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Tu BAv
Special

They met for coffee on their Shidduch date. A few minutes later they were engaged in drinking.

You get it? Engaged to get married. They're just drinking.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I should be writing a letter to a girl, but instead I'm writing to you. My Frum friends say I need to get married. Other than having kids, what reasons are there for a religious Jew to get married?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Tu BAv, the holiday of love, is here, and I shall share with you reasons to get married. Other than decent food, not being too old to be an uncle without scaring children and families, and the ability to wear a Tallis and Sheytel, so the community believes you're not crazy, here are more reasons you need to get married.

•*You Need a Reason for a Minivan*

To be a good Jew, you need at least one minivan in the driveway. Single people can't have a minivan. They'll think you're a predator or an ice cream truck driver. People don't understand the usefulness of a two row back seats, when you're a single guy on a road trip and you need to sleep at Walmart. You get married, you can now drive a spacious car, and people understand it's for groceries.

•*You Save Money on Dues* You can get the family package. Shul membership goes down when you're a family. That's

why you never call yourself a couple. Couples pay dues like single people. Two thousand dollars for a single. Four thousand for a couple. Three thousand for a family with eight kids.

•*You Never Have to Hear the 'You're Only Half a Person' Speech* You will feel like you're an actual person at engagement parties, where they give the speech about how people are not people before they meet. They tell the newlyweds they're people now, and look at the single people in disgust, letting them know they're not really people.

•*You Can Enjoy the Holidays* You don't have to worry about looking good anymore. You can be a good Jew and eat at every Simcha, holiday, and more on Shabbat. Your weight will always be Shabbos weight, and you'll have somebody that has to learn to love that.

•*Reason for A Freezer* The center of any Frium home. The freezer. The more religious you are, the more freezers you have. You see a future of little kids and you start cooking. When you have eight kids, you don't have time to cook. You discuss how many kids you'll have over the next ten years and cook for that. Then you buy freezers to store it.

SERMON OF REBUKE- VAETCHANAN

Shabbat Shalom My Congregants and Single People who Don't Pay Dues... The word 'VaEtchanan' comes from Chanun. Compassion (Rashi). When Moshe prays to God, he is asking for His compassion. The same way I ask for compassion for my congregants to not bother me... who can't figure out what a Shoresh is... It's the root word, Bernie... Pray for the single people. They need your help. Single people need your compassion. Look at them. They're pathetic... Moshe wants to go to Israel and H' tells him no... Moshe listens, unlike the board, who thinks baseball games is what the shul needs... We need a Minyin. We need people who donate money when there's a Yahrzeit...

(Devarim 3:26) Moshe tells the people that H' told him, 'It is enough for you. Speak to Me no more regarding this matter.' Why can't I get the congregants to stop asking me stuff... Rashi quotes Sifrei who says H' was telling him, 'You have much'... I know single people have nothing... We have a lot. Those who aren't single have a lot. A great family... We have to see the good we have. We can't go jumping away from the good... The Carlebach Chazin is too much... we lost him in the middle of davening. He jumped off the Bima and ended up somewhere in the corridor... Like Moshe is to tell Yehoshua to be strong and courageous, give the single people decent advice. Not hand-me-downs... *Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:* The Chazin is a jumper. The rabbi was truly worried we lost him. We had to find him before Torah reading. He jumped too far.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The singles dinner for Tu BAv will take place next week. No singles signed up for the dinner tonight. We realized that the charging money chases single people away. We will host them instead, so they don't have to give anything to anybody. They're not used to it.

No more Carlebach Chazins. No more jumpers. We need to be able to find you. From now on Cantors must stand at the Chazin's podium. If you're leading services, you cannot end up in somebody's seat.

There are Yahrzeits in the shul this week. Don't worry. The office will send you letters to make sure you donate money. All deaths are logged.

If you're single, please get married. It depresses us to have to see you in shul. You would look less pathetic with a Tallis or head-covering. Please.

For the sake of the children of the shul and their hope for a decent future, get married. The parents are having a hard time explaining you.



That sidewalk is known as a great pickup spot. Check out the guy putting on the moves. Great line. 'No. You going to Ma'alot Dafna?' Many people have met their Bashert due to buses showing up late... The other couple is killing the vibe. They've got to give some space. The same people that sit next to the date at the coffee shop. (Photo: Adam Jones, seen on WikiMedia)

This week's Kibbitzer is in honor of an Aliyas Nishama for Rav Yeshaya Ben Yechezkel ZT"l. We thank him for his love of life, his smile, humor and all he gave us and continues to give us.