

THE Kibbitzer

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The shul's Torah wasn't kosher, so some congregants went on Sefaria for a Torah scroll.

You get it? The shul needed a new Torah scroll. The congregants went to Sefaria, a computer program with Torah, that people learn from. You scroll down a website!

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

My children are at Jewish summer camp, and I am worried they are wasting their time. How are my kids spending their time at camp?

My Dear Pupil. Jewish summer camps are a developed system where every minute is programmed with what is known as an activity. Anything you do is more exciting when you call it an activity. You can go shopping and run errands. Or you can go shopping as an activity. Your children are not picking up groceries. They're going to activities. \$9,500 of activities. Here are a few:

•*Floor Hockey*- A sport that Jews are competitive at, because nobody else plays it. There are more camp sports like newcomb, bottle cap football, Torah baseball and gaga. The key is to take a known sport and make it Jewish by taking out any specialized skill. We play hockey without the skates. You play volleyball by catching the ball. Newcomb is a sport everybody can be great at. Amazing activity.

•*Roof Ball*- This is where you throw a ball on the roof, to wake up all the people in your bunk during rest hour. When I was younger, I knew this as The Ball Got Stuck in the Gutter Ball.

•*Shabbis Walk*- That's the activity. A walk. Programming Shabbat is hard. After davening, there's not much to do. Campers were asking why there's nothing to do other than Torah baseball, when parents spent \$9,500. So they created the Shabbis Walk activity. In co-ed camps this is tantamount to romance.

•*Letter Time*- This is how you honor your parents. With paper. Write your parents on paper. Emails don't show care. To note, going green is bad for relationships. No romance ever happened through email. It must be handwritten and given on a Shabbis Walk.

•*Excitement*- Great activity. Screaming. Running and Screaming. Eating and screaming. Excitement is the number one activity. Best activity of the summer. \$9,500.

•*Night Activity*- Anything done at night is exciting. Hence, that's the activity. Night.

•*Flag Raising*- Do they still allow that? Is that too patriotic? If they allow, that's an activity. There's more activities like arts and crafts, or making Chanukiahs that look like ashtrays. There you have it my pupil. Some of the activities kids are doing. \$9,500. Jewish identity.

SERMON OF REBUKE - RE'EH

Shabbat Shalom My Congregants, Stop complaining about the Nishama Yeteirah... You have an extra Shabbat soul on Shabbat. Why does it bother you that it stays with you the rest of the week? It's a Neshama, a soul. So, you have an extra 15 pounds... You have to eat for that Nishama. Yes. But how much are you eating... You're only supposed to feed one extra soul. You're feeding three souls there... I've seen how much you eat... It's a blessing. Make a blessing... The problem is you see everything as a curse.

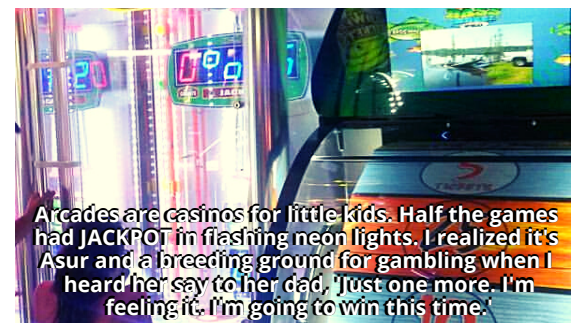
This week's Torah portion begins with the Blessings & Curses. Bracha and Kellalah... There are two sides to all. You do good... Exactly. If you do good... Well. Just do good. H' gives the blessing if you follow the commandments. A curse if you don't follow the commandments. Meaning, you sin, bad stuff happens... Yes. Let's go through that list. You go to a house of one you're not married to and the whole community hears about it. We'll call that a sin. Not a mitzvah. A curse happens. You lose your family... What other ones are there Mr. Fleishman? You run away from your family and you don't pay your shul dues. Not following the mitzvot. We'll say, a bracha doesn't happen... And Dr. Felsman... And Mrs. Blumfield... Did we miss anybody that has sinned?....

We give too many blessings to those who do not deserve them. That is why we are stopping the Mishebeyrachs after the Torah Aliyot. From now on, you get called up to the Torah, we let you down. Mishebeyrach? Who are we blessing? Dr. Ginstern, your children

are not going to marry Jewish. Stop with the Mishebeyrachs. You sent them to Jesuit high school... Your children can sin. They will be forgiven... You're not Christian... Mishecurses... (*Devarim 11:28*) and the curse, if you will not heed the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn away from the way... to follow other gods, which you did not know. You never met Athena... You don't heed. Again. No heeding... You should be eating and heeding... *Rashi teaches, whoever worships idols departs from the entire path that Israel has been commanded.* We are talking about denying Gd here... You worship what's not true. What's wrong and you're denying Gd in your life. Questioning if you're fat, you're denying your Nishama. Your soul... Enjoy and you believe in Gd's blessings... don't heed and get cursed, and end up living outside of Israel and thin, without decent shwarma... A curse is having a Mishebeyrachs after every Aliyah... (*11:29*) *Har Eival are the curses...* Not Eibel. It's Eival... This isn't Kayn's brother... Not Cain. It's not a wrestler... You also called him Esau... To do the stuff... Yes. To scare us... You're not scared enough... if you don't change your ways and stop cheating on your families you will also be cursed: a 60 year old divorced man, with a second wife who took the last quarter of your money, down in Palm Beach, Mr. Fleishman. Shabbat Shalom.

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

To scare the congregants more, the rabbi ran a haunted Mitzvah house that week. There was a rabbi telling them they're going to go to hell... The intermarriage talk got people mad. The rabbi said it's a curse of the Jewish people. We lost two congregants. Their spouses stayed though. Their non-Jewish spouses really like the rabbi. They also would've rather not got married to these people. They can't stand their husband and wife. They say they're bad Jews.



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