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Others were to be blessed by Yakov and non-central flowing water. H' told him, 'By you and your offspring.'

You get it? Offspring. His children or a spring somewhere

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. Winter is coming and I am not prepared. We travel and I have no idea what to do as a Frum Jew caught in snow. Please help.

Shalom My Dear Pupil. I've traveled a lot during winter and learned much. Making it in snow as a Jew takes skills. Frum winter travel survival know-how.

- Travel with a Shovel* Wherever you go, be ready to work. Nobody will believe you when you say you shoveled around the car. They'll insist it's impossible to get another three feet of snow in five minutes, and Frum Jews don't work. Your family will turn the storm into something anti-Semitic.

- Travel with A Lot of Food* That means enough food for Shabbis, or enough food for a non-Shomer Shabbis family for a week. It's the same amount. On any trip, bring it all. When flying, bring as much as the carrier allows. Load up your suitcase with MealMart TV dinners like your parents do. Don't trust the airlines to give you enough food. That one egg omelette in salsa doesn't help with layovers. Now you're caught in Sudan for Shabbat, and you're going to try to make it on a Mezonot roll, cause you didn't listen to your parents. My

parents were right. Travel with a lot. We had choolante in the car. There's a reason.

- Travel with Bedding* A mattress too. Travel with whatever your car can hold. That means food, clothing, bedding. Take a cot if you can. You should be able to move there. Wherever you're going, be ready reside. As Jews of European descent, we should be good at this.

- A Gemara* You will have time to learn. The problem is that you can't use a small book. It's almost impossible to turn the pages of a novel with gloves. You need a huge Gemara from the 1960s. Those pages you can turn with mittens.

- Bring A Shabbis Gift* If you can find a Jewish family, you'll want to crash there. This is how Jews have survived for ages, saving money while traveling. Show up for Shabbat and they must house you. It may be presumptuous. Yet, I always travel with Shabbis gifts. It's fine if you conspire to exploit people's homes, as long as you have a decent babka. If we haven't learned anything as a Frum Jew, you should be traveling in a camper. It can keep you warm and is should be big enough to all all the kids.

SERMON OF REBUKE- VAYEITZEI

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

Wake up. It's sermon time... Bernie is sleeping again... This is a place of Gd. Yes... Yakov took the stone he slept on and made a monument there. Poured oil on it. Pouring oil on the Aron was a bad idea. The ark is holy.

We don't need to pour oil on it... You stained the curtains... Last time we did anything with oil half the shul burned down. I'm thinking we shouldn't have latkes this Chanukah.

(Bereishit 28:13-15) He's sleeping and dreams of the ladder. And H' is standing over him and He tells him about his offspring ending up in Topeka. And He says that 'I will be with you and I will guard you on your journey, and I will bring you back to the land.' Gd is

not in Topeka. I can't imagine there is any similarity with our shul and Yakov other than people sleeping in the board meetings...

He slept on a stone. Stop complaining about the chairs... I know the springs are coming through. Bernie is sleeping. Will you wake him up?! This is a place of H'... It should be, but we have a board...

When Gd is with you, you can do anything. He will bring you back. You can deal with stuff... You can deal with not getting any nachis from your kids, like the Pinkowitzs. Very religious... I know the chairs are uncomfortable... It's like sleeping on stone...

We're not pouring oil on the chairs too.

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:

The Pinkowitzs are very religious. They believe that their children will do something positive. That takes a lot of belief.

There's no heat in shul. What bothered the rabbi is Bernie brought a blanket to keep warm and sleep better during the sermon.

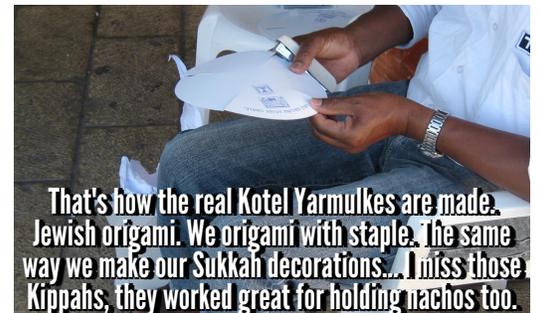
SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are celebrating the Pinkowitz birth this week. We are very happy for their cousins. We hope their kids someday bring them Nachis too. For now, we will enjoy the Kiddish in honor of the birth of their new cousin, living in Leeds.

A big Mazel Tov on Kayla's Bat Mitzvah. We are all very proud of you, even though your parents didn't invite most of the congregation to the Bat Mitzvah. Please know that if we were invited to the dinner we would've got you gifts.

The shul's electric bill has quadrupled. We know nobody will step forward and donate money to help with it. We're just letting you know. The water bill is through the roof too. Literally. There's a hole in the roof.

The shul's food pantry is on the side of the shul. Stop leaving cans you don't want at the shul entrance. Also, no nonKosher food should be in the kosher food pantry. It's kosher. We know the Feldbergs are heretics.



That's how the real Kotel Yarmulkes are made. Jewish origami. We origami with staple. The same way we make our Sukkah decorations... I miss those Kippahs, they worked great for holding nachos too.

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