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The work the slaves did was nothing close to as labor intensive as Miriam and Yocheved's task.

You get it? Work and being told to kill newborns.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. So many people hate Jews. For safety, how do I hide my Judaism and remain religious while traveling?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Beautiful question, as we deal with some of the first incidents of antisemitism in this week's Parsha. And we learn that the Jews didn't change their clothes or their names. Never be afraid of being Jewish. Yet, you should be safe. Here are ways of not letting people know you're Jewish, while staying religious.

- Baseball Hat* The traditional way to hide your Jewishness. I have a feeling the baseball hat never fully worked. My dad would have his beard, a baseball hat and suit. They know we're Jewish. You can't hide a beard and a suit with a baseball hat. Even so, it's tradition and it's a good place to start. Don't change your clothes. Just add the baseball hat to your black hat. Women don't need a baseball hat. The shaytel works fine as its own Jewish camouflage. The anti-Semites will just think you have extensions.
- Never Try To Get a Deal* They think Jews like sales. You want to get ripped off. NonJews like getting ripped off. Be

Be sure to pay more. If you can, pay the suggested retail price. Marked up if possible.

- Hide Your Prayers* You can't just go out there and start Davening Mincha. It's a dead giveaway. Hide behind a candy machine. People understand you standing there for five minutes, meditating over which chocolate to buy. Praying for a Mars bar. I always pray by candy machines. Maybe Gd will answer my prayers and give me two for the price of one.
- Don't Smuggle In Cans to the Movies* They know you're Jewish. Smuggle in bottles. The fizz makes less noise than the can popping open during the best scene of the movie.
- Cover Your Mouth When Praying* This is the only positive of COVID. The mask. You can always hide your prayers with a mask. Now you don't need to Bitul Zman anywhere. On line at the supermarket, you can be saying Tehillim. The yawn method works well too. Cover your mouth for a really long yawn when leaving the bathroom. They'll have no idea you're saying Asher Yatzar. At worst, they'll know you're Jewish and think you're very tired.
- Say Stuff Like 'Yo' 'Nu. Shulum Ulayechem'* gives it away real fast... Stay safe and Jewish.

SERMON OF REBUKE- SHEMOT

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...
(Shemot 1:13) They made the Jews build storage cities. 'The Egyptians enslaved the Children of Israel with hard work.' BiFarech. With harshness. That's how you work me... Listening to your ideas for shul upgrades and committees is gruelingly painful... All because Paroh didn't know Yosef. If he would've known Yosef, he would've known of commitment. If he would've gotten to know our members, Paroh would've known how people weasel their way out of meetings and paying dues... You haven't donated a thing for... I see not one plaque... When things are harsh, you can't think of anything else... You're a slave... I'm a slave to

the messed up stained glass windows... Is that a blue bird?! It's a shul. You do a dove... If you don't know, you worry. Paroh worried... If you can't see... They are not windows... Yes. I worry this shul is more and more messed up. If you can't see through the window, it's not a window. It's a wall... Maybe a door. You could've put up a canvas. It's just as much of a window as the stained glass... You painted it opaque... If they were to take a second out, to get to know them. They wouldn't have worried... If you would've thought for a second, you wouldn't have got the stained glass... There's a new president in the shul who doesn't know me... Then he's just an idiot...
Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
 The rabbi is right to be paranoid. They didn't give him a raise. Much debate as to whether stained glass windows are windows. The board looked it up. The Gemara doesn't deal with this topic.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

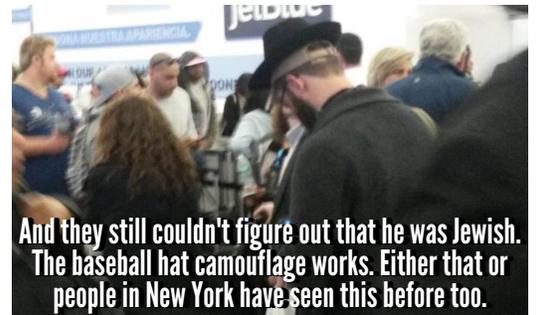
We have heard a lot of complaints about the new windows. To be clear, they're stained glass. They're meant to not be able to used. Not being able to open them was just a mistake. The contractor stated, 'I thought that since you wanted stained glass, you wanted something not practical.' And that is why the youth lounge has pews in it.

We found a Tallis. We are assuming somebody lost it, as it is not wearable. It is a Tallis scarf and we are worried somebody is cold.

The shul was broken into. They stole money from the office. Nobody should worry. It was not an act of anti-Semitism. It was just crime. So, everybody should feel comfortable coming to shul.

The Sisterhood will have its monthly argument on Wednesday.

The class is called off, as the rabbi is sick of teaching you... The rabbi's next series will focus on how to find sources and not bother the rabbi.



And they still couldn't figure out that he was Jewish. The baseball hat camouflage works. Either that or people in New York have seen this before too.

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