

# THE Kibbitzer

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## How do chasidim ask when you're going to read this week's Parsha? Masai.

You get it? Masai is the second Parsha we read this week. Matai means when. Masai is how Frum people say it. If the name of the Parsha wasn't Masai, we wouldn't have a pun.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

#### Dear Rabbi. An election in Israel is coming up. What are the talking points? Do they deal with any real issues, like how hard it is to find my way around the Jerusalem?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. If I was voted into the Knesset, I would reform the street signs, so people could find their way down a street. Nobody can find their way in the city, with roundabouts and numbers of buildings jumping from 2 to 6 to 149 to 38, on the same side of the street. I would start with street signs. Give streets uniform street signs with the same name, continuing on a street for more than a block.

•*Problem* I can't figure out what street I'm on half the time. Then to give directions. I can't keep telling people, 'Continue straight onto Strauss St., then straight onto King George St., straight onto Keren HaYesod St. Then continue straight onto Emeq Refaim St. And then, continue straight, with a tiny bear to the right, which is straight, on Yochanan Ben Zakai St. And then straight at the roundabout, which is right, but straight, to Pat...' I cannot justify how that is all one street, by explaining that it is still King George,

even though it's not. Even Waze can't figure what straight it is, at that point.

•*Solution* One street name per street.

a) Find other ways to honor historical figures. Though kids should know names of Israel's presidents and Talmudic figures, our street signs don't need to be educational tools. Street signs will be used as ways of helping traffic flow, and tools for finding my friend Mark's house, on Emeq Refaim. School will be used to educate children, so students don't have to tour the city to learn about Miriam, Rebbe Zeira and Ben Gurion.

b) No honoring anybody born in the last sixteen hundred years. We have too much history in Israel. We're still having problems finding streets for rabbis from the first destruction of the Temple. Pinchas Ben Elazar Ben Aharon? Why is there no Pinchas Street? The corner between Yochanan Ben Zakai and Pat should be Pinchas Street. He deserves it.

c) No changing street names every half a block. The names will remain the same, even if we have to use house numbers that go into the hundreds... Yes. It's a problem.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- MATOS-MASAI

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

*S* (Bamidbar 30:3) If a person makes a vow or oath and prohibits something, 'he shall not desecrate his word. All that comes out of his mouth he shall do.' Be a man of your word, Bernie... You desecrated the shul, and you desecrated yourself. A lot of desecration here... You said you would go bowling with me, Bernie. You didn't show...

If you say you're going to donate money... You flip the appeal card... Be a man of your word... Sadie. Your tongue is foul. Don't do that... A father or husband may annul it... Because they know you're going to mess it up. I've seen it Katie. You mess up. You flipped a two thousand on the appeal card last year...

You said no violence in shul... Your kids fight at the the ark. It's like Herman and the Gabai. Anytime Herman doesn't get called to open the ark, he yells at him guy... The Gabai said he would call you up. He didn't vow... It was vague. He should've said 'I'll call you up for an Aliyah'... We need specifics. Our coach, Dr. Feinblum, said we'd win a game this year. We won nothing... The Torpedoes don't count. They're not the shul... It's the Nine Days. Do what you can for the community... You said you would build the Beit Hamikdash... Come to the baseball game... Purchasing a ticket is a vow. If you say you're coming to... By not showing, you desecrated baseball too...

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

The rabbi knows how to get people to come to events. Due to this worry of vows, people stopped RSVPing for Simchas. I don't take anybody for their word in the community. I disagree with the rabbi, as does the rest of the community. You add kosher food to anything and it's Jewish.

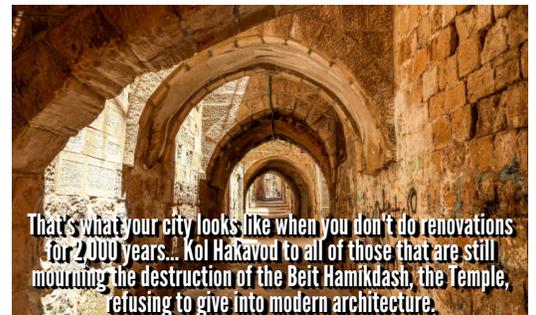
## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The shul baseball game will be next week. As the shul's softball team is pathetic, we'll be going to see local a Single-A team. The board felt it's important to see a game where somebody hits a ball. Topeka Torpedo tickets are on sale at the shul website for \$35. You can also purchase tickets at the box office for \$3. Make reservations through the shul, but buy tickets at the box office just in case the office messes up again.

There will be food. As we're using the Torpedoes for a shul event, we don't want to give the Feldsteins an excuse to eat nonKosher hotdogs.

Our sponsor, who is not covering anybody's ticket, wants to ensure there's a Kiddish feel at the game.

From now on, Anim Zmirot will have security. There is too much violence when the kids open the ark. Too much hairpulling last week. In Sunday school, we'll be educating the kids on proper shul etiquette, and teach how to scream at the Gabai when they're mad.



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