

# THE Kibbitzer

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**They're planning a huge convention for Kohanim. They're calling it 'The Big Day Kahuna.'**

You get it? Bigdei Kahuna are the clothing of the Kohen. 'Big Day' means big day. Pinchas was a Kohen...

## RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**I was so inspired by your words of Shlock Rock last week. How can we create more parody songs, to spread the words of Torah?**

My Dear Pupil. You are correct. We need more songs, and we shouldn't be mivatel Zman (wasting time) to do it. I will help our people with this. I had a couple hours and I came up with some Jewish parody songs. It's easier writing these songs that are already written than I thought. I listened to Simon and Garfunkel's 'The Concert in Central Park,' and I wrote an album.

I even thought of other new songs to add to the Jewish music lexicon. I believe I'm onto something here. I woke up this morning, listened to the good times oldies station, and I think we have a second album. Here are some of my songs written by Simon and Garfunkel. I hope they educate.

•'Sitting Shteygin' Away' (tune of 'Slip Slidin' Away') *Lyrics:* Sitting Shteyging Away. Sitting Shteyging Away Ay Ay Ay. When you're sitting in the Beis Medrish, the more you're sitting Shteyging away. He had a student (I ran out of lyrics- but the point is made). *Lesson:* Shteyging is learning Torah, as done in the Beis

Medrish, house of Torah study. It's also known as a Beit Midrash by those who speak a proper Hebrew and don't learn there.

•'A Heart in Jerusalem' (tune of 'A Heart in New York') *Lyrics:* Jerusalem, you're like a scene from all the Bible... Then some people made movies. Jerusalem... *Lesson:* Wanted a hit, so I used a hit for this song. Any song with 'Jerusalem' in it is Jewish gold.

•'Wake Up Little Shlomie' (tune of 'Wake Up Little Susie') *Lyrics:* Wake up little Shlomie. Wake up... We both fell sound asleep... We missed Kriat Shema, and the time's gonna pass for Shacharit. Wake up little Shlomie... *Lesson:* You only have till the fourth of hour of the day to say Shacharit. Shema has to be said by the third hour. I've seen people say 'ooh la la' when they showed up to shul late. Everybody knows something happened the night before. Probably a big Shabbat meal.

My album also brings lyrics like 'Are you going to Haifa shuk friend. Zatar, cumin, hawaij, charif. Remember me, when you are there. Bring me shwarma...' Other meaningfulness like, 'Taking three steps back. It's the Amidah. It's the sound of silence...' is there too.

## SERMON OF REBUKE - PINCHAS

**S**habbat Shalom My Congregants,  
One Kaddish guy is totally out of control... It's a group thing, Henry. You follow the leader... He's two beats behind... Where's the Gabai... We need a Pinchas to do avenge for us. Pinchas stepped in. Made sure rules were followed... And if you don't follow rules... Yes. Somebody has to do something for H'... We need rules. I see signs on the bulletin board for haircut deals. Is the shul opening a barber shop in the social hall?... They engrave names into the back of the head. It's called Clippers Hair Engraving. What frum Jew is engraving their name under the Kippah?... You put the name on the Kippah. They did that in the '80s... You can't see it under the Yarmulke... They should be wearing one. Where's Pinchas when you need him... Pinny's not a Pinchas. He shortened his name... He engraved 'Pinny' in his scalp... It's a plague.

Rules! Who gets up to lead services? It seems like whoever wants just jumps up... what's policy?... For his hamster. You don't say Kaddish for hamsters... It's a shul plague.

*(Bamidbar 25:11) H' says, 'Pinchas... turned away My wrath from the children of Israel when he avenged My vengeance.'*

The Hebrew word used for 'avenge' is the same as used for jealousy. Kinah/קנאה. Pinchas stepped up and avenged Gd's קנאה, by killing the responsible parties. *Rashi does not translate קנאה with jealousy. He uses the terminology of revenge and anger, from the Hebrew words נקמה וקצף, also translated into Hebrew as revenge and whipped-cream. What we learn is that taking revenge is good. In our shul revenge is right... It stops the plagues of*

our community... Simmy's leading davening is a plague to the community. Though, I don't know if it warrants stabbing... If you feel for H' and can take that revenge for him, then maybe. It does extend davening too long. Pinchas gets the covenant of peace because he felt for H'. That is what turned away the plague. The messed up bulletin board... Fighting can bring peace, if it's for H' and it stops people from putting tissues on my shtender... A used tissue on my lectern... Jealousy is wrong for oneself. 'Oh, the choollante is too cold. Oh, the rabbi talks too long.' Do something positive for people. You have a leak in your home and you call a non-Jew to fix it... Because you do nothing. Pinchas would've gotten up and fixed the shower... Pinchas took initiative. He would've calked it. For Gd... Gd knows water damages. We need more vengeance. Our very own Sunday School lost to St. Paul's Christians this past weekend. Do we just forgive the Crusades and let them win?... Mr. Bergenthal didn't get an Aliyah last week. We commend Mrs. Stein for avenging Mr. Bergenthal's wrath, by keying the gabbai's car...

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

Nobody ever argued with Mrs. Stein again. She even growled in the middle of the sermon. She's a beast. The 85-year-old women in this shul are tough. New shul Pinchas initiatives: No sneezing in the sanctuary. Tissues go in pockets. Mishebeyrachs for no more than two people. Bulletin board signs cannot be for stuff that teenagers like. No stabbing for shoes. Stabbing must have a legitimate reason. Yahrzeit davening leaders have to be fast, and not mourning rodents. No meetings. Annual meetings are now annual speeches given by the rabbi. Once the rabbi noticed how bad initiative is for our congregation, he took back the message of his sermon and told people that fighting for Gd means showing up for Minyan on time. If the congregants took initiative into their hands, we would have kichel every kiddush.

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