

# THE Kibbitzer

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## What's it called when they pour seltzer on the Altar? A Karbon Dioxide.

You get it? The offerings in the Temple were called Karbon. Carbon Dioxide is the fizz in the soda.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

#### Dear Rabbi. How did Modern day Mishloach Manot come about?

My Dear Pupil. I'm also frustrated with all the junk food people sent again this year. I still have leftovers from last year. •(Esther 9:22) 'Days of feasting and happiness, sending of portions to one another...' 'Sending portions' means Mishloach Manot and it all means food. As the rabbis realized very quickly, Jews can only be happy with food. So, Jews decided to send food to one another in the form of wicker baskets. Wicker is very easy to clean. There were a lot of spills back then, as packaging wasn't good in the BCEs. •There was Easter. So, all Jews started buying what they could find on sale. Walmart had a section of bunnies and chocolate, and now we see chocolate eggs in Mishloach Manot, along with Kinder eggs. They then decided to also give tiny bottles of alcohol they were able to steal from ELAL. And then Haddar started selling Hamentashen at Costco. Thus, the Hamentashen you see from Haddar, in sandwich bags. •At first, Mishloach Manot were sent to one friend, to fulfil the Mitzvah of 'portions.' That became overwhelming for some families, who had just started cleaning out their fridge and preparing for Pesach. To quote Bernie: 'In the 1950s, we gave our gifts in bulk form... We threw everything we could into that package. Anything we could get rid of. We had Pesach coming up, and we had to get the junk-food out of the house. Leftover from last year, we sent it. If we found it on sale, we sent it. Sent it all. Any candy we found, we threw it in the bag. A paper lunch bag. Leftovers? They were all in there. We even sent somebody a bit piece of chicken leg.' Picking up on this, the world of wicker started making smaller Purim sized baskets. Hence, Mishloach Manot were something you now had to give to everybody in the community. And that's how we end up with small wicker and plastic gifts, full of Easter eggs, a bunny, Hershey's Kisses in Christmas wrap, Hamentash from Haddar that last through next Purim, a thimble sized bottle of Johnny Walker, and plastic cling wrap, at your door, from the Cohens, with a note written to the Cohens, for the Cohens to have a Happy Purim. Not you. No tradition of fruit was ever part of the Mitzvah, as that brings happiness to nobody.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- TZAV

Shabbat Shalom My Bunch...  
 S You shall keep the Shabbat. I am saying this, because many of you don't... Nothing to do with the Parsha. Just keep the Shabbat for once... I saw your car, Tzvi... It was moving... You were driving it... I saw you. You waved at me and said 'Good Shabbis'...

This week's parsha begins with the words 'Command Aaron.' The Olah was all, the elevation offering was there all night... If you did anything all night that is not watching TV, drinking and sleeping through morning Minyin... (Vayikra 6:2) 'Command Aharon and his sons.' It was a command 'Tzav'... If you weren't commanded, would you have come to Megilah reading?... Nobody joined the shul trip, cause it's not a command... You have to also command the kids. They do nothing, unless if they are threatened. You've got to tell them it's a sin, and they won't go to camp... The parents do nothing nowadays... They don't threaten enough. That's why the kids turn out like this... Look at them... We have the convention here this weekend. It's an honor to host the kids and to try to make them into good Jews who understand the commandments... Their parents do nothing... That's why they send them to conventions. To get rid of them... They send them to camp for the same reason. You see. Lin's parents hate feeding her on Shabbat.

*Rashi teaches, The word Tzav- Command, is used to hasten, or speed something up.*

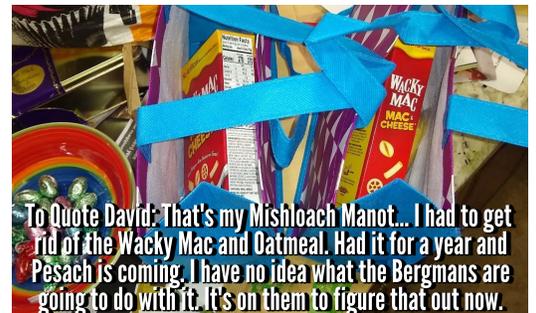
*It must be done quickly, because money is involved in the Olah offering, Unlike the day school which has not had one parent who paid tuition this year... We should command*

the kids to pay too... The parents don't pay tuition. They all go on vacation... 'Aaron and his kids'... When money is involved people become weary. Such as when we do the Yizkur appeal, many of you pledge a lot of money, and then the synagogue never sees it. A lot of weariness. Years of weariness. It's amazing how the Berksteins can't even answer their phone when the office calls. Too much energy to click the answer button... Animals are not always cheap, and that makes for a financial loss. I am trying to find a good deal on dog food...

Shabbis is a commandment. You have to keep it too, Tzvi... Does everything have to be a commandment... Here are some shul commandments: No offerings brought in the shul... Have to wait for the Temple. Kiddish has to be decent. Bernie. Stop talking. Sadie is correct. Whatever she says, you have to do. This kid, in front of me right now. The same one that heckled me on Purim. She cannot be wandering around the shul during my Sermon... As cute as it is... People have to signup for the shul trip... Donations have to be made when you flip a tab. It's a vow... You can't make vows and not keep them, even if nobody listens to Fran... The back left cannot drink more than three shots on a Shabbat morning... Even if it's a club... And no more sauntering. It's a command...

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

The shul trip command was brilliant. People ended up signing up. From then on, the rabbi commanded stuff he wanted done. He commanded the board give him a raise. Shmulik was standing the whole time Shira read the rabbi's sermon, with his arms crossed. All the kids listened out of fear of Shmulik. They ended up keeping Shabbat, as Shmulik and the security guard were very threatening. And they went to programs real fast, out of fear that they would see Shmulik with nobody around. Shmulik was hired by the NURY youth movement, as a senior scary guy. The kids all started keeping the commands, as Aharon's did. They listened to Sadie. They also gave the rabbi money.



To Quote David: That's my Mishloach Manot... I had to get rid of the Wacky Mac and Oatmeal. Had it for a year and Pesach is coming. I have no idea what the Bergmans are going to do with it. It's on them to figure that out now.

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