

# THE Kibbitzer



## How do we know a salmon that's on fire is Ashkenaz? Cause it's a lit-fish.

You get it? Litvish are Lithuanian Jews. Most connected to the Ashkenaz Yeshivas. The fish is lit.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

#### We are going on vacation and we have no idea how we're going to keep Shabbat in the hotel?

My Dear Pupil. I will not ask why you're going somewhere without decent choolante. Why a Jew would do that baffles me. Nonetheless, I will give you a few Shabbat DIYs, so that you can fix your hotel room, and make your non-Jewish vacation, a Jewish one.

•*Electronic Door Fix It* Your goal is to get into your room. However, the anti-Semites have decided to make hotel keys electronic. Your first fix it is to tie a string to the door handle and to run the string down and outside of the door. This way you can pull the inside handle from outside and people who looks down can break in. Make sure to have tape, as the string will slip off the handle, and bring disappointment to the passerby who can't take your stuff now. With this fix it, you want to watch out for cats that are roaming around the hotel, who like to play with yarn. Your second fix it is the 'Do Not Disturb' sign in your door, where the door lock latch bolt is now stopped by the sign. The 'Do Not Disturb' sign is perfect, as it sends a strong message

to the person breaking in, to keep it quiet when in your room. Manners come first. Room service kills this rig when they want to make your bed.

•*Electric Door To Building Fix It* What you want to do in this circumstance is wait right by the front door till somebody enters the building for themselves, and then walk in right when they do. Right after them. Try to avoid the awkwardness of this encounter by mimicking their exact walk, as Mr. Bean would. This will take the attention off of the fact that you're Jewish and creepy. Nonetheless, if you're not attacked by the person you are following, you are OK and you can enjoy the rest of your Shabbat.

•*Havdalah Candles Fix It* Lighting fires and candles is not allowed in hotels; however, matchboxes make for great advertisement, so they're there. Take matches and light them. As long as there's danger of first degree burns you're holding your Havdalah candle right. For a good Jewish vacation, pack everything you need. Travel with every Meal Mart meal you find, and be sure to have Mana Chama and salami. Best advice: Vacation in New York.

### SERMON OF REBUKE- VAYEITZEI

Shabbat Shalom My Dear Congregants, Do I have to laugh at the congregants' jokes? Is that my job? To listen to not funny stuff. Everybody wastes my time... 'The rabbi is here, let's waste his time. Got a question? Got a joke?'... If you don't have a question, why are you coming to see me with a joke? Are there spiritual issues with your humor?... Yes. There are, Bernie... Dirty jokes would be less offensive than your humor.

I am going to go. VaYeitzei... That means to leave. I'm going to leave if you guys tell me more bad jokes... You'll feel the loss when the sisterhood and board start making decisions... Please stop talking in the back of the shul... Even during davening. When we are praying, you shouldn't be talking either.

The week's Torah portion begins with travel. Yaakov goes to Charan... If I knew where Charan was, I'd be there. I'd go... You haven't done anything wrong. That's the problem. You don't do anything. You just tell me bad jokes... Do something. Do something right... (28:10) 'And Yaakov left from Be'er Sheva.'

Why does it say he left Be'er Sheva? Excellent question, which is why Rashi asks it.

'And Yaakov left'? Nobody has ever shared that piece of information. Does anybody remember the Goldblums? No. They left. They stopped paying dues. Nobody cares... They leave it out of their life's description. Nobody showed up to Hymie Goldblum's funeral saying he left Topeka. Nobody cared. So, he is gone. Good. Better for the community.

Nobody could stand his family... We kept on sending the bulleting and calendar because we thought they would give something...

They didn't even give a donation. Somebody should've said that at his funeral. 'Hymie never gave a donation, like the Feldblums'... Even more so, it is Be'er Sheva. I moved from America to Jerusalem. 'Didn't you live in Be'er Sheva in between?' I am trying to forget that. You see, they leave it out of the news.

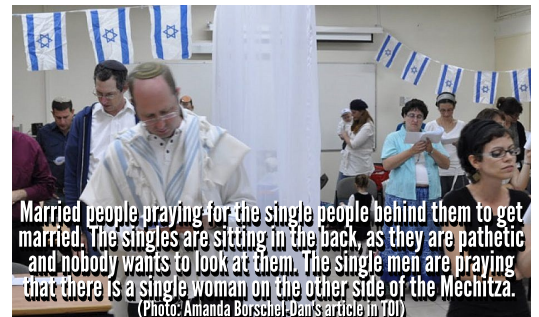
Nobody cares about Be'er Sheva. Even when bombs were landing there, nobody in all of Israel cared. Once they came to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, that is when the news started caring about the rockets... Because nobody cares about Be'er Sheva. Yaakov left. They are the Topeka of Israel. If I left Topeka... Tel Aviv and Jerusalem are important cities... Nobody cares about Be'er Sheva, and nobody cares about people leaving Be'er Sheva, since Yaakov... If you already lost Yaakov, it's not a big deal to lose Avigail... We've got to start caring about people leaving our shul. Be'er Sheva is still mourning Yaakov's departure...

*Rashi teaches that we start this week's portion with Yaakov leaving Be'er Sheva. Because when a Tzadik leaves a city, it is felt.*

We miss the presence of a righteous individual. We care. Nobody cared when Yankel left... It leaves a mark on the town. A Tzadik, 'He is the beauty' he is the good of the city... If I left Topeka... Is there truly anything else beautiful here?

Nobody felt a thing when Mr. Horwitz left. To be honest we were all happy. He is not a tzaddik, nor are his children... We would care if Sadie left. She makes a good choolante...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:* The rabbi said how unimportant every person is in the shul He went through all of the names. started speaking about his beauty, which made everybody uncomfortable. Later on, he said he was talking of his spiritual beauty, but it was still uncomfortable. He sounded like a wrestler from the 1980s. Most similar to 'The Macho Man' Randy Savage. When he stopped talking about his beauty, a breath of fresh air was felt.



Married people praying for the single people behind them to get married. The singles are sitting in the back, as they are pathetic and nobody wants to look at them. The single men are praying that there is a single woman on the other side of the Mechtza. (Photo: Amanda Borschel-Dan's article in TOL)

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