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## Tisha BAv is a sad day. That's why many people Daven in mourning.

You get it? Morning. Mourning. In the morning we do the Shacharit prayer. We left out the word 'the.' Correct grammar would kill the pun.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**D**ear Rabbi. I've noticed there is a lot of handshaking in my shul. A lot of people shake hands and say 'Yasher Koyach.' When is it proper to say 'Yasher Koyach'?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Be it Yasher Koyach or Yashkoych, there are proper times to say it. It is meant to tell somebody 'job well done,' and most people in my congregation are not deserving of that. Now people get a Yashkoych for anything. They sneeze, they get a Yashkoych and they think they did a good job of blowing. Egos inflated for allergies. Here is a list that will help you figure out when to wish a Yashkoych.

• If they got the Aron curtain right on the first pull, they get a Yashkoych. If they had to pull the string more than twice, they have no coordination. No Yashkoych. Gets up for an Aliyah. No Yashkoych. He did nothing. The guy Layning deserves a Yashkoych. He prepared. He studied the Parsha. He deserves a Yashkoych and a Kiddish. The guy who calls up people to the Torah. That Gabai gets a Yashkoych.

They have to read a bit. The other Gabai standing there, No Yashkoych for standing. If he corrects the guy Layning, he gets a Yashkoych. Even if the guy Layning says is right. A Yashkoych for getting himself noticed. Sponsoring Kiddish gets a Yashkoych if there is potato kugel. The Kiddish only had Danish. No Yashkoych. If there's a decent Babka, a Yashkoych. Sponge cake deserves disappointment. You stop a kid from taking a cookie before the rabbi makes Kiddish. Yashkoych. That's a community leader. Bar Mitzvah boy Layns. No Yashkoych. We don't encourage that slow Torah reading again. It's painful. Throw candies at him real hard. Let him learn a lesson. Parents get a Yashkoych after that blessing that says how happy they are that they don't have to 'deal with this punishment' anymore. That blessing helps parents feel better.

• I hope this helped you figure out when to say Yashkoych. We don't need more underachievers in our community. They also don't get a Chazak vAmatz.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: MATOS-MASAI

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...  
**S** (Bamidbar 31:11-14) They brought the spoils of the Midianim, the captives and the animals... 'Moses was angry...' They make another mistake. Moshe's like 'Not again... the sisterhood chipped the facade again...' Don't decorate. Every time you decorate the Simcha hall it looks less happy... It looks like the destruction of the Temple... What shul needs streamers??? Surprise!!! Not happy. 'But we thought we were doing the right thing.' And you even mess up vows... I hear a promise from you and I'm thinking 'I hope they don't keep that promise... Because

when you keep promises the shul ends up with a whole library full of boxes that you dump at the back door... Wasn't even discussed at the annual meeting. Instead, you discussed the new concept of Shul Storage... I know we can make a lot with self-storage in the shul. Instead of the 'please take bins' we charge people for throwing out their trash...

*Moshe gets mad at the leaders. Rashi says, 'The transgression of a generation is dependent on its leaders. As they have the power to protest.'* The shul has no leaders, so I get mad at everyone...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:* We've turned the lost-and-found into a donation bin for stuff we're hoping to get rid of. I know who donated it by who's happy. They see their donation and smile. Happy it's out of their house. They drop it at the door and run.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tisha BAv is coming up. Prepare for the Nine Days this week. Please don't cause anybody to speak Lashon Hara by saying something stupid. Also, no new clothes. Don't do laundry. If everybody looked disheveled like Max, we would be better off as a people.**

**The shul would like to apologize for the Ferkowitz Simcha. It was almost as bad as the Feigenbloom's wedding. We are just happy that it took place during the Three Weeks. The Shabbis Simcha was awful. It reminded us all about the destruction of the Temple, with stale Babka, a meatless choolante, and streamers.**

**Highlights from the annual meeting: Everybody shared their opinion.**

**Books were left outside for kid library for three days. Everybody passed them. Keeping the shul clean wasn't brought up at the annual meeting. Nor was having a Minyin. People going to Minyin also passed the books and didn't pick them up. We want to thank all of our volunteers.**



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