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He had a new garment made out of pottery. A new style called earthenware.

You get it? Earthenware is pottery. We talk about destroying pottery touched by holy stuff for kosher reasons. Earthenware sounds like a clothing line.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I'm a single person and I feel very uncomfortable at Sheva Brachot. Weddings are fine. Why do I feel like a loser at Sheva Brachot?

Shalom My Dear Single Person. Let me explain. It's because you're single. Many divorcees who seem to be single show up to weddings. At the Sheva Brachot, you're the only one who was never married and you realize it. Then they give speeches to remind you you're a loser. Here's some Sheva Brachot speeches you will hear.

- *The Half Person Speech* 'Before you met you were not people. Now, that you're married, you're a whole, a person.' And then everybody looks at the single loser sitting there, trying to figure out if they're actually a person or not.
- *You Need Man and Woman* 'Without both man and woman there is no Gd. You take out the 'i' from man and the 'n' from woman and you have a single person with

no hope. A heretic who Gd doesn't love.' I think that is how the speech goes.

- *You Were A Bachur* They want to make it clear the single 40 year old is a child and the 18 year old who just got married is a man.

- *There Was a Fifty Year Old I Knew* This is a speech given to the single person at the table, as somebody empathizes. They lean over and tell you a story about a fifty year old they knew that was down and out, depressed, alone, no hope, like you. Then she was setup with this eighty year old Bachur. And she is happily married. Finally, at fifty years old, this loser of a child got married. The twelfth marriage to this eighty year old. Lesson: Empathy is very offensive.

HALACHA SHVUI: H' cannot be seen by us. Moshe wanted to see H' but he could only see His back. Lesson: You don't get everything you ask for.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: SHEMINI

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...
(Vayikra 9:22-24) *Sfas Emes teaches that Aharon had a desire to bless the people after completing the first day service... For some reason I have not felt that since becoming the Mora DAsra of this congregation... All you do is curse Max. Under your breath, you curse. We all know it's a curse. When you say, 'This piece of...' It's not a piece of a sacrifice. (9:24) The people saw the fire that came down on the Altar 'and they sang joyous song and fell upon their faces.'* They sang good songs. Joyous...

Nothing joyous about singing in here... They had decent voices. You can't serve Gd as a nation with really bad voices... Not joyous Bernie... When you sing, the last thing I want to do is bless... (10:1) *Nadav and Avihu are killed for bringing an 'alien fire'...* Hearing the people of our shul sing is like a foreign sacrifice. Your singing is an unwanted service... And why the high pitch... No melody. You're harmonizing. The shul is like an amalgamation of the Bee Gees and Aaron Neville... His brothers sung melody...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon: I hear the singing and I start thinking about cursing. I am cursing under my breath.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please hold off on telling people you are in shul when you answer a call in shul. We all know you are answering the phone call in shul.

Our congregants are not friendly. If anybody fist bumps you, they're trying to make you more religious. They're trying to do Kiruv on you. If they smile or say 'Shalom' to you, they're trying to make you more religious.

We suggest you run from your home now. We've seen how not dirty some of you keep the shul. We do not believe that any of you will be able to make your home Kosher for Pesach.

We ask people to sing Lecha Dodi with normal voices. We have no idea why everybody started singing in a high pitch harmony.

Contemporary Halacha: This Tuesday Shiur on how to sing like a normal person and not Pinny, and how to clean your home for Pesach.



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