

# THE Kibbitzer

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## What's it called when you can't find hot water for your coffee? Bein HaMeykarim.

You get it? Now is the Three Weeks of Jewish mourning, called the Bein HaMeitzarim (between the sorrows). Bein HaMeykarim (between the cold waters) almost sounds the same. People mourn not having their coffee.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**D**ear Rabbi. There are so many annoying people at shul. I can't help but to hate them. With Tisha BAv coming, how do I not hate these annoying community people?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. The Second Temple was destroyed due to baseless hatred and annoying people. And now, instead of showing up to the Beit Hamikdash, these annoying people are show up to shul (a Small Temple). You have a reason to hate them, thus you are all good. Even so, during the Three Weeks, we try to not hate. It's hard. I'll bring some of the very annoying people, and try to justify their behavior. Hopefully, by understanding them better, we won't have as much hate.

•*Huge Plate of Desserts, Loaded At Buffet* They took it all. There's no more mousse. But you must understand. They're thinking about the rest of their table. They're loading up for all the other people table, who pick out their own Danish. That's what they told me when I saw the huge pile of rugulach. 'It's for the table.' This is why you don't spend Pesach at a hotel with the community. Bar Mitzvahs. I don't even try to get the chocolate balls on a stick.

•*Their Siddur in Your Neck at Shul* They don't think that putting the prayer book on your chair, sticking the hardcover into your neck will be felt by you. Why they leave it there, after you give a half-back-neck-turn look is wrong. A half-back-neck-turn is a clear admonition. For Shalom, peace amongst Jews, I once took the Siddur and smacked the guy.

•*Inching Their Plastic Chair Back in Shul* There's no other way to make room for yourself. They have to push their chair into you, to make room for their Amidah prayer. As long as it's subtle, they're giving you a chance to not assume they're moving their chair into you.

•*Doesn't Move Away from the Kiddush Table* If they moved away from the table, then you might get to the choolante too. You would do the same thing if you got the spot.

•*Guy Messing Up the Torah Reading* Pelt him. Sorry. I can't find it in me to love him. He's slowing up the services and causing more hatred... There are more people to hate. I'm trying very hard myself. It might be jealousy of the people with the huge plate of rugulach. And jealousy is forbidden. We should witness the redemption without annoying people.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- PINCHAS

**S**habbat Shalom My Worriers. (*Bamidbar 25:10-11*) *H'* tells Moshe that Pinchas 'turned My anger away from the children of Israel by his avenging My vengeance among them...' There's anger in this shul, but nobody fought for Simchi's seat. It's his Makom Kavuah... It's his regular seat. You just let Bernie go over and sit there... I know he's old... Like Zimri taking Cazbi in front of the congregation to do whatever... Taking somebody's seat is also wrong... Simchi wasn't mad??? He took one of the plastic chairs and threw it... How many times you bring on anger. The leaving the paper towel by the sink... You throw it in the garbage... The garbage is right.

there. Anger... It's not basketball. If you miss, you pick it up and put it in... Pinchas killed them and the plague stopped. He stabbed them. Jabbed them a bunch. Lesson... Then don't take people's chairs... Sometimes revenge must be had to educate a people... Take the towel. Throw it at them. And say, 'Don't leave towels by the sink. It offends Gd...' (*Bamidbar 25:12*) 'I hereby give him My covenant of peace.' A covenant of peace for fighting evil. It's wrong to take revenge for you. When you throw paper towels at people for others it's right... I've been fighting against salivating on Siddurs for years... A decent food pantry brings peace. Stops destruction... A pantry for other people. A pantry that holds more than a Twizzler.

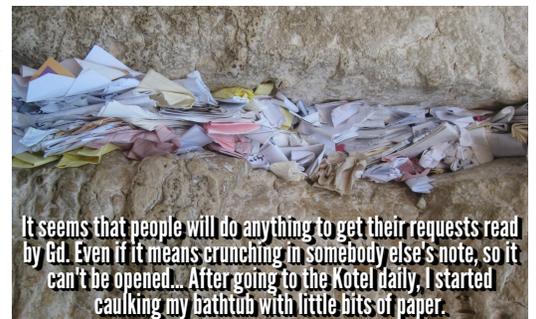
*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:*  
I hate to say this, but Simchi has anger issues.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new sign at shul will be electric. We want to thank Freddie's Barbershop for donating it. The shul will be receiving \$1,000 a month for the new flashing neon sign out front, saying 'Freddie's Barbershop and Ribs with Congregation Beis Emes uSefilah.' We pray it leads to more advertisement, and Felvel has a Refuah Sheleyma. There's lot of space in shul. Above the left women's section we have more room for adverts, between the stained glass. We'll be filling that out. If you want to save money on your High Holiday seats, we'll place adverts at your chair, next to the Yizkur appeal cards. Micky's garage is sponsoring.

The finger licking isn't going to stop. We understand the older people can't change pages without saliva and chaching. As discussed in the page turning workshop, the shul rule is that you can only lick fingers on your left hand. Your right hand must be available for clean handshakes.

The shul will also provide volunteers to turn pages for the elderly.



It seems that people will do anything to get their requests read by Gd. Even if it means crunching in somebody else's note, so it can't be opened... After going to the Kotel daily, I started caulking my bathtub with little bits of paper.

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