

# THE Kibbitzer

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Purim  
Special

## He wouldn't stop talking, saying it's Purim and there is a Mitzvah of Megillah.

You get it? A Megillah is when someone rambles on and on. On Purim, we're required to hear Megillat Esther, not Baruch's story about his new car.

### RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

#### Dear Rabbi. I am running the shul Purim party this year. What should I do?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Although it's not mentioned in the Bible, the Purim Carnival is a modern-day requirement for any good Purim Program. Here are some of the throwing stuff booths.

•*The Throw the Sponge at David's Face Booth* This was a lot of fun, until I reached 8th grade and was the object of the sponge. The most traditional of booths, you take a sponge, soak it with water and hit somebody with it. The idea is to make sure the sponge hurts. If you want to make it sound good for Purim, you can call it the 'Hurt Haman Booth.' And then you put somebody there who didn't come prepared to get abused or wet.

•*Sock Throw* Take socks and whip them at somebody. This game is very similar to the Bar Mitzvah boy game, where we whip candies at a child to celebrate them reading the Torah. This is like a sponge booth, but it

doesn't require water. People can get carried away with the love of hitting others, especially if you call the object of the sock 'Haman.' So, for safety, please discourage people from throwing shoes, food or any kind of waste at the volunteer.

Additional safety precautions: Do not allow people with sticks or canes near your Haman. The JCC had to stop with the sock throw after a very devout man took his cane, started hitting Haman and yelling, 'You anti-Semite. I will avenge my people.' It was later found out that Haman was the shul Gabai (sexton), and the devout man hitting him did not receive the honor of opening the ark that week.

•*Bean Bag Tic Tac Toe* Part of the throwing trilogy, this is the only throwing sport that does not require the potential injury of a member of the community. This is also the only way to make Tic Tac Toe challenging, after you figure out that you win if you take the middle... Next year we'll discuss apple bobs and other unsanitary carnival games.

### SERMONS OF REBUKE: VAYIKRA

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

Yes. It's Parshat Zachor. We have to remember to wipe out Amalek... You can't even remember to turn on the heating in the shul... It's freezing in here. The temp outside is 15. When everybody is wearing their winter coat in shul, there's an issue...

*(Vayikra 1:17) The cheapest offering, that which is from a bird is 'an elevation offering, a fire offering, a satisfying aroma to Gd'... The board is just too cheap to put on the heat... (Rashi) brings in the Gemaras and teaches us that no matter how much one brings, big or small, 'so long as his heart is directed to Heaven.'*

You're just cheap... *(Berachos 5b) 'One who does more or less is the same, as long as the intent is for Heaven.'* You wouldn't even remember if it was for Shamaim... The money raised by the board isn't satisfying. I haven't gotten a raise. Is it for H'?... Fundraisers aren't even Jewish. What does a boutique have to do with Judaism?!... Every fundraiser should be a Choolante sale... Not a satisfying aroma to H'. But Jewish... You Mishloach Manot is trash... Poppy seed Hamentash. Exactly. Cheap and not satisfying...

*Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:* I think our community would get along much better if we didn't give each other Mishloach Manot. When you see what they give you, it's offensive. They think I need more bite size chocolate. If the wrapper doesn't fully spell out Snickers, if I just get an 'n', I am not happy.

## SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

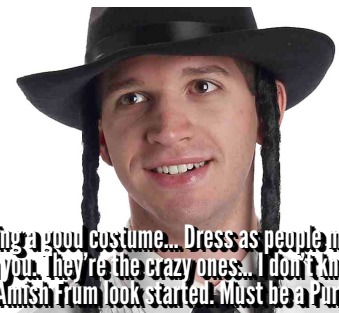
**We ask the adults in our congregation to not dress up this year. The amount of makeup you use on a general Shabbis already scares the children. If you add any more makeup we will lose congregants.**

**The Purim Carnival will include a Throw the Sponge at Bernie Booth.**

**A communal request has been put out to not give your trash away in the Mishloach Manot. This includes Hamentashen made by you. Please only include bite size chocolate.**

**The annual boutique sale fundraiser will take place this week. If you're looking for gaudy hats, Mrs. Klein will be selling her collection..**

**Upcoming Classes: How to Not Look Scary During the Rest of the Year By Not Overusing Botox. How To Give Mishloach Manot That People Want. How to Not Miss Shul When It's the Only Torah Reading You Have A Chiyuv to Hear.**



**Making a good costume... Dress as people more frum than you, they're the crazy ones... I don't know where the Amish frum look started. Must be a Purim thing.**

**The Kibbitzer this week is dedicated to all of our holy brothers and sister who have been affected by the terror.  
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