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How do you know it's a Mitzvah to drink soda on Shabbis? It says 'Ratzita Carbonteha (sacrifices).'

You get it? Your cabon is wanted. Carbonated.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I started filling up my study. I want it to look Jewish. I was in a friend's house. They had a computer. That's it. They're Frum, but the house doesn't look Jewish. How does a Jewish book look?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. A Frum home should look Frum. Here is how your Frum book collection should look.

- Dark Blue, Maroon or Brown* All books should be brown. A maroonish brown that looks a bit dark blue in the sun. Books should not be green.
- No fluorescent colors*, unless if you're crossing streets with them at night.
- Gold Trimming* Very important. Gold trimming looks religious. It encases the book in religion. I don't know how gold trimming became religious. Nonetheless, it's the most Frum thing in our religion. Feldheim might be behind that one.
- No English* Just Hebrew. Aramaic is allowed, as it's written in Hebrew. Same with Yiddish. Yiddish written in English, Asur. You shouldn't understand what you're reading. You can have English for Kiruv reasons.

For Kiruv reasons, you can also have a TV, a computer, and visit the casino every night.

- Kippahs on All Pictures in Kid's Books* All boys with Kippahs. Even if the child isn't Jewish, a Kippah. All shopkeepers should have Kippahs as well. Even if Frum Jews don't work as mechanics, your child should get used to seeing a Kippah on them.
- Books Should Give Daily Readings* Frum Jews don't read in pages. They read in day form. It gets complicated figuring out how much to read a day. Your Sefarim should give that information. It's Bitul Zman trying to figure out how much you should read.
- All Books Need Haskamas* Known as a letter of approbation. I used English to make it harder to understand. Haskamas allow you to read the book. Less pages of authored work is better. You want at least fifty percent of the book to be permission to read the book. If it's a really good Jewish text, the whole work should be Haskamas. This is why I don't learn Torah. No Haskama. A kids' book should have Haskamas with Kippahs.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: SHOFTIM

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

The Layner took a long time today. And then the Haftorah. I feel like I'm sitting through Yom Kippur here... Yom Kippur is coming soon... It's Elul, Baruch. You should feel guilty. Teshuva. Repentance. You have too much. That's the problem...

(Devarim 17:15-19) When you put a king among you... Not too many horses. Not too many wives. Not too much money. And he shall 'write for himself two copies of the Torah...' You don't lose copies?! After every one of my classes, I see sheets laying around... He learns it. The king isn't looking for a second job as a scribe. 'And he shall

read it all of his days...' Out loud. Learning is out loud... You curse under your breath... They hear your under breath cursing... You whisper very loud. You called him an idiot... You don't learn the Torah under your breath... Because then it would sound like you're cursing the Torah. H' doesn't want kings cursing the Torah... (17:20) 'So that his heart doesn't become haughty.' Your breath out is a haughty heart.... Cause you expect stuff. You expect Chazins to not take 18 minutes for Haftorah... You're not making Challah...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:
The rabbi did a step away during his sermon- a great move. It added a good amount of drama. Then he stepped back to the lectern and people stopped listening again. The congregants got the wrong idea. They thought that now they're kings. The rabbi should've never taught them lessons from kings. Now, they all park in the disabled parking spot.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No more cursing people under your breath, especially when it is loud.

When Michi does a breath out, he's mad. We are noting that to all in the congregation, as some members thought Michi likes them. He doesn't. He did a breath out the other day when the babka was taken out too early. He is actually cursing you out when he does the breath out.

We are sorry about the visitor. His Kaddish was not on tune and not in beat with our shul's tune. Baruch leads the Kaddish. We must follow him, even though it is very slow and tedious and kind of makes you want to not live.

Let's not blame the guest for everything. Kaddish in our shul is still not on beat and without unison, without the guest.

A special consultant singer will be coming this week to teach our congregants how to be in unison for Kaddish. They will also choose who the Chazin leader will be. BE"H it will not be Baruch. He is so off tune.



My First Lotto... They start the kids young in Israel. Get them hooked at three.

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