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How did they travel to Jerusalem to bring sacrifices? In a car-bon

You get it? Karbon is Hebrew for sacrifice, Sacrifices in the Temple. They traveled there. Carbon is a chemical, and not part of the pun. I can't explain the 'bon' part.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I went to a Tish and didn't fully understand what was going on. Can you please explain the traditions to me.

Shalom My Dear Pupil. A Tish means a table. The Chasidim come to the rebbe's table, usually on Friday night, and it's beautiful. Let me explain it to you through my experiences.

•*They Look at the Rebbe* The first thing I noticed when I went to a Tish was all the Chasidim staring at him. The rebbe sits at the table and Chasidim watch him the whole time. They bring food, he starts eating, and they keep staring at him. I told them, 'Let the rebbe eat.'

•*Every Move of the Rebbe is Important* The rebbe's actions are holy. Thus, the pupils watch each move. The rebbe trips, 'Why did he trip? It's something you're supposed to do on Shabbis Mevorchim, to bless the new month. Tradition.' The rebbe goes for a dental appointment, the Chasidim talk and the dentist is booked for half a year. At the Tish, Chasidim speak of every move. 'The rebbe's cutting Challah... He's pouring salt.' The other guy is commentating, 'He poured too much.

He has a bad heart. He has to watch it.' He couldn't enjoy a thing. He took his first bite, and all the Chasidim are reaching for his food. They're not just staring at his food, they're taking it. It's called Shiraim. It's where the food becomes holy and the Chasidim steal it from the rebbe. One Chasid hurled himself at the table, yelling, 'He touched it. It's holy.' And they started singing. It was beautiful.

•*The Rebbe Had Enough* All became more lively as the evening went on. When the rebbe started banging, the Chasidim announced, 'He wants us to sing with more fervor.' I went near the rebbe, as he started banging more. He was saying, 'Where's My Tzimis. Who took the Tzimis? And where is the Kugel? It was here a second ago. Was it Yankel? He always takes my food. That was a good Kugel. Who took it?!' His hands went in the air and he yelled, 'That's not how you harmonize!!! Get the harmony down!!!' Then, the sponge cake came out and the rebbe didn't even get a chance to touch it, before the Chasidim took it... It's a blessing to be a rebbe, and hard to get privacy. It's hard being the holy man. He loves his Chasidim at his table. Sometimes though, he needs to eat. And they took his food.

SERMON OF REBUKE- RE'EH

Shabbat Shalom My Congregants Who Sin... Rosh Chodesh Elul is upon us. The month of repentance, and you have a lot to repent for... Do Mitzvahs. For crying out loud... Why?! You want to get cursed? You want Milka going off on you?...

(Devarim 11:27) *A Bracha if you follow the Mitzvot... Have you ever seen a Mitzvah chart? You never see, 'Yankel got Mitzvah points for hitting Esther'... If you sin, you get cursed. Why do I have to spell this out every week?*

(Devarim 11:29-30) *The 'Bracha on Har Grizim and Klalah (curse) on Har Eival... Are they not on the other side of the Jordan????'*

Why Moshe's to give a geographical lesson... This shul is full of Eival... The board. The back

left... I think the new kid's name is Eival. That's how bad this shul is. One of the families named their kid a curse. They knew their kid would have to sit with Bernie.

(Devarim 12:8) *'Don't do... Every man what is right in his eyes.'* It's not a board Bernie... We see what goes on shul when people have ideas. A purple and pink Tallis... It clashes. Our Tish... Only harmony. No melody... Cause ya'll do what's right in your eyes... That's the curse. That's Eival... Your ideas are Eival... We are at Eival, singing a messed up harmony... Do Teshuva. Do what is right in H's eyes... For a Bracha. Bernie. A Bracha... Bernie is an Eival... *Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:* Eival is the name of the death metal band the Gabai plays bass for. The rabbi was trying to say 'evil', but called the congregants Eival instead... The rabbi is right. People doing what's right in their eyes is how we ended up with the messed up chapel with the ark facing on the Mexican side. We face Mexico when we pray.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The yearly shul kickoff BBQ will take place next Sunday. Our shul begins the Jewish new year with Labor Day. Not Rosh Hashana.

Nobody will help with cleanup at the BBQ. We thought we should put that in the announcement, as that is part of the yearly event. To note, we do not consider manning the grill to be a help. That's hanging out. We don't need eighteen people manning the grill this year.

Members seem to be planning for holidays already. They're a month and a half away. Calm down. The board doesn't seem to care. Please don't care yourselves. The Lulav and Etrog will come when the holiday starts. Please stop asking about the Hadasim and Aravot now. The willow branches never make it through the first days anyways. We will not be taking sacrifices. Though we are called a Temple, we are not the Beit Mikdash. All sacrifices must be brought to Jerusalem. Please ask the Israeli government about it when you get there.



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