

# THE Kibbitzer

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**Their pet took them to The Mountains and jumped from tree to tree. She wanted to show them the cat-skills.**

You get it? The Catskills. Cat skills. Pets do tricks there to show off their skills. It was visiting day.

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. I don't have much money to give. I'm worried I will be found by the local Jewish Federation. How do I avoid them?**

Shalom My Dear Pupil. You can't. It makes no difference what you do, they'll find you. Jewish organizations will find you. I understand you give Tzedaka. That is not enough. You have grandparents and Yahrzeits. The Federation expects you to tithe for them too. Here are some things you can try, but it won't work.

- Change Your Number* Do you have friends, siblings, a bunk-mate from Camp Shalom in first grade, anybody you thought you'd go into business with, a mechanic you stopped going to eight years ago, a cashier at Marshall's who rung up a pair of trousers? They will find them. Then, they will find you.

- Change Your Address* Many have. You do what you can to not have anybody contacting you on Super Sunday. Changing your address is not enough. Everybody in town knows Schwartz is Jewish. You have

to move to a country that has not seen Jews yet. Singapore could work. Even so, I would not feel safe. I am sure there's a Chabad there. They'll find you.

- Change Your Last Name* Jewish women have tried this forever. They still find them.

- Lose Your Job* They have access to your retirement account.

- Say You're Single* It worked with the ladies. It kept away every potential soulmate.

Hopefully they won't consider part of the Jewish community, due to your patheticness. Either that, or they'll charge you as though you're a family. It's a Jewish community one-for-the-price-of-two deal. Shuls charge you double for being single, as a way to try to keep you out.

I've tried it all. Some have passed away to avoid paying pledges. They find you. Even when you're in heaven, they send you a calendar. The only way to avoid them hunting you down is to move to Israel. If you make Aliyah, nonprofits give up on you.

## SERMONS OF REBUKE: EKEV

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

*(Devarim 8:11)* 'Guard yourself, lest you forget H' your Gd, by not keeping His Mitzvot...' The back left of the shul... That's what happens when you don't guard yourself. You start drinking in the middle of services... You forget Gd when you don't do Mitzvot. When you go out and drink during Layning every Shabbis... You're sleeping. You definitely forget to stay up for Davening. You were snoring during the Kedusha...

*(8:12-14)* 'Lest you eat and be satisfied, and build good houses... and your heart grows haughty, and you forget the Lord, your

Gd...' It's because you have money... If you were broke, you would believe in Gd more. You start to think that you don't have to buy from the butcher anymore... He charges a lot. You buy from him, you go broke, you start praying to H' again... The problem is you enjoy the food too much. Try the Schwartzman Kugel. You eat their food for Shabbis lunch, you want to pray to H' for a decent dinner... You spend \$12 on a hotdog at the butcher...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:* I suggested butcher memberships. This way people won't feel bad when spending twelve dollars on a hot dog. What is about shul that makes people need to drink? Is it the Ner Tamid light over ark? Is it Shabbis? I heard the guy go over to his friend during the Chazaras Hashatz, 'I need alcohol right now.' He truly needed it. The rabbi's lesson is beautiful. You go broke, you have it bad. That is how you believe in H'. And that is why half of the membership doesn't pay dues.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

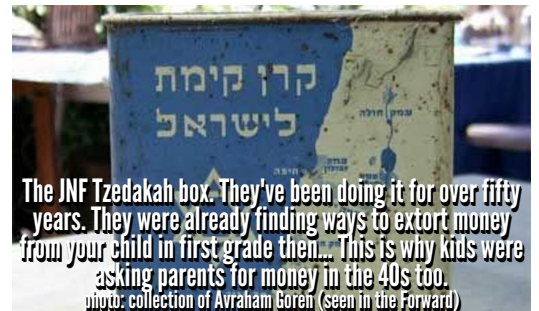
We are asking people to not exercise during Kiddish.

Exercise showing at Kiddish is making families uncomfortable. Parents have stopped bringing their kids to shul, in fear that their child will have to see Ben in an ungodly position doing burpees.

The enhanced Kiddish this week is sponsored by the shul. Nobody has given anything to the Kiddish. Just letting you know. Again, nobody has stepped up to support the food. Dues will be raised due to Kishka.

Please wait till after Layning to drink alcohol. We understand it's hard to be in shul untoxicated. Your families are in shul and we see your children. Understood. And there's a Chazin. He'll bring you to drinking.

Support local businesses. People are complaining the butcher raised his prices. It is a communal shop. You have to support it. We understand it is a business. But it is a community business. So, you have to buy from the butcher to go to heaven.



The JNF Tzedakah box. They've been doing it for over fifty years. They were already finding ways to extort money from your child in first grade then... This is why kids were asking parents for money in the 40s too.  
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