

THE Kibbitzer



I do my job religiously. I always wear my yarmulka at work.

You get it? Wearing a Yarmulke is religious. Working diligently is religious too. Mordechai is a good Jew.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

I am a single woman and I will be going to my first wedding in a while. What should I prepare for?

My Dear Pupil. You should be prepared to sit a table that you don't want to be at. It's going to be uncomfortable. The discomfort of sitting with people you don't want to be at a table with is part of the Mitzvah of 'making the bride and groom happy.' Here are some of the tables you will be sat at as a single.

- Close Friends Table* The only eight people that really care to be there. If you ever thought happiness would not be enjoyable, you are correct. If you end being stuck at this table, be ready to dance, or you will be sitting alone. These are the lunatics waiting by the door to dance when the bride and groom first walk in. The normal people are eating the filled flaky dough.
- Guy Friend Guy Table* As a single man, you question why you even showed up for your friend, the groom.
- Bride's Girl Friend Table* This table is having the most fun, populated with a lot of hi-pitched 'woohs' in cheering form and a lot of pictures in leaning form. The side head lean into the picture shows how happy you are.

They seem to be very happy to not be around guys. The one thing that the newlywed's friend tables have in common is that nobody at either table wants to be sitting with guys.

- Singles Table* The newlyweds figure out who has dated and then sit them together. You will be able to identify this table when you notice nobody talking, and then a random individual running off to the bathroom to cry. If you want to fit in at any Singles Table, just sit awkwardly and don't talk to anybody who you find attractive.

- CrossFit Sports Club Buddies Table* As they're not just a fitness center, but a family, they closed down the gym today. They're now exploiting the wedding for their WOD (workout of the day). They're using the dancing for aerobics, adding in kicks. Don't worry, they're getting in the anaerobic by putting the bride and groom on their shoulders, substituting in for the day's squats. And then doing the chairlift as a group lift. If you're at this table, guard your meal. They have no problem taking your steak. They need the protein. Remember, it's about making the newlyweds happy, even if they sit you at the kids table,

SERMON OF REBUKE - NOACH

Shabbat Shalom My Congregants, The land was full of bad stuff. Like this congregation, and this town... The hotel room breakin was sad news... I know nobody was in the room and the safe... The safe couldn't be broken into... If they had digital codes back in the days of Noach, who knows?... (*Bereishit 6:11*) 'The earth was corrupt before H' and it became full of robbery'.

Rashi teaches corrupt meaning immorality and idolatry, and Chamas with robbery...

The real question is how many of you are members of Chamas?... little play on words for my congregants. Chamas and Chamas... No. This is not political, Fran. Chamas means violence, cruelty or rapine.... Yes. They were doing everything wrong then too. When you are corrupt before H', you are corrupt to other people... They were robbing each other, Bernie... That means nothing to you because you stole the towel from the hotel...

Look at you, corrupting the world. Showing up to shul in your fitted suits, slicked hair and shaytels from India... No. It's not made out of chickpeas. Chamas is not Chumus... I'm sure the members of Chamas like Chumus...

Back to the point of how each one of you robs the congregation of a new building when you do not pay dues. It is also immoral to be sitting in that seat Mr. Holzberg. The seat which Mr. Finblum and Dr. Horvitz paid for, for many years. They paid their dues Mr. Holzberg. They were not immoral, and thus they were not corrupt and hence they did not steal. Nor did they misappropriate funds... You stole their seat. That's how you destroy

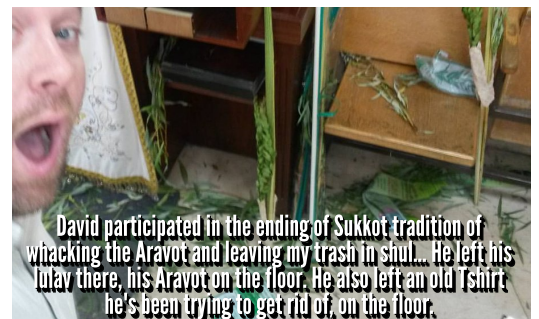
You stole their seat. That's how you destroy shuls... By taking people's Makom Kavuah... That's their set seat. You know who takes somebody's set seat? Chamas... Did they rob their kids of an education/ of Chinuch? No. They didn't. Education was important to them and that is why they sent their children to public school...

The same word used for corruptness, is the same root word used to mean destroyed. נשחתה... You have already destroyed this sermon with your little whispering in the back there, as you have all destroyed this shul's Junior congregation by not properly choosing a good cantor. Melinda cannot do the Anim Zmirot, nor can Shmuel lead in the Ashrei... We allow them to, cause they're in first grade and we have to give them a chance to learn. NO! We have to teach our kids correctly. Teach them what shul is really about... Dues, Bernie. Pay them...

(*Bereishit 6:9*) Noach was a righteous man 'in his generation.' We are not looking for a righteous man or woman. We are only looking for somebody who is better than this congregation... It's stealing when you don't pay your dues and use them on a shaytel... We are now taking donations for the rabbis discretionary fund...

Rivka's Notes on R' Mendelchem's Drasha:

The ending of the sermon brought everybody together. It really spoke to the congregants. Even my father said the Chamas puns went too long. It was too much when the members sincerely thought that Chumus planned the attacks on Israel last year. I believe the rabbi lost most of us when he said 'deluge.' We're not that educated. He could've said 'flood' and everybody would've understood. The rabbi believes it is more rabbinical to use words that nobody understands. This way it is closer to the Hebrew. We had a class last week where the congregants were trying to figure out what 'firmament' means. 'Rapine'? Did he have to?



David participated in the ending of Sukkot tradition of whacking the Aravot and leaving my trash in shul... He left his lulav there, his Aravot on the floor. He also left an old Tshirt he's been trying to get rid of, on the floor.

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