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They said the ice cream is divine, which is forbidden, because you shouldn't eat molten ice cream.

You get it? Malt sounds like molt. Molten gods.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. Shalom. I respect Olim. Those who moved to Israel are connected to tradition. Even so, their clothes are out of style. Why? My Dear Pupil. As Yom HaAtzmaut just passed, I love your question. Answer is that the year of Aliyah is your style. Clothing doesn't change after one moves to Israel. You make Aliyah and your wardrobe is set. There are reasons:

- Style stops when you're not willing to pay more than 35 US dollars for a new pair of pants. They might sell them in Israel, but nobody buys anything when they can get it cheaper in America. I've never met an Oleh that purchased anything inedible in Israel. Immigrants have purchased dinner, as they have to eat, and perishables can go bad, even when Amazon ships it. Never clothes.
- American Olim have a warped sense of a style they hold dear. And that style is at a permanent place in time, from the eternal day they made Aliyah. The day where America was perfect and peoples. A time when Marshalls and Kohl's were a place you were proud to shop at. A time when Land's End did exchanges. No questions. A time when they stopped buying clothes. To Olim,

lifetime guarantee means to wear it your whole life. Some say lifetime guarantee doesn't mean fashion. They never made Aliyah. Ask any Oleh. It's Aliyah pride. Pleats feel good.

Walk the streets of Israel and you can tell when the Oleh left America:

- Polo symbol on shirt – 1985
- Tommy Hilfiger – 1996
- Girbaud sign on jeans – 1993
- Shoulder pads – any year in the 1980s
- ACDC shirt – 1979
- iPod shuffle on sleeve – 2008
- Bell-bottoms – 1971 or 2006
- Corduroy – hand-me-downs from any decade
- Parachute pants – Fan of Vanilla Ice or MC Hammer. That style didn't lasted a full year.
- Jean skirt – 1980s or girl who is still in seminary
- Members Only jacket – 1987
- Non-ironed shirt with fraying collar – 2003
- Anything you have to iron – pre-1998
- Breeches – 1490-1920 or you moved from England.
- Turban – 1200s or friend of Rambam
- Double-breasted suit – 1986-1991 or a hand-me-down they can't figure out how to button.

I hope this helps explain the Oleh's connection to clothes, and helps you judge them less. I can't account for hand-me-downs, as they are free and can thus alter the Oleh's style.

SERMON OF REBUKE- KEDOSHIM

Shabbat Shalom My Holy Humans... H' tells Moshe to gather us and tells us to be holy. Why?... Have you ever tried getting a Minyan? It's impossible. You delegate that. You need people knocking on doors. Phone chains... People will do anything to get out of coming to shul... Still using COVID... We do prayers for health every Shabbat. They can come and pray for health. The board isn't committed to being holy... I'm not saying Bernie is Holy. We have to be holy (*Vayikra 19:2*) 'for holy I am, H' your Gd.' A Mitzvah to be like H'... That means don't be like Bernie. We have to fear parents and keep Shabbat. Why? (*19:3*) 'I am H' your Gd'... Without H' you would do nothing... Chaim doesn't do his

homework... Because H' didn't tell him... (*19:13-14*) You don't cheat. You don't curse deaf people... H' hears. H' hears you talking during my sermon... You don't put stumbling blocks in front of blind people. 'Fear Gd'... We can't trust your judgment. You think the kick me sign is funny... Without fear... You don't even come to shul. You'd vote to keep the shul president... Fear of Gd keeps us right... If we followed Sam, this congregation would consider it holy to hit the casino every Tuesday... You can catch COVID there too, Sam... If you feared Gd you would be in shul. *Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:* The rabbi's been giving great messages of not to be like Bernie and Sam. We really learn a lot from them. COVID is the congregants excuse for everything. Can't call parents because of COVID. The local kosher kitchen's got bad lettuce because of COVID. Drinks on tap are not working, because of COVID. No service because of COVID. We call it a kitchen, because it's a charity now. It's a soup kitchen for people who keep kosher and can't find their food anywhere.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yom HaAtzmaut was a success in Israel. The programs there were good. We can forget about our town's blue and white falafel fiasco. The community will stay away from eating Israeli flags in the future. It's offensive to Jews.

No bothering the doctors in the middle of davening. Please, wait till Kiddish. We appreciate people coming to shul to avoid visits to doctors offices and copays. To answer Rivka's question, during Torah reading, it is also not proper, as some of the doctors try to not interrupt services, like the men in the back left. Only ask about your child's illness at Kiddish. It's common courtesy.

The in shul jungle gym will hopefully bring more kids to the shul. The idea is to get them here. We don't care if they're inside or davening. We want them at shul and outside of it. We will also have a weekly Shabbat freezetag game during services. The ark will be used as base, for reasons of Chinuch. We want the kids to love shul, and the only way to do that is for them to not daven.

We will continue to host Zoom classes for those who don't want to be in shul. It's clear that you are happy not being around community.



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