

# THE Kibbitzer

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## What's it called when a bird gets hit at a baseball game? A fowl ball.

You get it? A foul ball is when a baseball is hit out of play. Fowl is birds. The ball could've been in play, but it hit a bird. Hence, a fowl ball. Noach also saves birds

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. Thank you for your lesson last week. I understand now that we must eat three meals on Shabbat. However, I heard about an Oneg. Is that a requirement too?**

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Now it is. The rabbis taught us that we have to eat three huge meals on Shabbat. But then the community noticed there was more time to eat. So, now we have an Oneg, and Kiddish. Kiddish is also an important chance to eat more. I shall take you through the history.

•*Oneg* In 1989 the Friday night Oneg was created at a Shabbaton. Oneg, meaning delight, means you should eat more. The eight course, fifteen dish main course, first of three meals on Shabbat, with soup nuts, doesn't bring enough delight to one, unless if there's a meal right after that. That extra meal is the Oneg. After you eat as much as you can, to bring more happiness, you eat more than that. For your soul. At the Shabbaton, Benjamin said, 'I'm still hungry.' The rabbi then said, 'That's forbidden.' And the Shabbat Oneg was created. So, it's a Mitzvah to eat again, right away. Right after Shabbat dinner and dessert, it's required to eat a pot of

choolante. Some people date the Oneg back to the rebbe's Tish. However, Tishes don't have the financial backing to portion out that much food.

•*Kiddish* There is also Shabbat morning. The rabbis said nothing about eating before you need to. Hence, Kiddish, the other Oneg that's not called an Oneg. Kiddish is the fifth Shabbat meal. Added in 1991, two years after the Oneg. It took two years to realize that there was room for a second Kiddish, between finishing Musaf prayers at 11:45am and eating lunch at 12:30pm. And then somebody found out about yapchik. So, we had to add that to Kiddish. Kiddish now has choolante, kichel, potato kugel, lokshon kugel, Yerushalmi kugel, whatever other kugels people heard about, schnapps, herring, kishka, Green's babka, leftover Oneg pastry, yapchik- which is a kugel, and gefilte fish balls. Gefilte fish balls are manufactured solely for Kiddish. That's the full business of gefilte fish balls.

•There was the fruit salad scare of the late 20th century. Fruit salads became a thing in 1996, but that was nixed by the religious community. So we still have dessert. B"H.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- NOACH

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...  
*S*(Bereishit 6:13) *H'* tells Noach 'the end of all flesh has come... for the earth is filled with robbery (chamas)...' And you still haven't paid your dues... Not sponsoring Shalishudis is stealing... Bal Teshuvus telling everybody what to do... Yes. It's annoying and it makes people want to destroy the earth. How to daven... I know. I say 'LMan Tzikuru' out loud. I do a long Shema. I'm a good rabbi. You just started doing this last month... I should get a raise but the shul is filled with Chamas...

With the negativity, (6:16) 'A window you shall make for the ark...' A decent window... No.

That's not a window. That's a picture of

Avraham and sheep *To quote Artscroll and*

*Rashi many commentators say it was the window Noach opened after the flood. Some say it was a precious stone that illuminated light within. You need light. And that comes from an outside source. Not from the board. Not from messed up construction... There is not one window in the chapel...*

During a crisis you look out the window. You see hope. I can see out of Abraham. It's hope. A hope to be somewhere else... A light that shines away from board members. A light of hope. I shall open that window when the weather permits... It's cold outside. Close it.

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

People stare at the rabbi during his Kriyat Shema. Our rabbi has been adding an extra focus and an extra loud Tizkiru. He's trying hard. He's making us wait for him to finish the Amida now. With the Tallis over his head, he's truly showing he's holy.

I saw the commentary right before his sermon. I want to suggest the rabbi not use Artscroll. It's too accessible to us, and it makes us feel too smart. He loses his rabbinic edge when he talks about stuff we know. And he loses the street cred he's gained with his long Shema.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**No pelting candies at kids. If they are not celebrating their Bar Mitzvah, there is no reason to hurt them.**

**The rabbi is religious. He has proven himself. His Shema is now taking an extra minute and fifteen seconds. The members can now look to the rabbi as a spiritual leader. He's also covering his head with the Tallis.**

**Nobody could follow the services on Yom Kippur, and the page announcer is not loud enough for the old people, so we're getting rid of page announcing. We're going to have a page scoreboard in the front of the shul. This way the old people and the shul's Bal Teshuvus can follow, and not bother people for page numbers constantly.**

**New Rules: No forcing stories about your past jobs. He yawned at his own story about lawn-mowing. And he kept on going.**

**No more overhand cupping on the handshak. It's too gayvadik.**

**Nobody sponsored Seudah Shelishit or Kiddish.**



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