

Richard Israel's Crumb List

My crumb list has yielded a great deal of fun, both from writing it and the suggestions I have gotten from others.... I had assumed that I would get it just right after a few more years and would publish it. That all changed when someone leaked it from private emailing, sent it to a friend, and the friend sent it to the world. It then began appearing on every known Jewish net list either without attribution or with inaccurate attribution.... Following the practice of our ancestors who wrote their names into liturgical poems (which I now understand for the first time) I spelled my name into the list (the last 13 entries from "Rearing children..." on)....

Tashlich Supplement

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Taking a few crumbs to Tashlich from whatever old bread is in the house lacks subtlety, nuance and religious sensitivity. I would suggest that we can do better. Instead:

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| For ordinary sins, use - White Bread | For snobbery - Upper Crusts |
| For exotic sins - French Bread | For indecent photography - Cheese Cake |
| For particularly dark sins - Pumpnickel | For trashing the environment - Dumplings |
| For complex sins - Multi-grain | For the sin of laziness - Any Very Long Loaf |
| For twisted sins - Pretzels | For being hyper-critical - Pan Cakes |
| For tasteless sins - Rice Cakes | For political skullduggery - Bismarcks |
| For sins of indecision - Waffles | For over-eating - Stuffing Bread or Bulkie Rolls |
| For sins committed in haste - Matzah | For gambling - Fortune Cookies |
| For sins committed in less than eighteen minutes - Shmurah Matzah | For pride - Puff Pastry |
| For sins of chutzpah - Fresh Bread | For cheating - Bread made with Nutrasweet and Olestra |
| For substance abuse/marijuana - Stoned Wheat | For being snappish - Ginger Bread |
| For substance abuse/heavy drugs - Poppy Seed | For dropping in without calling beforehand - Popovers |
| For arson - Toast | For trying to improve everyone within sight -Angel Food Cake |
| For timidity - Milk Toast | For being up-tight and irritable - High Fiber or Bran Muffins |
| For high-handedness - Napoleons | For sycophancy - Brownies |
| For being sulky - Sourdough | For rearing children incompetently - Raisin Bread |
| For silliness - Nut Bread | For immodest behavior - Tarts |
| For not giving full value - Short bread | For causing injury or damage to others - Tortes |
| For jingoism - Yankee Doodles | For hardening our hearts - Jelly doughnuts |
| For telling bad jokes - Corn Bread | For abrasiveness - Grits |
| For being money-hungry - Enriched Bread or Raw Dough | For recurring slip ups - Banana Bread |
| For telling small lies - Fudge | For davening off tune - Flat Bread |
| For war-mongering - Kaiser Rolls | For impetuosity - Quick Bread |
| For promiscuity - Hot Buns | For silliness - Nut Bread |
| For racism - Crackers | For risking one's life unnecessarily - Hero Bread |
| For sophisticated racism - Ritz Crackers | For auto theft - Caraway |
| For being holier-than-thou - Bagels | For excessive use of irony - Rye Bread |
| For unfairly up-braiding others - Challah | For larceny (especially of copyright material) - Stollen |
| For provocative dressing - Wonton Wrappers | |

Remember, you don't have to show your crumbs to anyone.

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This page was posted on this web site in early 1999. Tragically, Dick passed away in the summer of 2000. May his memory be a blessing!