

# THE Kibbitzer

Thanksgiving  
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## Esav wanted soup on top of the door. But Yakov didn't have lintel soup.

You get it? A lintel is a beam on top of a door. It sounds like lentil. We learn the red stuff Esav wanted was lentil soup. Lintel. Lentil. Same thing. Jews will get blamed.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

#### Dear Rabbi. Why do so many Jews love the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and how do we make it more Jewish?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. We do love the parade. It's because of big balloons.

Yet, we can make it more Jewish. Here are some ideas that will bring some Heimishness to the Macy's Parade.

- Floats* Ice cream floats. That would be a something. I don't need to see truck flatbeds not carrying food. It's a waste. I would be there to watch a huge ice cream float on wheels. Other than ice cream, they can make the floats more Jewish if they'd have a more Biblical theme. The problem with the Biblical figures in a scene is the gentiles will mistake the holiday for Christmas.

- Marching Bands* Offensive to Jews and shouldn't be in the parade. Jewish musicians stand in one spot. They can't play the trumpet while multitasking. Frum singers need to focus too. The only movement a Jewish singer should be doing is raising their hand in the air. This is why I question if Gad Elbaz and Mordechai Shapiro are Jewish singers. A Jewish wedding band on a float is fine. The band stays still and the float

moves with a guy raising his hand, singing, asking Gd 'why.' Even that might be too much.

- Performers* Music. That's it. Jewish performance is music. Nothing else. Nobody is going to be entertained watching guys dance down the street in a circle. Even if they're jumping.

- Huge Balloons* Love them. They're the only thing at the parade that aren't Bitul Zman. They're H's creations. Only way to make it better is with a clown making the huge balloons. They're great at Bar Mitzvahs. Though, I get scared. I've seen Godzilla. Those balloons are twenty stories high. Just because it's Chase from *PAW Patrol* doesn't make me feel safer.

- Balloonicles* After seeing the huge skyscraper balloons, I'm not very impressed. This just goes to show what happens when people get lazy. Instead of a three hundred foot balloon, now you get to see a clown riding a bicycle with Bulldog and SpongeBob.

Why have we never seen a balloon of the Shteeble Hoppers? Are they not mainstream American entertainment? They were played in my home all the time... No Belgians should be involved making balloons. We know what happens when they make Jews on floats.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- TOLDOT

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

**S**Yakov tells Esav to sell him his Bechora for the soup... Yes. Esav sold it. It was lentil soup. Who doesn't love lentil soup... If he would've understood the importance of the firstborn birthright, the Bechora, he would've kept it... Lentil soup is enticing. I know. He was thirsty, but it's his attitude. Nobody clenches their thirst with lentil soup... We had lentil soup and brisket at Thanksgiving dinner. I still needed Coke... It wasn't gazpacho, Bernie... You don't clench thirst with gazpacho... I know it's red. Bloody Marys don't work either. Tomatoes don't clench...

*Esav responds (Bereishit 25:32) 'I'm going to die, what use is this birthright to me?'*

What's it to me? It's your birthright...That's how you see the shul's halls... It's an eighty dollar a month rent and they have a restaurant back there... We can't even park in the lot for Minyin... Their patrons get mad... You know how many congregants we lost because you sold the back of the shul to a fish joint. The shul smells like fried fish...

'What use to me?' What can I get out of it? No care for anything but himself...

We have to care. We have to care about how a turkey comes out... Or it's not tasty. We have to care about Black Friday... Or they'll blame the plague on Jews... Care about the shul... Or it will turn into a restaurant... You spurn... The Sushi Palace doesn't even sell lentil soup...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:*

I am scared of Black Friday now. I don't want to catch it. Always brilliant advice from our rabbi. Anything with tomatoes doesn't clench. Daniela thinks spaghetti with sauce helps a parched mouth.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We checked with the rabbi. Thanksgiving is on Thursday. Though many Jews celebrate eating turkey on Friday night, it's not part of the holiday.**

**In addition: Contrary to what our community has done, we want to make it clear that cooking turkey is not the same as cooking brisket.**

**We are going to be sending out a petition to change the name of Black Friday. It sounds like a plague and it is just a matter of time before they blame the Jews for it. Please sign the petition.**

**Shul protests are best done with the walk out. Our congregants have begun a new form of protests and the rabbi is fine with it. As long as there is a Minyin, the rabbi is happy with congregants leaving in anger because they weren't honored with opening the ark. To quote the rabbi, 'Less congregants in shul is better for everybody.'**

**Historical fact: When first in America, the rabbis didn't know if turkey was kosher. Then they found out you can make pastrami out of it.**



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