

THE Kibbitzer



I asked a hippie, dressed as villain, what his costume was. He said, 'HeyMan.'

You get it? A lot of people pronounce Haman as Haymen. And that's how hippies talk.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. My kids are skeptics and can't explain happiness and Purim to them. I want my children to love the holidays. How can I share the idea of holiday joy with them?

Purim Sameach My Dear Pupil. Make sure your children know they have no classes, and that is because of Purim. They'll love the holiday. When Pesach comes, tell them they can skip school and they will want to keep Pesach all year. Let's learn from why I started loving the holidays in third grade.

• *I Loved the Food* Brisket meant two days with no school. That juicy meat was good, and it meant no classes. That's how I associate with brisket.

• *I Began to Love Praying* Holidays meant shul and prayer. I felt so close to Gd when in third grade, that I prayed every day for no school. Believing in Gd meant more vacation and I connected with my religion. I wished the holidays would last all year. I wouldn't have to go to school and my mom would be able to make a hot lunch every day. One thing that had me questioning omnipotence, was bagged lunches.

• *Half Day of School is Still Religious* I would get excited for minor holidays. I

define minor holidays by celebrating in school. On Purim, we would have a half day, which was a carnival. I even enjoyed the throw a sponge at my face booth, as I was committed to community. I'd risk my well-being for the sake of less classes. Even loved fast days, as we'd get half day off school. I became a devout youth and started praying for more tragedy.

• *Chabad Had Great Booths* They had a grogger booth, for Purim, where we made noise makers that were too heavy to lift. We would skip class for a shofar booth, where we made shofars we couldn't use. Then, the Matzah Factory, where we made Matzah we couldn't eat on Passover. That was part of the education, letting us know that no matter how well we kept the Mitzvot, it wasn't good enough. And I loved it all, because there was no school. If we would've had a day off and recess, I would've loved being Jewish more. Would I have traded my religion for a whole week of Sundays? Yes. But you have to live in reality, and I never met anybody who had a whole week of television. Heaven doesn't exist on earth. How to get your kids to love school. I have no idea. I can't answer that. Purim Sameach

SERMON OF REBUKE- VAYIKRA

Shabbat Shalom My Dear Livestock
You amazing congregation of Jewish people and a few of you awesome goyim who are joining us for services today. You make me more proud than my congregation. Bernie, please stand... That's why.

(Vayikra 3:1-17) We learn in this week's Parsha about the Olah offering, known as the burnt sacrifice, brought twice a day... You could do a little learning yourselves every once in a while and also look at Wikipedia. Then, I wouldn't have to explain everything to you. Learn a little about your tradition and browse the web. There are many excellent sites about the Jews of Hollywood....

In the seventh verse we see how the Priests, Kohens, had to bring the sacrifice. They would put a fire on the altar and then lay out branches on the fire... This wasn't a BBQ. Bill wasn't the guy standing there, flipping burgers, thinking he's doing a religious duty... You come to shul Bill. Manning the grill isn't a job for a sexton.... You're not a Kohen, and they didn't make burgers back then. They ate the steak whole... I don't know if they had buns. They probably used Challah... Flipping burgers doesn't count for atonement. How they did the Kohen did this on the altar? No idea. Didn't see it when preparing the Dvar Torah. Nothing on Wikipedia... Like how chefs are able to touch fire. They got used to standing on the altar... *Rashi explains that the fire came down from heaven. Nothing to do with my message, but very neat.*

Rashi goes on to comment on the meaning of 'The sons of Aaron' to explain that he had to perform this service as priest, in his priestly

garments and not the garments of ordinary Kohanim. It couldn't be done by ordinary Kohanim... The Chazin looks all disheveled... You're leading Musaf. Iron it... Purim is coming up. Maybe your costume should be to dress like a Chazin. Dress like somebody who's leading services...

You don't trust congregants to do important stuff. You don't have Fred, the president, making decisions... You can't dress up as a Kohen for Purim and do the service... That is true. People who wear suits get paid more and don't have to work. Which is why I ask why nobody here is wearing a suit... Maybe if you wore a suit, you would get an Aliyah to the Torah... We don't need people in Hawaii Luau outfits opening the ark... Aharon's outfit looked nothing like a Luau. Yes. The service had some good roast, There were fires... No ukuleles... How about you dress up like a decent Jew for Purim.. Bernie..

When you messed up you brought an elevation offering. This shul would've had a set guy at the Tabernacle, on the elevation offerings. Just standing there, taking notes for how bad this membership messes up... Rachel dropped off her kid late to school. The back left section spoke Lashon Hara again. We ate too much at the BBQ. Hired the Chazin. That was a bad decision. The men's section is dressed like a schlump. Michael is still living with his parents... All day. He would be standing there, elevating for all your sins...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
How the rabbi called Bernie Amalek was powerful. He had an AC/DC shirt. He was at their show last week. He said something about Purim. The rabbi didn't care. Last time we saw Bill was at the summer cookout. He identifies with Judaism through grills. The rabbi was trying to tell him that a baseball game and a BBQ is not a religious service. At Kiddish, where the rabbi had to explain how it's forbidden to sacrifice animals in the parking lot of a baseball stadium, to ask Gd for your team to win.



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