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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

The Gemara in Sukka (32b) brings down that there are two palm trees in a certain location in Israel, and between them lies the entrance to Gehinnom. The simple explanation is that palms and their fruit thereof are symbolic of physicality, a worthless pursuit. Perhaps it can be suggested that the Gemara is saying that if one wants the relaxation and calm associated with the tranquility of palm trees then he is headed to Gehinnom. Yaakov lived a life opposite of this, nevertheless, he still did desire another type of calm, the *menuchas hanefesh* of the Torah. After a life of toil and turbulence, he was ready to ponder the Torah in its full breadth and experience its serenity. But G-d says no to this spiritual menucha, instead replacing it with the episode of Yosef.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

I enjoy your paper very much, and I especially like the Navidaters section. But...what about the November 18th letter has anything to do with dating?

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It's about people who are clueless and suggest or ask stupid things. No different than when a neighbor gets too nosy or a not-so-close acquaintance asks if you can bring Fruit Loops or tuna fish to their child in yeshiva in Israel.

I am sure the Navidaters receive lots of important questions, the answers to which actually help people.

The fact that someone suggested a single person go to a shiva in order to meet a shadchan is a huge *chisaron* in normalcy, but it is not a dating question.

Why waste space, time and brain power on *narishkeit*?

Chaim Waldman

Dear Editor,

There's a pasuk in Tehillim Perek Mem, where Dovid Hamelech tells the need to publicize the chessed that Hashem has done for him. In that vein, I'd like to publicize every day stories that have happened to me. All in the name of Hashem's "coincidental" (but not at all coincidental) ways.

Ten years ago, I bought an ArtScroll interlinear siddur. The burgundy one. I think you know which one I mean. I used it to daven for my shidduch (eventually my wife) at kevarim in Israel. I penned the names of cholim and older singles in the back flap.

Soon after I got married, I left it in a shul in Cedarhurst accidentally. Anytime I went back, I wasn't able to

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Readers Poll

Does your family make latkes from scratch on Chanukah?

69% / 31%

Yes / No