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A Jew can eat bacon, but only a bit.

You get it? Bacon bits are kosher. Bacon is not kosher. If you eat the bits it's OK. You still can't eat pig. Not even a bit. We don't want to miseducate our students.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I am trying to figure out what makes food Jewish. Please let me know what is a Jewish food, so that I can still be Frum when I eat?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. You ask well. Here's a list of Jewish foods, inspired by the great Lenny Bruce:

Pizza is Jewish. Food that New Yorkers liked in the 1980s is Jewish.

Food that New Yorkers only knew about in the 1990s is not Jewish.

Burritos are not Jewish. Pickles are Jewish. Jalapenos are not Jewish.

Sephardic food is not Jewish, even if Jews have been eating it for 4,000 years. Olives are almost Jewish.

Whitefish is Jewish. Herring is Jewish.

Sauerkraut is Jewish. Food you can spell is not Jewish. American food is not Jewish. European food is Jewish.

Coleslaw is Jewish. Cabbage is not Jewish. Cabbage wrapped around ground beef and rice is Jewish.

Stuffed derma is Jewish. Salad is not Jewish. Knishes are Jewish. Perogies are mostly Jewish. They are also not healthy. Barakas are Middle Eastern.

I am not sure if it is Jewish yet. Food made with potato is Jewish. Food made with cantaloupe is not Jewish. All deli is Jewish. Deli wrap is heresy. Deli sandwich is Jewish. Rye bread is Jewish. Club is Jewish. Baguette is Jewish because it holds deli well. Pumpernickel is not Jewish. Turkey is not Jewish. Turkey-pastrami is Jewish. Cel-Ray is Jewish. Black Cherry Soda is Jewish. Cherry Soda is Not Jewish. Any soda that was made by a doctor is Jewish. Shul is Jewish. Synagogue is mostly Jewish. Picture from the 1920s is Jewish. Picture from the 1950s is Jewish. Picture from the 1990s is not Jewish. Steakhouse is not Jewish. Smokehouse is not Jewish. Deli is Jewish. Anything deli is Jewish. Choolante is Jewish. Potato kugel is Jewish. Anything with a lot of oil is Jewish. Anything that needs schnapps to taste decent is Jewish. Sponge cake is Jewish. I just found out about the Middle Eastern diet. People are losing weight with it. Falafel and barakas are not Jewish.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: NASSO

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils... You haven't shown up to my house for Shiva... It's good to know you care about Kiddish. Felvel. If I had Kichel to celebrate my Mom's death, you would come. I am sorry we didn't have a decent spread at the Shiva... The membership never learned to provide mourners with food... I've been eating canned peas and TV dinners all week... I didn't think of becoming a chef at my Mom's Shiva... There are requirements. Things you do, as they are important. Holy. You would expect...

The Levites were counted from thirty to fifty. Not from twenty. It is holy work. You

don't let teenagers lead in Shacharit... These teens Daven too slow, Mark. And you don't ask teens to make Shiva food... A shul has to focus on its elders. Spiritual happens when you're older. Look at Max. He used to be a heretic. Now he comes to shul... It's for Kaddish. Not Kiddish. We need to focus on death more... Do I still have to explain what all day means? Does anybody celebrate Shiva not during 3 and 4pm?!?! You don't have to be 30 to go to a Shiva house. It would be nice if the 30 year-olds did the holy task of visiting during Shiva... Even if there wasn't a decent spread. Bernie...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
The rabbi vowed to teach the members to purchase bagels and lox, and to bring it to a Shiva house. To quote the rabbi, 'Topeka is not a great place to sit Shiva.'

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please show up for Kaddish. First Kaddish on Shabbat is at 9am.

Kiddish is at 11:30am. Though you may have to hear a joke from Mervin when eating Kichel, Kiddish is not Kaddish.

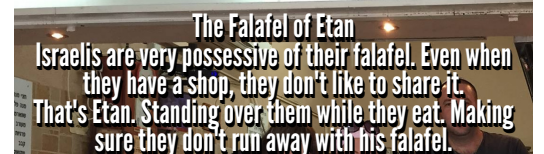
We're going to be installing our congregants. We understand that each person needs the Kavod of an instillation to show up to Minyin. We will install whatever you need on your seats, to make it comfortable for you to be in shul. We will even install a new AV system so you can enjoy a decent film during Davening. Just be there for Kaddish.

The rabbi kept track of who didn't show for Shiva. He knows who you are and you will not get Aliyahs.

To be clear Shiva times are all day. That means all day.

The fundraiser raised \$300K. Thanks to your donation, we can now be purchase the new light bulbs for the sanctuary.

We forgot to announce Mother's Day. Now they know who truly cares.



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