

# THE Kibbitzer

Yom Haatzmaut  
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## In the spring you call your friend in in Tel-Aviv.

You get it? Tel, telephone. Aviv is spring in Hebrew. It's Yom Haatzmaut. Substitute phone with Aviv. It works. Your place for bilingual puns. We'll work in French soon.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**Dear Rabbi. It's Yom Haatzmaut and I want to be in Israel. I just find it too expensive. How do I save money in Israel?**

Shalom My Dear Pupil. I am here to help. There are many methods. However, you must first start with falafel. A falafel diet is of paramount importance when living on a budget in Israel. So, here is how to save money on falafel.

- Never Purchase Falafel* Bring your own pita and load up. All salads on the side of the falafel stand are free. You'll find an array of salads, ranging from tahini to cucumbers to spicy cucumbers to pickled cucumbers. You'll find pickled carrots. Pickled cabbage. A smorgasbord of pickled. Load up your pita. It's an excellently satisfying lunch. Tahini helps with the toxicity of pickling. Tahini is very expensive. So, load on as much as you can. I greatly appreciate the falafel stand owners taking my budgetary concerns into account.
- Stick to Pita* I do not suggest to bring a laffa (tortilla looking bread).

Last time I brought a laffa, all of the salads fell through the bottom. I had to ask the guy behind the counter to help me wrap it. He is a professional, and was very kind. He tucked the bottom and showed me how to use restaurant tissue paper. I would've left a tip, but leaving tips isn't a good money saver, and I did not purchase the laffa from him. I just hope that the customer I cut in line still purchased her falafel.

- Purchase Half a Pita* If you have too much shame to bring your own pita, purchase half a serving. This will save you some shekels and it'll get you a couple of hot falafel balls, which are good for a cold day.

Take your half pita and stand by the salads. It is crucial to eat standing. This allows you easy access for constant salad reload. Make sure you have a good spot by the cucumbers, and do not bite into the pita itself. Once you bite into the pita itself, you are losing valuable gripping perimeter.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: TAZRIA-METZORA

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...  
(Vayikra 13:31) '...the Kohen quarantines him for seven days'... Kohens quarantine. Our Kohen Duchens wrong... Duchening is the blessing. You cup your hands. You look like you're begging for money... Tzaras, Baheret. A very pale congregation. I don't know if it's Lashon Hara or lack of sun... They talk Lashon Hara about how pale you are. A pale, out of shape shul with no personality. A very bad personality. I think we should quarantine congregants... No. Just for being annoying. I know it won't help with the paleness, but at least we won't have to see them...

Can you become clean? Good question. Not the way our members are unkempt... (13:34) '...the Kohen shall pronounce he is clean and he shall wash his clothes and he shall become clean.' The word for clean is 'pure,' Tahor. Our Kohen can't even say pure in Hebrew. If you come to shul with un-laundered Shabbis clothes, you might as well speak Lashon Hara. You're not pure and you are still pale... Nothing to do with Tzaraas. Just very white. Maybe sunburned... Clean. At least for Yom Haatzmaut. They're going to see your home on Zoom.  
*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:* The rabbi started checking to people to see if they smelled of Dial or Zest. If they did not, the rabbi quarantined them. The Kohen is off with his blessing. Wrong finger placement. He seems to point his finger at us, like he's reprimanding us.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Yom Haatzmaut Parade will not be attended, as we are scared of anti-Semites. We will share our love and pride of Israel in our homes. The Federation will host a Yom Haatzmaut march on Zoom. People will be able to march on screen. If you have a green screen, make it look like there's a moving background, for solidarity-sake.**

**We will celebrate Yom Haatzmaut at shul with falafel, as that is why our great Home Land was founded. All kids are asked to wear blue pants and white shirts, so they can stain their shirts easier.**

**Please work on your Hebrew accents. Your Americanized Hebrew accent is starting to bother everybody. This is for Sandra. Please, either speak in English, or learn how to speak Hebrew normally.**

**For Rosh Chodesh it would be nice to see you in shul. Maybe repent for a day before you stop coming again.**



**No need for a car. Supermarket carts in Israel only cost ten shekels. Put 10Nis in the cart and it's yours. And it fits the groceries perfectly... The carts are the best deal at Shufersal. Better than their sales on drinks and nuts.**

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