

# THE Kibbitzer

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## The sandwich was bitter at the Seder. We were eating it for Korach.

You get it? Korech is when we have the Hillel sandwich on Pesach. Korach was the one who rebelled against Moshe. Bitter. Korach. Korech.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**D**ear Rabbi. I just learned I can't go to the Temple without a Karban. Why couldn't we show up to the Temple without a gift?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. I hope you pay your dues. The Torah doesn't talk of dues, but the community will talk about you if you don't. With regards to the Mitzvah of the Karban don't worry. The Mitzvah is talking about holidays, and the Temple is not your shul in Teaneck. The Rambam, Negative Mitzvah 156, tells us to not show up to the Temple on the Chagim without a sacrifice. Why? You're a guest. Be a decent guest. •*Bring a Gift* You visit Gd and you show up with nothing?! Chutzpah! Bigger Chutzpah is people bring notes nowadays. Notes aren't food. People bring letters to the Kotel. That's not a gift. That's not a Mitzvah. No host needs a postcard from a friend who's looking to get married but can't go out of their way to visit. Hosts want food. You show up to dinner with a dish. You show up with a note that says 'forgive us for not bringing anything,' you're not getting invited back.

•*A Guest Can't Bring Nothing* I've seen it. 'Mark's here. He brought nothing. Letdown... I thought he makes a nice stew, too. Wouldn't know... Nothing. Not even a gazpacho... I think he knows we invited him. He's here. Come in Mark... I know we invited him, honey... He doesn't even have wine. Nothing. Just here to eat.' Now you understand. You bring a gift to the Temple. Because of Mark.

•*You Bring Meat* A sacrifice is a lot of meat. The problem is most people show up with dessert. There's no Mitzvah to bring a babka. You show up with a nice roast. If you're eating at our home, bring a roast and you will have an excellent dinner. Why people host that can't cook is a different story. And don't show up to my house with broccoli lokshen kugel. I don't believe that's a Mitzvah in the Torah. It should be. If we've learned anything from the Rambam, never depend on the hosts to feed you.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: KORACH

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...  
*S* (*Bamidbar 16:15*) 'Moshe got very mad'... He was dealing with Datan and Aviram. He wasn't even dealing with a board... Why did he get mad? They're rebelling. Kind of like the time Mark skipped vHu Rachum... 'I didn't even take a donkey of theirs, nor have I wronged even one of them.' What did I take from this congregation? Tell me. Other than a few pens... Then why do I have to see Bernie every Shabbis?! What did I do to you people... *Rashi explains this to mean that he didn't take anything for himself.* I understand, as I have received nothing from this congregation. Not even

a call on my birthday. Not even a decent Chazin. Not a Sefer... I have taken nothing. From Kiddish. Not even a blueberry Danish. But you protest. And for what? What has been taken from you? You spit. It looks like you're protesting the shul... I understand it's Aleinu. It looks like you're a Korach. It looks like a rebellion... You hocked a loogie... Why spit in shul if it's against idol worship... Spit on an idol. Not on the new carpet... You know who's stealing from you?! The board. You sponsor Kiddish for a child's graduation. Each of you paid full price. *Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:* And Kiddish was the same size. I am never sponsoring that thing. A scam. Twelve people each gave two hundred dollars and Kichel. No Napoleons. Rip off. And nobody is rebelling against the board. Just against the rabbi's new parking spot. He spat a lot. We were hearing Chaching. Then 'Aleinu.'

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baruch must stop using a toothpick and smiling at Kiddish. He has scared away many prospective members. We understand he has nice teeth. But it's uncomfortable seeing them with herring.**

**The guy who skipped vHu Rachum got looks. We want to comment our members for making the Chazin feel uncomfortable. Finally, we have congregants who care and people who are scared to lead Davening.**

**No more spitting in shul. Don't know who started it. We understand you hate idol worship. Why on the carpet. The shul now smells like tobacco.**

**Kaddish fights are still happening. We ask all members to not follow Paul. He is too slow. The shul is now providing a metronome in the back left, so that everybody can hear how off beat Paul is.**

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