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My kids take after me. Due to Kibud Av vEim, they always let me take first.

You get it? 'Take after me' means to be like their dad. Instead, they let their dad fill his plate first, as per the Mitzvah to honor parents. Very good kids.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. You lived in Israel. Why were you not a lone soldier? I respect those kids so much. Giving up everything...

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Thank you for attacking me. We spoke in the past about my uselessness as a soldier and how Tzahal didn't want me. Let's talk about lone soldiers, what makes them great, and more reasons I didn't help Israel. I will refer to the lone soldiers here. And may I add, I made Aliyah at forty-three.

•*You Bring Nachis* Lone soldiers bring such Nachis to their parents.

American parents Nachisikate how their children are in the IDF. The only Nachis my parents got was telling people, 'Our son made Aliyah and he asks us for money. That's our kid.'

•*You Didn't Have the Mandatory Service for All Citizens* You did it of your own volition. You chose to move to Israel and serve. I avoided the draft when I moved to Israel. That word 'citizen' scares me. Anything with citizen in it, I run away. I don't want to pay more taxes. I've suffered

enough for the Jewish people. I've been asked to join many shul committees. Yet, the young people who move to Israel and join the army, they see a future of good for our people. They see hope. They've never been on a shul board. They can make decisions and get stuff done. These are the great lone soldiers.

•*You Chose To Serve Our People* When all other kids your age in America are at college drinking as much as they can, you have decided to serve in the Israeli army drinking as much as you can.

•*You Are Brave* This is the next level of running away. The extent that you were willing to go to not have to see your parents, it's commendable. In my parents' generation, kids used to run off to join the circus. I tried running away at 19, but then I saw the bus coming. I was not ready for public transportation. I ran back home. My parents were able to drive me places. I am not that brave, but I can thank our lone soldiers.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: TETZAVEH

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...
(Shemot 28:12) The stones with the names of the tribes on them were to be put on the Efod. 'Aharon shall carry their names before H' on both his shoulders for a remembrance.' He did not carry them in his hands... How would he do the service? He needed hands... You don't need your hands, because you don't help. You don't remember to help. And you can't even do farmers carries with eight pounds... To remember. Wherever Aharon went in the Temple, he reminded H' of us... You can't even remember when the time of Minyin is. Your wife should walk around

with 'go to shul' on her shoulders... Then you might show on time, Walter... We have to be reminded. At least Fran. You have to constantly remind her to take the choolante out of the oven... You burn it every week Fran.

(28:19) Sforno teaches that having the names of the tribes on his heart inspired the Kohen Gadol to pray for the nation. Our Chazin is a letdown... You wouldn't know who you're praying for. You forget... We have to remind you. Our Gabai is a letdown. Our Kohanim don't remember how to Duchin... The wrong person comes up. Because you forget their names.

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon: The rabbi telling the Gabai he's almost as bad as the board is hurtful. Once he told a board member 'you're on the board.' He usually doesn't curse people like that.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can't tell a Baal Tefillah that they're leading too fast, and then to tell them they're leading too slow.

We know our congregants like to complain. We just ask that the complaints make sense and follow a logical flow.

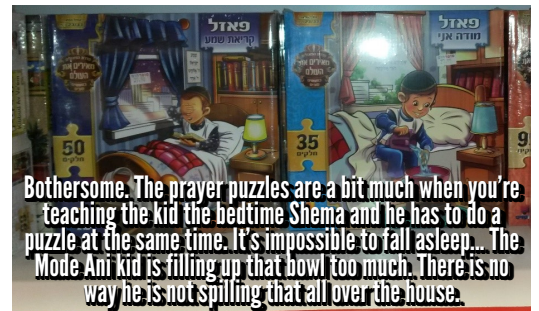
No more tie-dye.

We want to commend Mark on his new suit. It's an Angeleno. He has been showing it to everybody at Kiddish.

We ask our congregants stop buying husky suits. They look portly. We have a very portly congregation. We believe that if people buy athletic suits, they'll look athletic.

Upcoming Class: How Not to Look Like an Idiot in Shul.

The Gabai of our shul is bad. We know it. We apologize. We have no idea of how to get rid of him. It seems to be shul tradition to have a really bad Gabai.



Bothersome. The prayer puzzles are a bit much when you're teaching the kid the bedtime Shema and he has to do a puzzle at the same time. It's impossible to fall asleep... The Mode Ani kid is filling up that howl too much. There is no way he is not spilling that all over the house.

The Kibbitzer this week is dedicated to all of our holy brothers and sister who have been affected by the terror.
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