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whelmingly voted against the disgusting, hateful BDS movement. But 17 Democratic senators voted in favor of BDS. One of these shameful senators was our own senator, Senator Gillibrand. Whether you disagree politically with her or not, once upon a time she was a pro-Israel Democrat. She has gone so far left now that she voted against her own constituents, the Jewish people, which comprise around 1 million New Yorkers.

Senator Gillibrand is running for president next year and just remember that she has voted in favor of the Iran Deal and BDS. This is outrageous and Jews that vote for her are shameful. We can't support these crazy people who vote against their own constituents.

If Senator Gillibrand reads this, this is my message for you: "Shame on you. What you continue to do is despicable. Starting with you lying to New York that you wouldn't run for president to flip flopping on the issues."

We, as Jews, no matter Republican or Democrat, must support each other as it's shameful to see people's own agendas get in front of morality. We, as Jews, are Am Yisrael and it's embarrassing to see a senator that represents the biggest Jewish population in America vote against us.

Senator Gillibrand has said that even though she's "against" the BDS movement, she needs to support it because we have to give them the right to speak. And if you are such a proponent of our systems all a sudden, then

why did you ask Senator Al Franklin to step down without due process (not a fan of him, but still)? All you are is full of hate and selfishness. Even the Democratic leader in the senate, Senator Schumer, whom I don't like, voted against BDS.

Madam Senator, it's time for you to start thinking for "we the people." Stop advancing your own personal agenda, but instead start advancing your constituents' agenda who elected you.

Sincerely,
Donny Simcha Guttman

Dear Editor,

Wow! Rabbi Yaffe's article this week, "Applied Integrity," should be required reading for anyone who has children. There is so much that our children learn in school but what they see at home and from their parents is so much of a greater influence. If only we remembered that little eyes are watching every word, action, tefillah, etc. we would be so much more careful. After all, don't we want our children to grow up to be menschlech individuals we can be proud of?

Sincerely,
Adina Gerber

Dear Editor,

My late relative, Rav Avraham Genechovsky zt"l, provided me with the following phenomenal *drash* relating to Purim. The Gemara (Taanis 29a) states, "*Mishenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha*, when Adar arrives, one should rejoice." Rav Avraham related this to another Gemara (Beitzah 15b) that says, "One who plants a tree called 'Adar' is guaranteed that his property will endure. "Therefore, as Adar is symbolic of happiness, we may say that one who "plants" happiness into his heart will endure.

I heard a topically related thought from Rabbi Kornfeld *shlita*, rosh kollel of Kollel Iyun Hadaf in Israel. The Gemara says, "A pumpkin is only shown in a dream to one who fears Heaven with all his might" (Berachos 56b). He explained the meaning of this passage in profound fashion. The characteristic of a pumpkin is that the more it grows, the deeper it sinks into the ground. So too, the true sign of one who fears G-d is that as he grows and becomes greater, he sinks lower into the ground, ensconced in humility.

In summation, planting happiness within and falling in humility as you grow could be the right plan to prosper.

Steven Genack