

THE Kibbitzer

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Jews said the new statue at the stadium was forbidden, as it was standing idle

You get it? Idol and idle. Idols stand idle. They don't move. They're also forbidden. As we learn in the Parsha, there's only one Gd.

RABBI ANSWERS HIS PUPILS

Dear Rabbi. Why is it that so many people are so loud in shul? I can't Daven with them.

Shalom My Dear Pupil. You have to. That's a Minyin. They want to disturb your Davening. That's why they show up to shul. So that you can't focus. Here is some of the annoyingness.

- *Loudest Chuchs Coughs* ends in a Chuch. Sneezes end in a Chuch. It's not even from the same part of the body, it ends in a Chuch. If sneezing doesn't disturb my Davening enough with their tissue-less Hafewy shpritz. The disgustingness of Hymie and Max turning a page. The amount of phlegm coming out of their mouths to get to page 160.

- *Chair Movement* How often must one move chairs? I've never seen a chair moved as much as a member at Musaf. He comes to shul to design the thing. I'm trying to say Kedusha with Kavanah and he's feng-shuing the pews. He's re-configuring the shul. Then he starts to rearrange the Siddurs, because Jewish day schools don't teach kids to put stuff back.

- *Out Loud Hebrew Word Every Once in a While* The guy next to me randomly goes loud to show his Kavanah. Like he's competing with the rabbi. The Chazin is definitely second fiddle to this loud 'Modim' guy. I once said Amen to loud Modim finishing the 'Sim Shalom' Bracha of the Amidah. Why I have to know this guy is doing Modim every silent Amidah still baffles me. It throws off my Kavanah for a good 15 minutes.

- *Welcomer* This guy was given the job because he couldn't stop talking in shul.
- *Conversation* If all else fails, they go to conversation. Full on conversation. Not a Hello or Shalom. Full on, 'How is your family doing?' in the middle of the Torah reading.
- *Walking* Then the guy starts a walking group in the back of shul. Calls it pacing.
- *A Scarf* Why is he wearing a scarf? Winter is almost over. I can't Daven looking at that. Problem is people are comfortable at shul. It's frustrating but we have to Daven with them and love them. That's what makes it a Minyin. Being annoyed by these guys.

SERMONS OF REBUKE: YITRO

Shabbat Shalom My Pupils...

(Shemot 18:9) 'vYached Yitro.' Yitro rejoiced. Same word as one.... Yitro is part of our people... He rejoiced. He was a pleasure to be around. Unlike Betzalel Zalman. Zalman should be first. With a name like that, Zalman Betzalel... Nobody's rejoicing with Zalman and offbeat singing. Yes. I am judging...

(18:13) Moshe is judging the people alone...

Because he had no help. Have you ever seen anybody in this shul help... Like any father-in-law, he lets the son-in-law know he's doing nothing right. (18:17) 'The thing you do is not good.' Yitro then tells Moshe

have other people, leaders, judge the people as well. I can't do everything alone.

It is getting annoying having to sit day and night, listening to you people...

I get there are a lot of issues, cause the board is full of a bunch of idiots... You announce nothing on time... Birthdays for last week? People wished an 'I'm sorry I forgot your birthday'... Who remembers birthdays? We have announcements to let us know we're supposed to say we care. Speaking about birthdays, I believe our shul likes Yahrzeits more...

Rivka's Notes on Rabbi Mendelchem's Sermon:

The names in our shul make no sense. You never put Zalmen as a middle name. And Mark Yankel Smith. Something is wrong. Hector Schwartz. No Hebrew names. Just Hector Ben Mateo Ben Julio. And his uncle Alvaro Ben Eduardo. Members appreciate Yahrzeits more. They like celebrate when people die more than when they have to see them at Kiddish.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

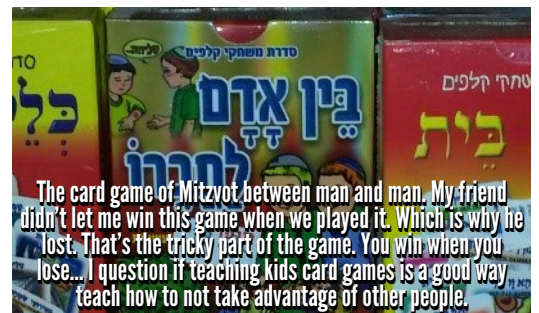
We are asking people to put away their Siddurs. It appears that everybody is good at taking the Siddurim and Sefarim off the shelves. They are just not good at putting them back. Congregants have asked, the rabbi has given the Psak that a chair cannot double as a bookshelf.

We want to apologize for some of the messed up names in our congregation. Betzalel Zalmen makes no sense. It sounds off. And we apologize for that. So does Bracha Faiga. Hector Schwartz also makes no sense. We're sorry.

This Shabbat is the Schulman Bar Mitzvah. If you want an Aliyah don't show up. Last Bar Mitzvah refused to celebrate Merv's Ninetieth.

Celebrating Birthdays last week are Kim, Sharon, Mark, Bill and Yankel. Fred and Marcie are also celebrating their anniversary three weeks ago.

We are celebrating the Yahrzeit of Shmiel Simchovitz this week. Nobody liked him. There will be schnapps served.



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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