

# THE Kibbitzer

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Pesach Special

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**I was determined not to clean the cemetery for Pesach, but they foiled my plot... Sorry. That was a grave injustice.**

*You get it? Cemetery plot. Foiled the plot, so he cleaned it.*

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. I am running the Seder this year and it will be beautiful with all the kids around. I'm worried they will ask questions. How do I explain how bad the plagues were?**

Chag Sameach Dear Pupil. They'll ask. They're kids. That's how the tradition came about. The rabbis realized they couldn't stop them from asking. So

they made it a tradition. I understand your worry, so I'll help you explain the plagues. Understand, the plagues were annoying. Let's go through them. And

do not use the puppets, jumpy plastic animals and styrofoam balls. The plagues weren't fun little characters.

- Blood* Hemoglobin can kill a decent dinner. Even red food-coloring is scary. Due to plagues, I've never touched a red velvet cake. And drinks. All the sudden the bug juice is salty. You can't play sports like that. What happened to the Gatorade? Now you're a cannibal with unclenched thirst.

- Frogs* Just at the Seder. I can't enjoy the Seder with my nephews around, playing with plastic frogs. They always ends up in my matzah ball soup. I feel like my bowl is the target. Everytime, I lose a crouton or two.

- Lice* The plague of no friends. If you went to my school, you would understand. You stayed away from Shmuel. Shmuel always had lice and nobody seemed to like him.

- Wild Animals or Flies* Imagine Sukkot with no sticky tape for the Sukkah. You've got flies and honey. Most rabbis agree it was wild animals, as they disagree with the cartoons. You can't enjoy a Sukkah dinner with wolves running around. Either way, your Sikkot is ruined.

- Livestock Pestilence* Cows doing whatever they want. They've got delirium. It's impossible to milk them. You finally catch them and now they're disobedient. They think they're bees and now they're telling you, 'I'm not making milk anymore. It's honey today.' Kills breakfast.

- Boils* You show to a Simcha with boils, you're not getting a Shidduch. It's worse than age.
- Hail* I think we can all agree we'd rather just get snow. That stuff kills the cars.

You have locusts killing the BBQ. Darkness, which you'd appreciate if your neighbors are also too cheap to pay for street lamps, and don't use porch lights. Plague of the firstborn which apparently wasn't good. I think we can all agree. Pestilence really kills a good day.

## SERMON OF REBUKE- METZORA

Shabbat Shalom My Holy People...

I'm feeling impurity. An uncleanliness in the back left of the shul... It just smells really bad... Pesach is coming. The least you can do is shower... How do we become pure?... First. You stop talking. You have to ask how you got Tzara'at. Lashon Hara... And soap...

*(Vayikra 14:9) On the seventh day he shall shave his hair.* Apparently, he needs to shave his haughtiness... Michael is showing off his hair again. We understand you're young and you don't have alopecia... There are stages to purification. Isolation for seven... We don't just let him back in the camp... Of course he showers. You can't let him in smelling like Tzara'at. The back left Tzara'at odor. Stinks of

Lashon Hara. We should separate the back left... You talk. And then you smell bad too. You should each pray in your separate room... We should have smell-check Gabais.

There are stages to Pesach cleaning too. Start with dusting. First, clean the top... Feet last. Top to bottom... Who wipes before they dust? Skip the dusting. Wiping is the shaving of cleaning. Who doesn't know that?! Dropping off Chametz at the shul is not a stage...

*Kli Yakar teaches why we shave. The head is haughtiness. He thinks he's better than the person he talks bad about. The beard is the mouth that speaks the Lashon Hara... Just get a haircut Michael... If you don't, it's the back left. Isolation. Nobody wants to see it.*

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

To note. The rabbi's hair is thinning... 'Wiping is the shaving of cleaning.' Profound. Brilliant. Also, how he said all are holy and then they're impure. Brilliance. Only our rabbi can do that.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pesach is next week. Don't forget it like you did the Freidberg Shiva.**

**Sell your Chametz. You don't need a yard sale this year. Fill out the sheet at the shul and cover it in your home. The yard sales last year, of pasta noodles was pathetic. It had the whole of Topeka asking why Jews can't donate food to the pantry, like decent humans. Let's keep our leftover food sales private, to lessen anti-Semitism.**

**No dropping off your Chametz at the shul. There are Jews in the shul too. We understand you want your stuff out of your house. We don't want it. Please also stop dropping off books and pans you don't want anymore.**

**Shabbat HaGadol Drasha will be long.**

**The Shabbat visit sing alongs to the nursing homes are now required to have participants under the age of eighty. Last time the shul visited, the facility was worried that too many new people were looking to be admitted. They said they couldn't handle such an influx, and they didn't want Bernie there.**



**Ten masks for the plagues, and not one of them helps with COVID... The frog isn't very scary. If Kermit was a plague, I can understand why the Egyptians didn't want to let us go.**

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