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My friend told me he needed Sufganiot. I said, 'That's how you make the doughnuts.'

You get it? It works in audible form. To work, you must say 'needed,' not 'kneaded.' Sufganiot need dough, which you knead. Again. Another pun.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. We are making a shul Chanukah party. How do we make it a success?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. I know this answer is coming late. Even so, it will help you for next year, and possibly with your shul Purim party, where you will be able to use the Chanukah plates. Here are some important ingredients to making the traditional shul Chanukah party.

- *Call it a Gala* What makes it a gala event? No idea. Why do we serve delicacies? That's what Frum Jews call it. Always use words like deluxe, delicacies and gala to describe your use of plasticware.
- *Menorah Lighting* Start with a Chanukiah lighting. Depending on how religious your shul is, will dictate how much of a ceremony it is. If you're a nonFrum shul, you'll want to call it a Menorah Lighting Ceremony. If you're a very Frum shul, you'll want to call it a Lichting. At the Lichting you'll say the Bracha and everybody else will be talking. At the Lichting, you won't be dedicating each candle to a dear member of the congregation who you hope died already.
- *Gifts for Kids* All kids should have gifts. And all gifts should be bought at the Dollar Tree. If you don't have a Dollar Tree near you, Five Below has a dollar bin area. You can give the children of the congregation that stuff as well. No child should receive any Chanukah gift that they will enjoy for more than three minutes.
- *Bouncy House* That's what you need to bring Jews. Jews are about tradition.
- *Chinese Auction* Or you can call it a basket raffle. But that wouldn't be offend Asians. What to raffle off? Challah trays. Kiddish cups. Yarmulkes. Things made in China.
- *A Dreidel Spinoff* If your child walks away from Chanukah and does not know how to play roulette, something is wrong with the Jewish education that child is receiving.
- *Latkes* If your shul doesn't smell disgusting, you have not hosted a proper Chanukah party. The shul should smell disgusting and people should leave feeling disgusting.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: MIKETZ

Shabbat Shalom My People...
(Bereishit 41:15-16) Paroh asks Yosef to interpret his dreams and Yosef responds, 'This is beyond me. H' will answer the welfare of Paroh.' And our Gabai thinks he knows the correct traditions for the shul. He thinks that kids want Silly Putty for Chanukah... It's not a gift Yankel. One of the kids had a dream he'd get a really bad gift for Chanukah and it came true... Silly Putty?! You literally interpreted his dream... They wanted a drone. Instead. They got seven eggs of Silly Putty. You're Paroh. And it's beyond you... To them you're Paroh. I had a dream people wouldn't pay dues.

And it happened.

The word for welfare used is 'Shalom.' When you know something bad is going to happen, it brings peace to you. If I would've known I would have the curse of dealing with a board, I'd be at peace...

Of course they won't pay for the Chanukah party either. They come to shul to not have to pay for stuff and for their kids to enjoy a bouncy house...

If you would just see my wisdom you'd let me get rid of the Gabai and the president.

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:

The rabbi just wanted to go off on the Gabai for messing up the Mishebeyrach. Somebody said 'for the rabbi too,' and the Gabai just said 'HaRav' without his name.

The rabbi is giving a required class on gift giving this coming Kislev. He is also going to teach gift giving as part of the required education in the conversion course. He said that decent gifts is a prerequisite for Shalom. Gift giving and getting rid of the shul president.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next year, the board will not host the shul Chanukah party. We will be sure the president doesn't show up, so everybody can enjoy themselves.

We are sorry that the president thought that congregants should pay dues. He does not understand the importance of people not having to pay. His understanding of 'membreship' is off. Our members should not have to feel like they should pay dues.

The Bergstein Bat Mitzvah is next week. Daniella Bergstein's parents have stated that they won't host a Kiddish, as they want to enjoy. And they will not enjoy if they have to pay for anything.

The rabbi will be giving a class on when to give money to Shnurers. Topics addressed: If the Shnurer has a credit card machine. If a Shnurer tells you they have three kids and five of them are getting married..

The shul does not need your shrubs that you don't want. Your trash cannot be brought to the shul... We beg.



No shul family event should start until there's fire for kids to run around... Whoever thought the three month old lighting is a good idea. Even Beit Shamai would be against that (probably the biggest driss in Judaism).
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