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I got Jewish papercut art as a present. Hebrew letters and a lot of blood.

You get it? Papercuts are a type of art, where they cut paper. Paper cuts also hurt, can go deep and draw a lot of blood. Jewish papercuts are usually in Hebrew.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. I was at the Yeshiva, in the Beit Midrash. I was a top Bachur as a kid. Now I have no idea what's going on. How can I look good nowadays?

Shalom My Dear Pupil. First of all, it's a Beis Medrish. I noticed some changes too. Even though Torah isn't supposed to change, these kids are influenced by the Gashmius. Some even splurge on their suit jackets. Here's some advice on how to look good at the Yeshiva.

•*You Need a Huge Tall Shtender* Used to have table top shtenders. Those don't exist anymore. They're too short. The modern shtender should reach your neck. Now you have a podium. You put the podium on the table. The idea is that a Yeshiva Bachur should never have to bend.

They have a library there. Even so, your Makom, your seat, should be a library in and of itself. We used to have a pile. Then it was a row of Sefarim on the table. Now, it's a triple story bookcase with a shtender on top. The point is, each pupil should have a library at their Makom too with all bookshelves at table height or higher. Why many Yeshiva Bachurs still walk hunched

over, I can't tell you. They can't even see their shtender. It's pure humility. Aneevus.

•*Pace* You want to cover ground when learning. A good radius of ten meters is what you should be covering in the Beis Medrish. Your shtender should already be covering the table. You want to show your control over the area. If people are sitting and taking up row space, be sure to bump them as you pass. Let them know it's your area. It's also a Mitzvah to keep in shape. So be sure to walk. You don't want to be Mivatel Torah when working out. Hence, the best place to work out is the Beis Medrish. This is why the Gemaras are so big. It's for the lifting. So, make sure you get in your steps at afternoon Seder.

•*Be Loud* Whatever you do, yell. It shows you care about what you're learning. Screaming out the name of any Rishon looks good. However, Rabba is the best. Scream it. 'Rabba!!!' It was hard for his mom to get his attention when he was younger. This is why it's tradition for Chavrusas to scream at each other when learning... And always have a lot of Sefarim. Whatever you do, never return the Yeshiva's Sefarim to the shelves.

SERMON OF REBUKE- YITRO

Shabbat Shalom Congregation Beis Emes SuSefillah... It is a great honor to be here. Yitro is an amazing father-in-law and you are such an amazing congregation. Yitro would have said that. (Sermon was stopped by the congregants and the rabbi took over. It was nauseating how kind the guest speaker was. They booed her- the rabbi took over here). Shabbat Shalom My Pupils. I am sorry for that. You all know how annoying you are... Was Moshe an annoying son-in-law? The Torah doesn't say... (*Shemot 18:12*) 'Yitro, the father-in-law of Moshe, took an elevation offering and feast offerings to Gd, and Aharon and all the elders of Israel came to eat bread with the father-in-law of Moshe...'

Sacrifices are an excuse to eat. You're in the mood for a decent steak, call it a sacrifice.

You get a night out... Aharon and the elders came because there was food... You come to shul for Kiddish. Not for guest speakers...

The Torah talks of Yitro cause he was a good father-in-law... Greg isn't a good father-in-law... That's why family talks about you... Yitro told Moshe how to judge a nation. You're telling him how to fix a sink... In-laws. People who hate you... If Yitro was your father-in-law, he wouldn't visit. My family will visit If I get saved from the shul... Moshe would've sponsored Kiddish for his father-in-law...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Drasha:
The congregation was relieved to hear how annoying they are. They booed her. They sense weakness. They're animals. The in-laws' part of the speech had everybody on edge. Each member of the shul was worried their in-laws were about to visit. I like how the rabbi brought in Kiddish and how it's the same as sacrifices. Tuna salad and Kichel are holy.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Somebody died. We didn't get the name, but they are related to people that are in the congregation. Whoever it is did not share their name or the name of the deceased. They just asked we announce death. The shul doesn't have information. It's a death and we wish them the best.

Leadership is changing next month. The office will be calling people to join the board. Please do not change your phone numbers like last year.

Guest speakers will not happen after this week. We thought it would be nice to have guest speakers, but the rabbi still gives his sermon. Until we can figure out a way to not have the rabbi speak, we will stay away from guest speakers.

We want to commend all of those that are still wearing masks for ZoomMitzvahs. Showing up to a Bar Mitzvah online with a mask shows how much you care about keeping people safe that you are not in contact with. We commend you for not passing on diseases to yourself.



Coffee Turkey in Israel... I am still trying to figure out how there was more coffee in my coffee when I finished my coffee than when I started the coffee. I did not put in that much coffee.

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