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Why did the entertainer take prisoners? He wanted a captive audience.

You get it? The captive audience joke works every year. So many iterations. It's amazing. Create your own pun about people taken captive. They have to laugh at it.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I've learned Hebrew, but I still feel like I can't speak it, as I get ripped off every time I go to the shul. How can I sound Israeli?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. As I am an educator, I shall impart to you some of the secrets for how to sound Israeli.

- Sound Angry* They're not angry. It's just how they sound. It's how you greet people. You want to sound and look angry. The angriest sounding person I ever heard was at his daughter's wedding. He angrily said, 'My daughter just got married!!! Mazal Tov to me!!! I am very happinessie. I want to thank everybody for coming and sharing in our Simcha!!!!' Such joy... Sounding angry also helps you when there's a long line. If you sound extremely angry and unstable, people will let you cut.
- Talk in a Voice Four Octaves Lower Than Your Natural Voice Allows* I don't know how these tiny men and women have such deep voices. However, they are extremely deep, and scary. It might have something to do with the wars and all the enemies surrounding Israel. The Israelis talk in real low voices and the enemies think they are huge and angry. They run.

- Welcome People with a Command* When you say 'Hello,' say it in command form. The first time an Israeli said hi to me, I got scared. They came over to me, 'Shalom!!!!' My response was, 'I'm sorry. I didn't mean it.' And then I started doing push-ups. Very scary.
- Be Prepared to Greet in Competition Form* Shabbat is very hard. They will one-up you. You come at them 'Shabbat Shalom,' and they're going to top you with 'uMvorach!!!!' And a blessed Shabbat to you!!! You've got to be ready. Holidays are much harder. You come to them with a 'Moadim LSimcha' and immediately they got you with 'Chagim uZmanim LSason!!!!' To translate, 'Times of Happiness.' 'Holidays and times of rejoice to you!!!!'
- Make People Feel Like They Did Something Wrong* Use your hand for this. You put your fingers together, with your fingers facing up. Then bring your hand out to chin level, with a slight bend in the arm. It is at that height that the other person will know they did something wrong. Then make 'ti' sound, like you're calling a dog. Try all of that, and make sure to not sound American, and you might not get ripped off.

SERMON OF REBUKE- KI TEITZEI

Shabbat Shalom My Captives... I understand the Chazan is taking way too long. Painful... This shul has taken me captive. The board... I'm a prisoner to long Davening, and a president who thinks the shul needs a another Mechitzah, because he has money for renovations. How about you don't paint the shul pink.. Fluorescent colors don't belong in a shul... One Mechitzah is enough. Ba'al Tosif... If I have to explain adding onto Mitzvot... How about you add the Mitzvah of not driving to shul on Shabbat... I'm a captive to your sinning... Merv holds people captive in conversation... Merv should let them grown their nails first. Before telling them jokes.

(Devarim 21:14) 'if you don't want her, you

shall send her away... because you have afflicted her.' You have afflicted me. Let me go with a good pension...

You treat people right. That is what the Torah is teaching us. (21:15-17) *The son of a despised wife you have to treat well...* You don't lose your birthrights to a double portion because your mother is ugly... We treat the Melvinthal family very kindly in this shul...

(21:20-21) *'This son of ours is wayward and rebellious. He doesn't obey us...'* Annoying kids you don't have to treat right. 'A glutton...'

The way you guys eat at Kiddish... What do you do to him? You pelt him with stones. Too many Stella Doro chocolate holes, stone him... Too much Kishka, where I don't get any. Whack them.. We have a wayward board...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
I'm a captive to neon lighting. The board should be stoned.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No touching people's arms in the middle of conversations. Many of the older men are using this technique to keep people in conversation, forcing them to listen to the rest of their jokes. It's abusive and it must stop. Getting people to want to listen to your jokes with intimidation is illegal and assault. We are proposing listening autonomy. If somebody doesn't want to listen to Merv, they don't have to stay.

We are going to start sending out a weekly announcement of what members are doing. Hearing everything about the community members is important. It's important to know where they go shopping. So we are going to start announcing it on the shul's webpage. To note: The Finkelmans go to Kohl's regularly. Kroger grocery shopping by the Blumenbergs is done every Wednesday. Melvensteins bought a yacht. The board will from now on make all decisions. We're letting you know this, just in case you want to join another congregation.



The scary thing about the Mifletzet (Jerusalem's famous monster slide) is that new huge building right above it, falling off it

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