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When Yosef visited his brothers, everybody was probably down in the pits.

You get it? The brothers were probably down, 'in the pits.' They threw Yosef in the pit. Hearing they threw him in the pit got me down in the pits.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I'm worried I'm going to get my kids and friends the wrong gifts. I know I have never liked a Chanukah gift I received...

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Here are gifts I got on Chanukah, and none of them were good. One thing all of these gifts have in common is that when I got them every gift was followed with, 'It's the thought that counts.' Every time I heard that, I knew it was a mistake. There is such a thing as a bad thought. Do not get these gifts:

- A Calendar from Last Year* There's an end of year sale on calendars and my aunt is very good at finding deals. Around December time, the previous year's calendars go on sale. Last year I got a calendar from 2021. I can use it in 2035, if it's a leap year. Otherwise, I have to wait till 2056. It would have also been nice if my aunt did not mark it up with all of her appointments.
- A Racket with a Ball Attached* My mom should've just given me a card that said 'you don't have any friends to play with.' The racket and ball kept me frustrated for 8 days. The Rubik's Cube also got me on edge for a while. Want to make my holiday a nightmare? Give

me a game that takes skill or knowledge. What do you do with the Sudoku book?!

- Drawings* I love my nephews and nieces, but his drawings are bad. I said it and I care. I am a good uncle. I did not put the picture up on the fridge. I don't want to have to show that to my nephew and tell him, 'Do not become an artist. You have no talent.' It looks like a dinosaur tree, with no detail; just a green marker circle. The kid could have worked, saved up, and given me something meaningful. Such as a Chanukah card from the Dollar Tree.
- Socks that My Aunt Stitched together* I like when my socks stay up. David like the socks that have elastic band on the top. He likes it when his socks don't fall. Anything crocheted is not a good idea. Marshall's has a hard-enough time getting my waist size right.
- Chocolate Coins* Also known as Chanukah gelt (money in Yiddish), this is not real money. They are chocolate with tin foil on top. You aren't going to make a fool of me again. The people at 7-Eleven don't accept chocolate as currency. Instead of spending \$50 on two dollars worth of chocolate, give me \$48 and a couple of Hershey's bars. Stop thinking

SERMON OF REBUKE- VAYESHEV

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...
SRoot of all evil. Jealousy... It's also the Gabai. I understand. But it's jealousy and the president... Well, you kill the shul. Yosef tells his brothers about the dreams. He would've told the board that he dreamt that the maintenance of the shul was done... The ballroom is in shambles...
(Bereishit 36:11) 'And his brothers were jealous of him, and his father guarded the matter.' None of them got good sleep... They didn't have a decent coat. Everybody wanted a decent coat... Not for the colors. But for the extra padding in the cold.
 Yakov knew that jealousy was worse than hatred. It wasn't the hatred that threw Yosef

in the pit. It was the jealousy. Which is why I always stay away from pits... And the Bima when the president is getting an Aliyah... I dreamt the other day that the shul had no board. The Gabai listened to me... I dreamt we had a Minyin. That didn't happen... 11, so that when you go to the bathroom. You're always in the bathroom... You throw your trash in compost... Yosef was not compost... Exactly. Recycling is trash. Composting is trash too. We just put the trash back in the earth... No. Kids throwing candy on the floor is a problem. It causes anger and jealousy...
Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
 I think the rabbi writes the announcements. Our rabbi is not an environmentalist. He purchased a Road Ranger. Twelve Seater. He has a coupe, but he refuses to drive it. He only drives the twelve seater. I think he just needed to let the members s know they're wrong. He was against the compost bin when it started. He thought it was another recycle bin, and that is a waste. That never gets taken out of the shul. It's just a pile of two liter bottles.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

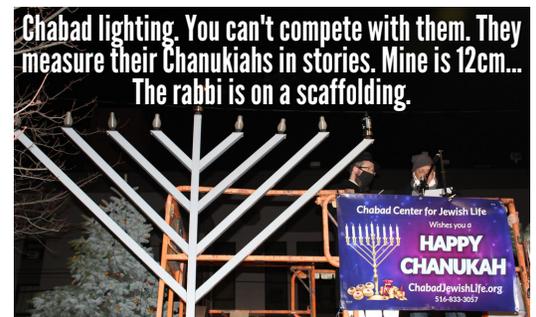
The wind is picking up outside. We suggest men wear winter hats to keep the Kippah down. It's very hard to attain a successful Kippah clampdown with your hand, and to keep warm at the same time.

The Shabbat compost bin is the trash can. That means you throw your trash in the compost, unless if it is real trash. If it's real trash, you throw it in the trashcan. Your trash will be put in the earth.

Our shul supports littering. Our children are very good at it. They're very good at throwing their candy on the floor. They compost the wrappers.

Community Chanukah party will take place on Tuesday night. This way less people will show up and there'll be less secret Maccabees.

The Latke and Hamentashen debate will not take place this year, as nobody cares to hear people arguing over which is better. It all depends on who makes them. And we all know that if Mrs. Friedberg is making the latkes, they will not taste good.



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