THE Y FILES
(*YERUSHALAYIM)

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...NEVER MIND.
GOODBYE!
OH NO, DON'T GO...
♪"I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU SAY GOODBYE, I SAY HELLO..."♪
WOW, MALKI, THAT WAS PRETTY RUTHLESS...
YOU'RE NEVER USUALLY LIKE THAT...
I HAVE ZERO PATIENCE FOR COMPLAINERS...
PEOPLE WHO INSIST ON SEEING NEGATIVE THE WHOLE TIME...
BUT... IF SOMEONE FEELS A NEED TO GET SOMETHING OFF HIS CHEST, WHAT'S WRONG WITH...?
DO YOU KNOW WHY WE DON'T HAVE A COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT, BENTZI?
OH, BECAUSE NO ONE DARES COMPLAIN TO MR. CODSHOW ANYWAY...?
NOOOOOO...
THINK OF THE PARASHA, BENTZI..? "THE COMPLAINERS"...?
OOH, AREN'T THEY THAT SCOTTISH ROCK BAND? MY DAD'S GOT ALL THEIR ALBUMS!
DO TRY TO FOCUS, BENTZI...
RIGHT! THE SIN OF THE COMPLAINERS! THEY MOANED THAT THEY WANTED A FLEISHIG MENU FOR A CHANGE...
TOO MUCH CHEESECAKE ON SHAVUOT, I RECKON...
FOCUS, BENTZI, FOCUS...
AND THEY WERE PLAGUED FOR IT!
FOR MERELY WANTING TO EAT MEAT?
NO! G-D ENCOURAGES US TO ASK HIM FOR WHATEVER WE WANT, EVEN LUXURIES THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY NEED...
AS LONG AS WE ASK! BUT COMPLAINING ISN'T MAKING A REQUEST, IT'S MOANING ABOUT HOW LOUSY EVERYTHING IS, AND NOT BELIEVING THAT G-D CAN CHANGE THINGS FOR THE BETTER!
VERY GOOD! OHR HA-CHAYIM SAYS THAT, DOESN'T HE? WE MUST TURN "COMPLAINTS" TO PRAYERS OR REQUESTS...
SO, BENTZI, YOU MAY PHONE BACK OUR DISTINGUISHED CALLER AND TELL HIM THAT WE DON'T HAVE A "COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT" - WE DO HAVE A "SUGGESTIONS BOX".
IF HE'D LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST OR A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVEMENT, WE'RE ALL EARS!
WITH PLEASURE!
WELL, HELLO THERE, MR. DISTINGUISHED CALLER! THIS IS THE AFOREMENTIONED RED-HEADED, PURPLE SHIRTED POINTY-NOSED AIRHEAD...
AH. ER... HI...
HOW ARE YOU TODAY?
OH. ER...
...CAN'T COMPLAIN...
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!