

THE Kibbitzer



They celebrated a lot in the Mikdash. That's why they used acacia wood. It's good for all acacians.

You get it? Acacia, Occasions. We did our part.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear rabbi. If I don't have money, how do I survive a week of Florida vacation?

My Beautiful Pupil. It's still Florida time, and you're the only broke family in Teaneck. It's time to reframe. Vacation is a different experience. That's it. A different way to spend time. Let me take you back to before I was the big rabbi I am now. I learned to accept that vacation was a week of me being homeless. I accepted the homeless experience. You should too. You paid to fly out the family and now you are a dispossessed people for the week. You left the warmth and enjoyment of your home, now you need someplace to sleep. Some call it a hotel. I call it a homeless man looking for shelter.

•*Homeless Need Shelter* The Jewish vacationers need help. Teaneck doesn't prepare you with the beach sleeping homeless skills. Do a Mitzvah with your time. Start an awareness campaign. My Jewish upbringing had me thinking I must start a charity ad raise money for vacationers. Use your vacation and start a Tzedakah. If the they have any hope of enjoying Disney World, they shall need assistance.

•*Homelessness is Expensive* Even camping, you pay more than staying at your house. Camping is another scam. You're literally without a roof, and they charge you for that.

•*Eat at Shul Restaurant*, mini-mart that charges \$15 for milk, or show up to Shacharit at some shul and hope somebody is sponsoring breakfast. When traveling, be a dear member of all Jewish communities where you don't pay dues. Wish Mazel Tovs and eat.

•*Sleep on Public Transit* That's homeless. I fell asleep on the bus. It was comfortable. B"H for buses. I thought I was connecting with the locals. Then, I saw the locals driving.

•*Travel with a Backpack* Baggage fees are too much. Travel with as little as possible. Tooth floss, phone and Tefillin. That's it. Tefillin and Tallit fill the limit. If I can justify a coat, I'll smuggle a sandwich. I show up to Florida, a homeless man who has to go shopping. I pick up new undergarments in every city I visit. It's cheaper to buy pants there too.

•*Stay Home* You can also enjoy vacation at home, if you don't want to be homeless. You have heat, a nice kitchen, surround sound, a good shower that you know how to adjust.

SERMON OF REBUKE- TERUMAH

Shabbat Shalom My Drove (*Shemot 25:1*) 'And make for me a Mikdash and I shall dwell there.' A Midkash is a Tabernacle... No. We are not building a Tabernacle, Michael. You can't even clean your gutters right... You can't use a Swiffer for everything. It doesn't work in gutters... Gd dwells in a home that we make for Him. We have to build it... A tent is probably the best we can do. Even on the camping trip last year, you messed that up. Couldn't even put pegs in the ground right... You smack them in. Pound them in.

Does Gd dwell in this shul? Not with Frank and Mike talking the whole time. Back left is not Gd's dwelling. Maybe in the front right, with Yoel... If your names were Feivel and Micha'el, would you stop talking... We have to make a decent place for Gd to dwell, without noise pollution. The renovations are not what Gd wants. He doesn't need a sleek open floor plan with neon walkway strips...

Where does Gd dwell? *Mikdash- a Holy place.* H' commands us to make for Him a Holy Place for him to dwell. Not a place where kids run through the halls and run up on the Bimah, in the middle of the rabbi's sermon... With renovations like this... It feels like a playground. Got a mural in the back of the shul. The board tagged out shul... H' doesn't dwell with your crew, Francine. H' tells Moshe to make for him a Mikdash, but not until he has received the 'Trumot, from those who hearts are inspired' (*Shemot 25:2*). As Moshe is to tell the children of Israel that they may give gifts to the Temple... Your old Siddurim and Sefarim are not gifts. You

dropped them off in a box... Dropping stuff in a box at the door, because you need room in your house is not a Terumah. That's not a gift to the shul. That's a recycling program... Yes. You started it, with your trash... Your chipped serving platter isn't a Trumah... We bury the stuff anyways... We're happy that H's name isn't defamed anymore, in your filthy homes... Shmuel didn't even leave a box. He just dropped the books... Your gifts are the worst. Chanukah in our shul is a downer...

What do you give? H' tells you. Your kids have tried to tell you what they want, but you give them socks... That's not a gift, Sharon. That's a staple. You buy those when there are holes... (*Shemot 25:3-7*) 'These are the portions that you shall take...' Portions are gifts... Yes.

Donations too... There is a list of stuff they can give... Tin pans are not a donation. It has to be gold, copper, silver, decent materials... Tin pans are not decent. There is a whole box of donated pasta... They wouldn't take pasta for the Mikdash. The Tabernacle couldn't use almost expired macaroni... It's good for the kid necklaces, but that's it... What are we going to use the almost expired spaghetti for? You can't make necklaces out of those... You need gift coaching. You don't give the Book of Our Heritage for weddings. It's for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs... There are proper gifts for proper times... Nobody ever needs socks as a gift. Especially ones that you sewed... That Torah cover was your table cloth. You were getting rid of it... It says 'Kiddish' on it...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:

Baby namings in our shul are off. Mitch. Who was Mitch named after? Nobody knows. His grandad was Berel. Frank and Mike are their Hebrew names. That's why they talk in shul. Their parents messed up their Jewish education with their names. If they were a Feivel and Micha'el, or Mendel, they would have Kavanah. Their intent is off. And the wedding gifts in our shul are messed up. Always wrong for the time. The newlyweds got pink onesies, and a get well soon card. So, H' doesn't dwell in our shul.



The anti-semites in the airport were looking at us like we were doing a ritual sacrifice... Boarding killed my Amidah. My connection with H' would have been much better, if the plane was delayed.

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