

# THE Kibbitzer

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## What do you call a bird with good Hebrew grammar? A dikduck.

You get it? Dikduk means grammar in Hebrew. Substituting 'duk' with 'duck.' Brilliant. And the animals are laughing too.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**I am sending my child to a Jewish school for the first time, and I'm worried about the tiring schedule. How do I not get burned out?**

My Dear Pupil. I am happy to hear that you care about your child's future as a Jew. As you noted, you're going to get tired, and you have to be prepared. For this reason, you will need to know how to write late notes to get your child out of stuff you caused with sleep, that are proper for Jewish day school. You cannot use the 'doctor's appointment' late note more than eight times a semester. You also can't write that your child is late because she was afraid of failing a Chumash test. You might as well say your daughter is failing Gd. Here are some Jewish late notes to help you along:

- *My Child was Praying* If it sounds religious, it's not a demerit. Play their education game. We all know the kids don't understand the Hebrew prayers?! How many times have they sang 'Adon Olam' at school? Exactly my point.
- *We Were Visiting Their Grandparents* The school will support visiting the grandparents, as they're the ones paying for the education.
- *We Were Still On Vacation for Chag* Use the holiday as much as you can. Milk it. That note can last for three weeks after any holiday. They give you off eight for Chag, you take eighteen for your child (eighteen makes it a meaningful religious thing). Slap 'Chag with grandparents' on that note, and your child walks out with a 4.0. No need to go to class.
- *We Ran Out of Frosted Flakes* Your child needs the flakes frosted. Anybody with a heart and kids will understand your child threw a fit when you offered Corn Flakes. Throwing the box against the wall and cursing out mom is a normal reaction, even if it's against Torah.
- *We Went to Israel* With this note, your child never needs to show to class. You can get off a half a year with that note. They'll still give your child in 'A' at Jewish day school. Other excellent notes to use. 'We had an extended Shabbat.' 'I had to pack snacks for eight.' You're doing too much and they should know. I suggest, 'I was running around, picking up all the children for their after-school activities, cause none of the other parents in this class help, or carpool. See the children that show up on time? I hate their parents.'

### SERMON OF REBUKE - LECH LECHA

**S**habbat Shalom My Congregants, The Kiddish club has left again... It's 20 people. 20 people left for Haftorah... There were only 12 inside... Didn't even look back to see how many... You saw the people leaving, Tzvi, and you thought, 'I should go there.' That's what the Exodus looked like... It looked like Jews running out of shul to drink schnapps. If there was schnapps in Israel, the Jews would've ran there and fought every war. Single malt and no services, the spies would've suggested to go... They would've partied without a calf. Giants drinking Binyamina liquor in Israel. The Jews would've joined... and not davened... They didn't even turn around to see if there was a Minyin... That kid? Look at him. He's not Bar Mitzvahed. He's eight years old... You think he's 13, cause you're drunk... You left to drink... It's not a commandment... (Bereishit 12:1) *Lech Lecha*. 'Go for you' does not mean to go out and drink in the middle of services... I understand the drinking is for you... And H' said what to Abram? *Lech Lecha*, 'leave for yourself' from your place... to the land of Israel... That's the place He will show him. We know how the story goes, Bernie... And you are still in America. How do you feel? How do you justify your existence as Jews?... Abraham is told to leave 'for himself', 'from your land, your birthplace and your father's home'... Abraham is told 'your Father's house' last???? That doesn't make sense. If you are leaving your land, then you have left your father's home. H' is speaking from an emotional standpoint. It is hardest to leave

your parents' home... Baruch you're 31 and you live in your parents' basement. Not even their house... It's a basement. Get out... Leave for your parents... Breana are you ever going to give your parents a rest? Get out of their home. They've already fed you for 38 years. They put out money for day school, university... In Baruch's case it's... Get a job... The final step is leaving your parents' home. Physically and emotionally... They don't need you visiting and crying about your roommate... Get married...

(Bereishit 12:5) *When he went to Canaan...*

Yes. That's Israel... Now we're going to have to give the land to the Canaanites... This shul is like a Model UN. Got Gaddafi off to the side. Bernie... 'And Avram took Sarai, his wife'... Sarai is Sarah. The same person. He didn't leave her like Mr. Fishwitz... 'and all the possessions he acquired and all the souls...' He didn't leave the money. He took it. And he took all the inheritance and the souls he made in Haran... His congregants paid him... What am I going to take from this shul?... I lived in Israel. I took all the souls with me... My last community moved to Israel. They made Aliyah... They listened to my sermons, Bernie... (Bereishit 12:1) 'To the land I will show you.' Avraham is told to go to a specific place, that H' will show him... You showed late for Minyin... Baruch has to leave his house. We pray that H' shows him how pathetic he looks. We pray He shows him how to get a decent job. To donate to the rabbi's fund... You don't just leave. You go to the Land... Not New York. Make Aliyah... Good looking single girls in Israel. They'll lie for you... Baruch. H' did not show Avraham the Kiddish club...



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