

# THE Kibbitzer

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## What did people against Moshe eat on Pesach? A sandwich for Korach.

You get it? Sounds like Korech. Korech is the Hillel sandwich. Korach, Korech. Korach's followers would've eat what Korach said to eat. Not Hillel.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. July 4th is coming up and I want to be proud of my country. With all the fighting, how can I be proud of America, as a Jew?**

My Dear Pupil. Celebrate. Look at what America has given us as Jews.

- Jewish Culture* That means an Eastern European accent. I've never met an old British Jew who didn't sound like they were from Britain. American Jews who moved from Europe, sound like they're from Poland. That's Jewish. The old Ashkenazik Jew is always speaking Yiddish, even when they're talking in English. Either that or I just can't understand a thing they're saying.
- Brooklyn* Brooklyn, the land of the Jewish people, is thanks to America. Brooklyn, land of Eichler's bookstore, where Judaica emanates from, and no one is shocked when people buy CDs. We have Avenue J pizza shops and shawarma places. Thanks to Brooklyn, you can have an Israeli experience and never have to go to Israel. Even Kiryas Joel, which would never exist in Israel. No chance that many Satmar Hasidim would move to Israel. I would've said The Lower East Side, but I forgot about it. Like you, I forgot it until I eat pickles.

- Florida* Before Florida, Jews thought they had to move to Israel to connect to their people.
- Freedom of Speech* America allows you to say whatever you want, until people disagree and take away your job. Or, till there's anti-Semites. Other than being attacked for talking, America allows us to complain. If complaining didn't exist, we wouldn't have Jewish community. If we didn't have freedom to complain, what could we say about the rabbi?
- Entertainment* We have movies I don't need subtitles for. I hear British, they might as well be talking Yiddish. And then there's sports, allowing Jewish kids to own something.
- Country Clubs That Ban Jews* Such good. Where else can a Jew go to enjoy themselves?!
- More Stuff To Thank America For* Jewish summer camp, bringing joy to parents who don't have to see their kid for two months, allowing them to celebrate July 4th. There's kosher food with kosher on the package, so you don't have to guess if your going to Gehenim. Monster truck rallies where Jews know not to go. We even have pizza. That comes from New York. And we can always thank America that we are not Britain.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- KORACH

**S**habbat Shalom My People...  
I'm beginning to think you're not. The board decided against my idea of having a choolante cafe... Heretics. You protest. Why?... Just like the board. There was Korach. We know him as Rachel. The new treasurer... (*Bamidbar 16:3*) *Korach and his people gathered and said to Moshe and Aharon, 'It's too much for you... why do you exalt yourselves over the congregation'...* What's too much for me is having to hear you at Kiddish. The conversations are painful... I don't think that's what God had in mind for the Kohens. Dealing with your complaints. 'Reuven has an issue with how long the Mishebeyrachs take. It's your job to deal with

that, Aharon.' When did the job of shul leader be to field Samantha's thoughts on the new awning? Figuring out why Michal is still mad at Malka for the hats she wears during the summer... She can wear whatever hats she wants. She doesn't sweat like you, Malka. And the doily is not religious... Doilies are only religious when there's kichel inside of them... I don't know how to answer. I just know that you're gathering against me... Then make the choolante cafe happen...

This is not exaltation... We must lose weight as a congregation... I'm more of an exercise guru than a rabbi... Choolante is the way to get there. Choolante and Kichel... And don't be like Korach. Or Bernie... Or Rachel...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:*

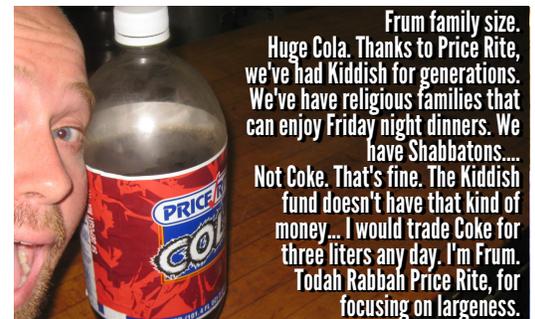
The rabbi is correct. Choolante is holy. At least the non-religious congregants don't appreciate it as much as the ones going to heaven. Doily wearers don't eat choolante.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The shul summer diet is on. We are looking to not be the most out of shape shul this summer. We understand you are all beautiful. However, H' likes it when you look good in a non-double-breasted suit too, and the shul softball team needs it.**

**In honor of July 4th and commemoration of Canada Day, the shul will be adding a special prayer of thanks to God that we are not Canada. Due to last year's debacle, there won't be fireworks in shul. We know that fireworks are social. However, safety precautions don't allow for a fire in the shul's halls. We already received a citation on Lag BOMer. There will be a pool party for women only. Men aren't allowed, due to laws of modesty and the sight of you being frightening looking.**

**No hitting people to say 'Hi.' We understand that you're being friendly, but your friendliness hurts. Even if it's a shoulder hit, or tush slap, it's not appreciated. We've had too many shul injuries due to friendliness.**



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