kid and he has proven to be the most violent. The Gabai doesn't want to get between the fourth grade boys fighting over who is going to lead services. He has a family and needs to stay healthy for them.

The cause of baseless hatred is long Mishebeyrach. We understand you want to bless your family, the shul, neighborhood, all of Klal Yisrael, the Olam, and all cousins by name, but people want to eat Shabbat lunch. You can't steal more than twelve minutes of davening with one Aliyah.

The board has decided that if you're wealthy enough, we can wait.



That's what I think about on Tisha BAv and the Nine Days... That's how I connect with the destruction of the Temples, and the suffering of our people. I mourn decent food.

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