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Kashrus Alert: If you are going to smoke marijuana make sure it is Pot Yisroel!

You get it? Pot is pot. It is also bread. People eat Pas Yisrael. Or Pat Yisrael. Here he's talking about cannabis. A religious pot smoker. It's a pun. We're not supporting pot.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. Thank you for your advice on preparing for winter travel as a Frum Jew. Can you please educate us more specifically about being caught for Shabbat.

Shalom My Dear Pupil. Winter travel survival is about Shabbat. What makes it worth being Frum is knowing you can crash by people you don't know when stuck for Shabbat. That's why Jews become Shomer Shabbat. To save on travel. Let us delve into the necessities for snowstorm Shabbats.

•*Travel with More Food* Shabbat means more food. Anything you were thinking, more. Shabbis food means more than whatever you ate before. Any day after Wednesday, double up on food. No room for the kids? Leave them at home. Food's more important.

•*Bring A Shabbis Gift* I'll reiterate. You save money like this. Even during the summer. They hear you're a Jew who is stuck, and they have to say yes. Trust me, you don't want to spend on hotels. They may be bothered receiving a nice bottle of wine and a fancy serving tray with chocolate covered almonds, as you got caught in a storm and all the stores are closed, and you weren't

planning on being there for Shabbat. Even so, it's the right thing to do. Compare chocolate covered almonds to the cost of the hotel, it's worth it. Even if you have to bring a babka.

•*Bring A Travel Stove* Choolante doesn't taste the same cold. I don't care how much faith you have in Gd. It's not good cold. You'll have to cook your own food, as the hosts will use the storm as an excuse for not 'expecting you for Shabbis.' In this case, reclaim the babka.

•*Always Know Where a Shul Is* Much cheaper than a hotel, shuls are great in storms. And you don't have to pretend that you like conversation free housing. Unlike hotels, shuls have nonelectric doors, making it easier to get in and out on Shabbat, without stalking people (waiting for somebody to initiate electric door movement). If you're a local, spend winter in the shul. You save a lot on home heating not being home for the winter. With their Chutzpah, members will ask you to run errands. Let them know it's snowing outside by you too. And don't worry about being depended on for Minyin. In snowstorms nobody blames you for not showing up, even if you're in shul.

SERMON OF REBUKE- VAYISHLACH

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

When you go against an enemy, prepare with prayer, gift and war. Every time I go to a board meeting... That's why I bring sweets... His brother is considered his enemy here... We're trying to stop Mordy and Micky... I know they're twins, but they have to stop fighting in junior congregation. Hair is getting pulled and kids are scared to take candy now... They saw what Mordy did to Micky. It was over a Jolly Ranchers. Not very jolly... The Kosher Jolly Ranchers... Bazookas are just dangerous. Kids try to get more flavor out of those... It's impossible after the twelve seconds... That's why they swallow the Bazooka. They're trying to get more flavor... You don't prepare for war

with Bazooka. Three chews of taste isn't a gift... First gifts of appeasement and then the splitting the camp up...

They did what Yakov asked. It's not that hard... They didn't make random decisions to mess up the community, like the board. You cook a decent brisket for Thanksgiving... Thank you to the sisterhood for listening to me. We were able to celebrate America and what it has given the Jews. Brisket... Follow my lead. When I raise my neck and look out over the congregation, you join in the chant... A chant is more meaningful than a song... We learn lessons from how Yakov prepares. And he prays. I pray you are less annoying. I do that every day, so there will be less fights...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
The rabbi is very correct about Bazooka. Don't give those as a gift. They'll think it's a practical joke. A candy that has no flavor. The rabbi has put in a new bylaw. All singing must be in chant form.

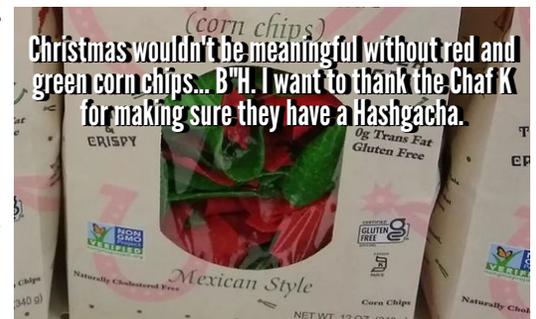
SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week's community Thanksgiving meal after Thanksgiving was well attended. It was an excellent brisket meal. We want to thank our sisterhood for ensuring American Jewish tradition was celebrated with a brisket and corned beef. We are happy the sisterhood insisted on not making turkey, and fighting the heretics on the shul's board.

We want to acknowledge all the people who have truly been paying attention to the rabbi's neck stick out and look around method. It has truly added to the singing in shul. If you are not aware, when the rabbi lifts his neck and looks around, the congregation is supposed to join.

The rabbi insists on chanting. Chanting classes will take place on Tuesdays, when you're back to your weekly sinning routines. Words in chant form should help with Teshuva as well.

Parents are encouraged to ask their kids to help around the house, so we don't have to deal with snobs who leave wrappers on the floor.



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