

# THE Kibbitzer

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## I didn't have time to bring Karbanot. Sometimes, you have to make sacrifices.

You get it? Karbanot are sacrifices. He should've made a sacrifice, finding time to bring the sacrifice. Sacrifices take sacrifices.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**D**ear Rabbi. I want to start giving more Tzedakah. I have never seen anybody give more than a dollar to Tzedakah at shul. Please help me figure out how to give?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Kol Hakavod on wanting to be decent. To help out here, let's look at the eight levels of Tzedakah in the Rambam's Mishna Torah Laws of Gifts to Poor 10:7-14.

•*Level 8: The giver is pained by the act of giving* Known as Tzedakah, this is when you give. When somebody is in need, and you do a kind deed and give them money. You feel a sharp pain in your shoulder, known as kindness. This also known as dues.

•*Level 7: Gives less than they should but does so cheerfully* Of course they're cheerful, they're barely giving anything. This is when they come around with the Tzedakah box at shul and you put in a dollar. I have never seen anybody put more than a dollar into the Pushke.

•*Level 6: Gives after being solicited* You're at a traffic light. A stranger knocks on your window. You are

scared. To ward off the potential threat, you pull out a dollar and get them angrier.

•*Level 5: Donor gives without being solicited* This never happens.

•*Level 4: Recipient knows the donor but donor doesn't know recipient* You know who you gave it to when you get nasty looks at shul for being cheap.

•*Level 3: Donor knows the recipient but recipient doesn't know donor* You give money and now you're asking yourself why this guy can't get a job. And then they end up pledging two-hundred dollars for Maftir.

•*Level 2: Donor and recipient don't know who* Somebody else is stealing the money.

•*Level 1: Donor gives recipient the wherewithal to be self-supporting* The greatest

way to help somebody isn't to give them the fish, but to teach them how to fish. You give them an activity to get their mind of the fact that they're broke.

The Rambam does not say to give a lot of money. He knows nobody would do that.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: KI TEITZEI

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...  
(Devarim 22:1-3) *'You shall not see your brother's donkey or sheep cast off and hide yourself from them; you shall return them... and return it to him. And so shall you do for his donkey, and so shall you do for any lost article of your brother... and you shall not hide yourself.'* You borrowed clothes from the shul clothes drive. Never gave them back, Rivki... I don't know how this guy doesn't know his brother... I read the whole thing, because none of you help. You don't hide yourself from helping. From giving Tzedakah, you don't hide.

From being on time to Minyin... From Melvin's bad jokes, you don't hide... He needs somebody to tell them to. The way you guys hide from helping. I've seen you in the corner, Shmuel. Hiding behind a chair... You're sixty-three years old. It was like you were playing hide-and-go-seek from volunteering. (22:4) *'You shall not see your brother's donkey or ox fall on the road and hide yourself from it; you shall stand it up with him.'* Commandments to help... I know it's scary... I don't know why the donkeys and oxen... No. They didn't have cars then...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:* People are so not helpful in our shul. Somebody was sick. They asked them to make chicken soup for the congregation. What our members will do to not help. One guy had a temper tantrum when the rabbi asked him to help put up the Schach.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

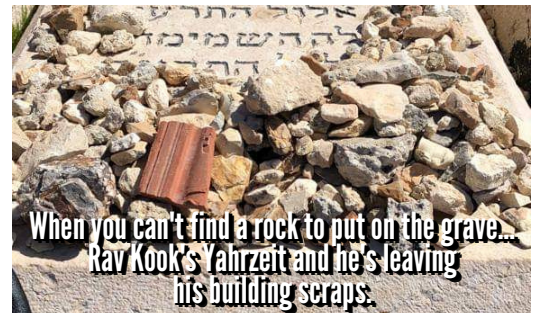
**High Holiday seats are for sale now. To get good ones, near the back of the shul, near the door, you should purchase them soon. The price on the seats next to quick escape routes will be going up soon.**

**Please don't sit next to anybody. The members of Beis Kneses Anshei Emes uSefilah don't like when people sit next to them. Watches and coats need seats. So, please don't complain if you see a watch on a chair. There are chairs people and chairs for time pieces.**

**Kaddish is off. The sound coach made it worse. Now some of the members think they can sing. That is not good for anybody. The rabbi has ordained that from now on, Kaddish can only be chanted. Not sung.**

**For good gas prices in the area, BJ's. They're the best.**

**Bridge event will be taking place at shul this Sunday. The shul will finally be full. Even congregants are planning to show.**



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