

# THE Kibbitzer

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## They wanted to clean the silver on the Torah. Instead, they Polished it.

You get it? People from Poland are Polish. They should've polished the silver. Nobody knows what it means. Maybe put a Polish person on it.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. I'm trying to better myself this Rosh Hashana.**

**What can I do to change me?**

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Resolute. Rosh Hashana, as it is New Year's, is a time to make resolutions. We don't make vows that we'll have to annul before Yom Kippur. Instead, we make resolutions we won't follow.

Asides from the tradition of resolutions to be based on saying one won't eat chocolate, it is hard to figure out what else to resolute. Thus,

I bring you a long list of resolutions I heard people make New Year's Eve:

•*Resolute to Lose Weight: Meaning No Chocolate* I will eat healthy. I

believe this means quinoa. I will not eat chocolate. I will not eat cake.

I will not eat. I will purchase a gym membership. I won't show up to the gym. I will take off weight. It will not happen. To do so, I will have to skip every holiday meal for the next

month. I will try to not eat chocolate.

•*The Success Resolution: Made By Those Who Have Aspirations & Want Business Success* I will ask for

a raise. I won't work harder. I will try to make more money by request. I will tuck in my shirt. Keeping my shirt out has held me back from getting jobs with decent pay. I am an adult. My kids will sleep on Shabbat afternoon, so that I can sleep. It won't happen. I will find a friend who says 'you go girl.' I'll wake up at 5am. A book said somebody did it and they made money. I will read *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Every one of them. I will not eat chocolate, because successful people might not eat chocolate.

•*The I Need to Do More for Me Resolution* This will be the year of me. I'll go on more trips. I'll visit China this year. Australia for two months. Hike South America for four. I'll spend a sabbatical in India. I will go for me. Without my kids. I'll read novels, although I haven't finished one since our first child was born. I'll pamper me. I'll shop for me, on me day. I'll write my novel on me day. Thank you, Whoopi. I won't eat chocolate in Australia or Asia. I hope this helps you. This is what they resolute on New Year's Eve.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

**S**habbat Shalom My Pupils...  
(Devarim 30:2-3) 'And you will return to H' your Gd and you will listen to His voice... And H' will return your captive and have

mercy...' He will return us to Eretz Yisrael.

We won't have congregants following us everywhere. We'll be redeemed of having to deal with the members of Beis Knesses Anshei Emes uSefillah. We won't have to deal with a Chazin who thinks it's a good idea to do a two hour Slichot at midnight... Redemption is great. I'm just looking for congregants to stop following me...

First it we return, then H' will return us to Israel. You have to do something first. Then

H' will help us. You have to put in a little effort, unlike the board...

The effort you put into prepping for football games. Why you have the Bills Rams colors on you... You're not even going to the game. You live nowhere near LA. Do you dress up to bother your wife?... Rosh Hashana is coming... Yes. I'm talking about Teshuva. I'm not talking about who you should pick for the game. You don't come to shul to pray for a fantasy win... It's going to be a painful holidays season with the Chazin. Having to hear him should be our atonement...

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

This week, the rabbi got no questions about Rosh Hashana services. All questions were about if one should pick the Jets. One of our young members is looking to become a community rabbi. The rabbi suggested that he study scouting reports.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you heard the Chazin this Shabbis, that is what it's going to be like for the High Holidays. We, the board, want to apologize.**

**Give the rabbi a break. A little space. When he is walking him, don't follow him. He would like you to know that when he is walking on the treadmill at the JCC, he does not want to have conversation.**

**Rosh Hashana Resolutions Our Members Should Make: I will not chew with my mouth open. I won't eat deli on the airplane, even if I brought the sandwich because I was worried I would not get the kosher meal. I will not eat Chinese food on the bus, because it smells almost as bad as deli. I will share the armrest during the High Holidays, even though the guy that sits next to me only shows up once a year.**

**Selichot are this Saturday night. Maybe be a decent person. Maybe show up to Minyin. Maybe ask for forgiveness once in a while. Maybe mow your lawn and trim your hedges so the neighbors don't hate you.**



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