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Tisha BA
Comedy Special

The day before Tisha BA went very slow. It wasn't a fast day.

You get it? Tisha BA is a fast day, so it goes quickly. Fast meaning fast. Whereas the day before Tisha BA is not a fast day, so it goes slow.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I know this is a sad time in our calendar. Can you please educate us on some of the tragedies during this time?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Of course. It is the Nine Days, the time of Jewish calamity, and Jews are enjoying themselves in The Mountains not swimming. There's no greater feeling than mourning. So, let's delve into some tragedies that happened during this time that starts with the 17th of Tammuz (Mishna Taanit 4:6).

•*The 17th of Tammuz* 1) Moshe broke the Luchot, shocked when he saw Maury worshiping the Golden Calf. Then, to see Ruchel give her earrings up for it. That's when he knew it was serious. 2) Sacrifices in the Temple ceased, and we were stuck eating melons. 3) Apostomos burned a Torah scroll. If he would known how much a Torah costs, he wouldn't have burned it. We must let the anti-Semites know how much Torahs go for, before they attack. 4) Apostomos didn't burn the idol that was placed in the Second Temple. If he would've burned that, we would like him. 5) The walls of Jerusalem were breached. Now we have gates. If we had gates back then, we could've let the Romans in. 6) I lost a sock.

•*Tisha BA* 1) The Twelve Spies returned from their mission and spoke ill of the land of Israel, saying stuff like it has big grapes. Which back then was hurtful. 2) Temples were destroyed. Germans wanted to kill Jews. Crusades thought to kill Jews. The August heat gets people wanting to kill Jews. 'It's 90 outside because of the Jews.' 3) At six in the afternoon, I had a hankering for some split pea soup. That was hard. That kind of got me a bit emotional. 4-5-6) Romans killed Jews and destroyed Betar. They plowed Jerusalem. The city is full of rock and not optimal for vegetation. Joke's on them. And Walmart said Jews in The Mountains can't return lawn chairs from their bungalows; saying it's wrong to come back with used chairs at the end of the summer, when they go back to the city. It's that kind of anti-Semitism that destroyed the Beit HaMikdash.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: DEVARIM

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils... Again. Complaining... That's what Moshe was talking about... Moshe's sermon was longer than mine. The whole Sefer... You still complain. We don't go to Israel cause of your complaints. The last shul trip didn't happen because you were worried about the heat, Bella... Nothing about big grapes. Moshe says he needs help to deal with your annoyingness... (*Devarim 1:12*) 'How can I carry your bothersomeness, your burdens and your fighting?!' Thank you for saying it Moshe. Thank you. They are annoying. I know... I have Bernie sitting in the front right. I know. I go to Kiddish with

hem. I see them every Shabbis. And the fights. 'I want Sheni. I want Shelishi. Wah Wah Wah. Wah Wah Wah.' And you don't even Layn..... You can barely make the walk, Max. It take you three minutes to get to the Bima... *Rashi explains, they were skeptical of Moshe. Questioned Moshe's motives...* My motives are to get out of here. To not deal with a Shacharit that takes two hours because Felvel still can't read Hebrew... My motives are to not wish people Yashkoyach for opening up the ark... He kept pulling the closing string. Three minutes of curtain banging. You're the reason for Tisha BA.

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon: The rabbi was so happy. This was the first sermon where he just thanked Moshe. He didn't have to say anything extra. Moshe let out his anger for the rabbi.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tisha BA is coming and the shul's air-conditioning is not working. We hope that is helpful.

The panel discussion for mental health will take place on Tuesday. We suggest Shoshi, Sherri, Shoshana, Shana, Sheryl, Sherlie, Ethel, Berel, Leibel, Muttel and Shloimy show up. There are other people who should be there, as they also have no idea how to interact with other people at Kiddish, and make everybody uncomfortable with their jokes.

A panel discussion on why Bernie is so annoying will be hosted by the rabbi next month.

We are asking somebody to take the shul's Tallis to the cleaners. It smells disgusting. It actually smells like the history of the shul.

No more Yashkoyachs in the shul for people who get an Aliyah. They do nothing. Give your Yashkoyach to the Bal Koreh. The one who prepared.

And no Yashkoyach for opening the ark. Pulling a string is not a feat.



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