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They counted the people to make census of it.

You get it? Census. Sense. It made sense to take a census. They took a census in the Parsha.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I want to help feed poor people. In America, I find that they've started with food pantries on the lawns. What are your thoughts regarding Tzedaka?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. I am happy you ask, as Tzedaka, and feeding the hungry is very important. The best way is with a lot of food. That's how you feed the hungry. With a lot of food. The food cupboards on lawns are nice idea that come from a good place, but there are some issues.

•*The Food Cupboards Are Tiny* These food pantries on front lawns can't hold a roast. I opened one up to see a can. You can't feed a family a can. I thought there might be a checkered cloth. Your family can have a picnic on a neighbor's lawn. Nope. Not even Proto steak. A tiny food pantry with a can to feed the children on welfare. And it's a setup. You put it on your front lawn and then you get the guy arraigned for trespassing. Disgusting. Not a Mitzvah. And no can opener.

•*What we Give Them is Wrong* A can of peas and carrots. Who likes peas

and carrots? Good question my Talmid. Nobody. Nobody likes peas and carrots. One pantry had salt. Nothing but salt and paprika. Just spices and condiments. No Protos. No rice. No microwave to heat up peas and carrots. Just salt and paprika.

•*I Didn't Know What It Is* I thought I was going to get a book. I saw the food pantry case on the lawn. I thought I was going to find Dr. Seuss. I wanted *Green Eggs and Ham*. Kosher ham. Instead, I end up reading ingredients of Green Peas and Carrots.

•*This isn't Charity* This is a task. Now poor people are stuck bringing a can home for dinner, spending the rest of the day separating out peas. No book to read. Just carrots and peas. And salt, to parch their throats. Malnourished with parched throats. Stuck with paprika and nothing to spice. Paprika. Sorry. I get very mad about paprika. Our rabbis teach that self-sufficiency is the greatest form of Tzedaka. You teach them to fish. If we really wanted to help people, we teach them to build a food pantry.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: PINCHAS

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...
They counted the people... There was a plague. When something catastrophic happens, you take a census. That's why we count every day at Shul... This membership is a plague... Minyin... We don't get one so often, almost every Minyin is catastrophic. When people do come, we take a census... We don't count jr. congregation, because you don't care if we lose your children. (Bamidbar 26:10) *'Then the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them... a sign...'* That's how you teach a lesson... We're not scaring your kids... The basement didn't swallow your kids. They got locked in the...

That's not a Pinchas move... As a Chazin, he didn't start taking off his clothes in the middle of Chazaras HaShas... Pinchas would've Davened fast. There's no such thing as Davening too fast...

(26:11) *'The children of Korach didn't die.'* We don't blame your kids that you Daven too slow... And we don't blame grandkids for Bernie... If Korach's kids were at shul, with Shmuli leading Davening, they would've killed themselves. They would've asked why they're not leading... Yes.

Tzelafchad's daughters get land... Now, you stick up for them. 3,400 years later...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon: The shul is a plague but don't blame the kids. A strong message. So many beautiful messages. And Pinchas not leading schlepping out Davening like Shmuli. So true. Nobody cared that the rabbi forgot to announce תמוז ר"א.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rabbi forgot to announce July 4th last week. We are sorry for his lack of love for America. It wasn't in the announcements either because of the rabbi. The rabbi did have a BBQ. The Herman Mishpuchi confirmed that. Don't worry. Nobody missed out. It was just dogs.

The shul's July 4th parade didn't happen. We want to apologize for not having the parade again this year. It was the rabbi's fault.

Glamping group will be meeting at the Walmart parking lot, where they will spend their first night of glamping.

No attacking people for Davening too fast. Just because somebody said he did Adon Olam too fast does not give everybody the right to jump on the guy. As much as we all like to complain, nobody wants to be in shul longer. Please thank him.

Shul exercise classes are starting this Monday. To get in shape for carrying around the Torah, helping setup Kiddish, showing up on time.



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