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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy reading *The Jewish Home*. I appreciate your articles and your consistent reporting on certain issues. I especially like reading your "feature" articles, where you highlight an event or person each week. They're always well-written and engaging.

This week, I enjoyed your article on the Liberman/Netanyahu rift. It was well-written and touched on so many points that I never considered when thinking about what happened in Israel last week. One thing I'd like to point out, though. There is a lot of time between now and September. Many, many things can happen. So although Liberman thought that pulling this charade may help him, in three months' time, he may be smacking his head against the wall, wishing that he joined the coalition. Alternatively, he may be jumping for joy.

In politics – especially in Israel – you can never predict what will happen.

Sincerely,
Roni Katz

Dear Editor,

It is incumbent upon every person whose grandparents or great-grandparents survived the war in Europe to take a few minutes to think about what happened 75 years ago, on D-Day. Thousands of soldiers – many of them not even 20 years old – were sacrificed on that

day in the name of freedom. Because of them, because they pushed forward amidst the hail of bullets and torrential waves, your grandparents or great-grandparents were saved. We owe them a tremendous amount of *hakaras hatov*.

There are many documentaries and books written about D-Day. You will never regret reading about their sacrifice and courage.

Chana Leroy

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Mr. Altabe and the whole HALB family for starting such a wonderful, important program. They looked at children who don't necessarily have the same capabilities as others and reached past their physical limitations to help their hearts soar. Your article was heartwarming and inspiring. I learned a valuable lesson: there is always a way to reach a child when it comes to *ruchniyus*. A song, a story, the words of davening...these are powerful connections.

Much hatzlacha,
Robin N.

Dear Editor,

Upon leaving Eretz Yisroel, my late relative, Rav Avrohom Genevovsky, z"l, gave me a few *eitzos* and one of them was to establish a *makom kavua* in shul. He didn't tell me

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Readers Poll

This Sunday is Father's Day!
Will you be buying your special dad something special?



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to know Shas cold or write a commentary on the Ketzos.

I always looked for the deeper meaning behind this advice and I think it came to me this past Shavuos. In shul there happened to be a person who took different seats for the *davenings*. This was the first observation that struck me. Then I went to eat by somebody, and lo and behold his rav's *drasha* was about *makom kavua*. He said that his rav mentioned there is one opinion that the whole shul itself is considered a *makom kavua*, and a specific seat wasn't necessary, but of course this wasn't fulfilling the *ikar din* to have a *makom kavua*.

With all the pondering the advice became clear to me. If you want to be part of G-d's army you must establish a place. Famously, Yaakov states that he triumphed *b'charbi u'bekashti*, with my sword and bow, and Onkelos translates *b'charbi* to be tefillah and *u'bekashti* as petitions. Tefillah is a sword that we bring to shul to try to daven to pierce our enemies and bring bracha to ourselves. Certainly, we must

keep this sword steady and treat it with care and not haphazardly move it to different seats at different times.

When rearranging the work *keva*, we come up with word *beka*, reminding us of the silver talents that were *beka la'gulgelat*, to represent the "head" of each person from Bnei Yisroel in terms of their Mishkan contributions. Firmness and a consistent place originate from the "mind" that can logically say I must represent myself in a consistent manner.

May we all try to use our "sword" from one established place.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

As the school year comes to a close, we look upon the wonderful year that our children have had. Day-in, day-out, we've sent them to school to learn and to grow. And every day, they've come home bursting with knowledge and excitement, developing and maturing.

This time of year is very busy. But please make sure you don't forget your children's hardworking

morahs and rebbes who have spent the past ten months pouring their hearts and souls into your beautiful children. They have spent countless nights grading papers and organizing lesson plans. They've spent many hours conferencing with other teachers and with principals and parents to ensure that your children are taught in the best manner and in the best way.

A note expressing your *hakaros hatov* and acknowledging their

hard work is so important – for you and for your children. Each year I ask my children to write a note to their teachers to thank them for a great year. This reminds my children about the great year that they've had and the *lev v'nefesh* their teachers put into the year, and fosters appreciation for someone's hard work. A little gift is also nice, too!

**Sincerely,
A devoted TJH reader**

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