



## He went to a speed dating event. It went all night. Nobody slept.

You get it? Speed is a drug. It also can cause insomnia. It can cause tremors. Don't do drugs. Some things are more important than jokes.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

**D**ear Rabbi. I'm not married and I am moving to a new Jewish community. I'm now in my thirties. What should I expect?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. You should find love this Tu BAv. Now. What should you expect from the people at shul? Awkwardness. A lot of weird looks and comments. Let's delve.

•*Weird Looks During Davening*  
 "Why are they not wearing a Tallis?" That is what they will be thinking about during the Amida. During the prayer about killing our oppressors, they're thinking of you not wearing a Tallis. For the girls, they're asking, "Is her head covered?" "I don't think so. It's just fluffy. She has very frizzy hair."

•*People Worried About You Means leftovers.* "Can they cook? Can single people cook?" This is what they talk about when they stare at you. They're trying to figure out how you got so heavy without the ability to prepare food. And be ready to take back food from Shabbat dinners. Simchas.

Kiddish. That's why there is an Eiruv. So you can take food back.

•*Random Shidduchim* Anybody traveling through town is a date. What do you have in common with every person traveling? In my case, they're in Rochester.

•*Awkward Moments With Aunts* When you reject their nephew, they'll be offended. This means that at shul, every week, you'll run into your ex matchmaker. It's a very awkward experience when somebody is mad at you and you didn't even reject them.

•*People Are Protective of their Children* Parents will be running down the shul halls yelling, "Stay away from him. He's single." Single women can grab little kids. Hug them. Kiss them. Take them to the park. Take them on vacation without telling their parents. They can even babysit. But this is for the men, because men are scary. And they will still sit you at the kids table. If I was you, I would start wearing a Tallis and telling people you're divorced. And I am not suggesting you start making single friends. That will get you invited to potluck dinners with people who can't cook.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: VAETCHANAN

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...  
*(Devarim 4:14) Moshe tells the people, at Mount Sinai, 'H' commanded me at that time to teach you the laws and ordinance, that you should do them in the Land...' I know we're not in Israel.*

That's not the point. You can still be a decent Jew... Setting up people with other singles who have the uglies is not a law... I know you get involved. You're a Yenta... That means you're annoying.

They see each other at Kiddish every week. They don't need you throwing out ideas. 'Mark. This is Sharon...' They just ate Kichel together. They can ask each other out...

You guys get too involved... No. You don't sit on the other side of the table at the speed dating. They have to talk to each other... You're married, Ruchel. You should not be speed dating... Date your husband. Why does H' need to command me to tell you to do stuff? Because you're lazy. You shlub. We couldn't even move you from the smorg to the hall at Kelsey's wedding. Even on dates. You shlub around... These are laws. Singles are members of our community. I understand they're pathetic, but they pay dues

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:*  
 Nobody knows what the verb shlub means. Why should you not shlub when you have excellent food right there. They had the pigs in a blanket, wraps. They even had a carving station. Why would we leave the smorg?! I'm shlubbing out of there. I can tell you, the boys in our shul show up on dates and don't even tuck in their shirts. They're shlubbers.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**No Shidduchim this Tu BAv. We want the singles to enjoy themselves.**

**Your ideas bring no joy to the singles. You just bring depression.**

**There is a reason none of them are dating each other at the shul. This is why we ask Ruchel to stay away, so they can talk to each other. Ruchel gets too involved. We can't ask the single men to be rounds for the women of the congregation on their dates. We know, based on the fact they don't pay full dues, they don't have the money.**

**Matchmakers cannot be part of the speed dating event. The singles are not looking to meet Shadchans. They're looking to meet other singles.**

**For a Yahrzeit you bring food. That means babka. No Entenmann's. The congregants expect Latkas Bakery cinnamon babka. If it's not cinnamon and from Latka, they will not pray for an Aliyas Nishama.**

**Single people are still members of our community. Even if you don't like them and they're losers.**



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