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A coworker said work is eating at their kishkas. So, I called in a dermatologist.

You get it? derma means intestines and kishka means intestines. Dermatologists don't deal with intestines.

## **RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS**

am looking for superheroes that are Jewish, for my children to connect to. I heard many of the superheroes we know are based on Kabbalah. Can you help me inspire my children?

My Dear Pupil. Yes, I can. There are superheroes in all that we do. We can't look to comics anymore; they've been taken over by Greek mythology. Let your children be inspired by those around them. Here are some of the Jewish superheroes we see everyday. Kiddush Man His elbows are sharp and strong, as he uses them to make his way to food. Preferably herring. Halacha Man Shows up whenever you do an Aveirah (a sin). He saves Jews from sinning. His kryptonite is nonkosher restaurants that look real good. Hagbah Man Lifts people and unravels them, like he does the Torah. His sidekick, Galila Man, sometimes slows him down, with his inability to wrap things fast enough.

Brisket Woman Everything she makes is 'very easy.' Whenever somebody asks her how she made a dish, she says 'it is easy.' Her kryptonite is yelling children, which causes her to burn things.

## **SERMON OF REBUKE- TOLDOT**

🣭 habbat Shalom My Congregants, The new shul parking lot is going to be built two blocks away from the shul... That is where you all park on Shabbat already... Exactly. You shouldn't drive on Shabbat. But we have to think about our members... We saw what happened at Sinai. When members making decisions bad things happen... There's been much fighting in shul this week. Many of you feel that Bingo is gambling, but there are people in this synagogue that understand the importance of a building fund... If you paid your dues, we wouldn't need Bingo... The building fund is because you don't pay your dues... Then help with something. Fix the leak. Get a wrench and fix it... All the fights about Bingo. And now you're fighting about the parking lot being too far from the shul to have Bingo...

This week is when we see the constant bickering of Yaakov & Esav, like Sadie and Francine... The sisterhood fights... They were even fighting her stomach. There were no Legos. No Weebles. No Tonka in there... Rashi continues with another opinion that they were running different ways. Yaakov would try to run out when passing the Beit Midrash, house of Torah study. Esav would try to run out when they passed the house of idol worship (Rashi 25:22)... Torah was always around... Yes. Even before there was Torah. Before Torah, there was Torah. That was the Torah that Yaakov learned... How? I don't know. But he learned it. Good and evil can't get along. Look at me and the shul's president. Look at him. It's a Shanda...

(Bereishit 25:22) Rivka asks 'If this is so (after

living fine without having to pay for Jewish Day School) Why is this happening me?' A question I ask myself about this shul every Shabbat... I see the evil and I see Sarah. One decent person, and she's not on the board. (Rashi) She wants to know why she has to deal with this pregnancy. Why a pregnancy that she will have to remind her children about every day of their lives?... Francine is still complaining about Mark. He's seventytwo. Let it go... Why a pregnancy that the Jewish people will have to hear about forever? I've heard of mother's complaining of a hard labor. This is millennia of complaints. The most talked about labor. It doesn't stop.... It doesn't stop, because that fighting is still going on in the world. It's still going on in our congregation. Look at the sisterhood. And mothers are still complaining. And dads are still educating their children wrong and picking favorites. And the quilt is still right here. Ugly as anything... You fight it. You fight the evil and talk of it all the time. Bernie... (Bereishit 25:30) Esav tells Yakov to 'pour into me some of your red red stuff...' He hates him, but he's fine with him as long as there is soup. We need soup at Bingo... At Kiddish. All get along when there is enough soup... It's winter. We don't need gazpacho. Why do I have to argue with Rachel about this... Esav would've parked in the shul parking lot...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:

The religious themed slot machines in the front of the shul are a bit gaudy. Even so, there is no feeling like getting three Lords in a row. The rabbi got rid of that machine after a couple months claiming that there is only one Lord.

The far parking lot was a great success. The more Shomer Shabbis members don't like people seeing them park. They started parking four blocks away. Himelstein is parking further away than his home. He has an issue with walking from his home on Shabbat. The soup campaign started working. More members were coming to shul. The sick people came. The whole ordeal of delivering soup to their homes was over. They started coming to Kiddish. More people in the shul got sick, but it was fine, as we had soup there. After a couple of weeks of people not feeling well, they added Matzah Balls to the soup and everybody felt better.

Tallis Man Takes strings and whacks people in the eyes with them. Uses his shawl to make space. To avoid him you must duck and cover your face during davening at shul. Beard Man Throws food that is stuck in his beard.

New Oleh Man The new immigrant notes what you do wrong, complains and does nothing about it. In a your country, he saves the day by telling you how you should live. Dead Sea Woman Beard Man throws salt at the eyes. Dead Sea Woman finds your tiniest of wounds and injects them with salt. Her kryptonite is people who use natural resources. Shidduch Woman She sets you up with people you do not want to go out with. If you keep fighting, she has a way of making you feel worse about yourself, by saying stuff like, 'You are not that good looking yourself."

These are but some of our superheroes. You should be able to find a one here that inspires you. Brisket Woman always inspired me to eat. Our children need superheroes that believe in monotheism, like Musar Man, who will tell you that you are not doing the MItzvot right.



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