

# THE Kibbitzer



**We wanted to play something that wasn't too exciting, so we played a board game.**

You get it? Board. Bored. Like any good pun, it has to be phonetic. Close your eyes and say it now. You see? And it's Jewish tradition to play board games on Shabbat.

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**I am thinking of joining my friends in The Mountains this summer. Other than wearing nightgowns, what activities should I prepare for?**

My Dear Pupil. It's a religious practice to go to The Mountains for the summer. I'm happy to hear you want to be a better Jew and visit. There are many activities that people do in the Catskills, and they all revolve around pizza. Here are some of the many joyous activities to prepare for:

- Eat Pizza- The activity includes eating. Pizza shops, knishes, and more eating. There is New York style pizza; thus, Woodbourne is Jewish. You can now find kosher pizza shops in Monticello. South Fallsburg is has tons of pizza. Pizza all summer. That is the nutrient of The Mountains. Pizza. What came first? Jews or pizza? I cannot answer this question, my pupil.
- Amazing Savings- In a bungalow? You go shopping at Amazing Savings. Jews need to buy tin pans. Walmart was enjoyed by all in The Mountains until they didn't allow us to return stuff after two months. Chutzpah! I ask you, what am I supposed to do with the lawn chairs after the summer?!

- The Lake- There is always a lake nearby. You do not swim there. You swim in the pool that is built right next to the lake. The correct terminology is 'take a dunk.' You take a dunk in the pool. I am not sure if there is actual swimming. I have seen people in pools, but I am not sure if they are swimming or standing there. I have not seen any movement in the water. That might cause some strain. They are definitely dunking.
- Boating- Jews do not use motorboats. They go boating with an oar. It's all part of the Jewish tradition of reliving slavery. They most definitely do not go surfing. That is too tiring. If you see anybody outside of the boat, that is a man overboard.
- Hike- Anytime you have a bottle in a bag, that is a hike. Bottle in your hands, that is a walk. Walking in your night gown is a hike. Anybody walking to the pizza shop when they could be driving, is hiking and losing weight. If you are from New York and you are surrounded by trees and grass and you go for a walk, that is a hike. So prepare for the NY experience in The Mountains, and be ready to dunk and buy tins.

## SERMON OF REBUKE - EKEV

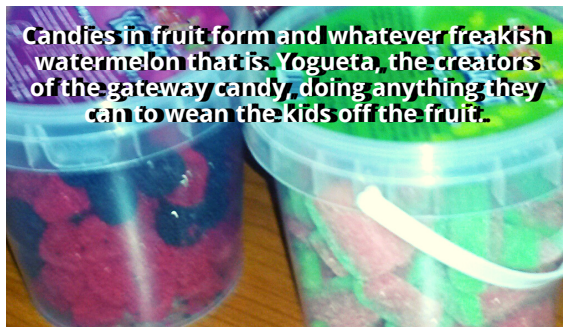
**S**habbat Shalom My Congregants, You step on stuff. 'Ekev'. Your heal... No. It's not a pun. Yes. There is double meaning... You stepped on the new couch. Who puts their shoes on a couch... If they're off your feet, if they're on a couch, you're stepping on it... It's the Mitzvot you're stepping on. Things you view as unimportant, if we practice them, we merit Israel... The Mitzvot you think are unimportant like Shabbat, speaking Lashon Hara, stealing... You steal from the shul. Dr. Fishbaum doesn't pay dues... You talk about Fran all the time... Yes. She can be annoying... Shabbat is. You just hauled your branch to shul for the shul sing along fire pit... It's Shabbat, Frank...

I'm going to speak about the first Pasuk this week. I didn't have much time to prepare. I had other more important stuff... Sometimes you go to the baseball game. We did the doubleheader as a family... I'm an Abba. I vacation too. For my child. We already paid for the rained out game... The shul game got rained out. If a game gets rained out, does anyone see the shul name on the billboard? I bring you philosophy... It was more enjoyable than sitting with the congregants... I would've had to sermonize then... Every time I talk to you, I have to sermon you... Because you step on the Mitzvot... You stepped on my family time... You call me with every question... I will still talk. I don't take off work, Dr. Fishbaum. Neither does Mrs. Goldbaum. That is why she can pay her dues... There is a beautiful teaching this week, which the rabbi in our sister shul, Brith HaKehunah

Hagadol vHaMitzuyan, the shul with an ego (calling themselves the Great & Awesome Shul), will also be talking about... Last week, we learned in the Torah that H' repays those who don't follow His Mitzvot; as *Rashi explains, with no place in the world to come, and a condo in Florida... There's retribution. That's why the game got rained out... You don't take Shabbat seriously... Florida is nice... (Devarim 7:12) It will be 'because' we hear and practice these 'ordinances,' that H' will live up to his covenant of good with our 'fathers.' Avraham, Yitzchak and Yakov... I don't know if Mark got anything good out of the divorce. That's not a decent covenant for Cooper... They're good kids... Do you want the covenant of Israel, or alimony?...*

I don't know what the covenant is, but it's good. Israel or something. *Rashi (7:12) expounds on the word used for 'Because', עקב, as it means heel. It is the 'easy Mitzvot that one tramples upon.'* It is because we view the easy Mitzvot as not important... Yes. Shabbat is important. The congregants don't view it like that... They'd come on a rain day if... This isn't a baseball game. Shul doesn't get rained out... You trample on rain... Dr. Fishbaum paid his dues? Sorry.

*Rivka's Notes on R' Mendelchem's Drasha:* Putting shoes on the couch was wrong. Every woman that walks to shul has walking shoes. I never heard of walking shoes anywhere else. I've heard of running shoes. Until I joined the shul, I had no idea walking shoes was a category. When they get to shul, they put on Shabbis shoes. Those are shoes you wear on Shabbis. They can be flats or high heels. Shabbis shoes can never be ultra-high heels. Fran might wear ultra-highs, but we wouldn't know. She's getting close to 90. The rabbi brought up Brith Hagadol vHaMitzuyan because they are trying to poach our members. When he said that the rabbi there also gives long sermons like him, all the congregants decided to not go there.



**Candies in fruit form and whatever freakish watermelon that is. Yogueta, the creators of the gateway candy, doing anything they can to wean the kids off the fruit.**

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