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Dear Editor,

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Although the overall topic of Rav Moshe's teshuva pertains to a younger brother getting married before an older brother, at the very end of his teshuva, he is quite clear that a person is "required" to get married by twenty. Although not mentioned in the advertisement, in the teshuva, Rav Moshe adds that single men who aren't married by twenty must seek merits in order to save themselves from the punishment mentioned in the Gemara that applies to older single men.

Addressing the purported lack of maturity of younger men, Rav Binyonim Cohen, in his recently-published *Chelkas Binyamin* on *Pru Urvu*, argues that lack of maturity, if it is a heter to delay marriage, cannot be a *blanket* heter. Thus, parents must *evaluate* the maturity level of their son in order to determine whether he is permitted to delay his marriage before allowing him to delay.

I would apply the following rule of thumb: If your son is old enough to drive, he is old enough to date.

Ashi Lederer

Dear Editor,

The word *Vayishlach* brings to mind another parsha, *Shlach*. Both scenarios seem to share a commonality: there was a sending out in order to be safe. Why then is Yaakov

not punished for his sending out, but the *mergalim* are punished?

It may be postulated that Yaakov lived on a plane called "Esav soneh Yaakov," with an eternal struggle where only one side could prevail. In this struggle, it was imperative for Yaakov to take any action that was within that rubric. If at that moment Esav needed pacification within the struggle, then it was the proper thing to do.

The *meraglim*, however, lived within an *emunah* rubric. All they needed to have was trust in G-d and no action would have been necessary. This didn't relate to a power struggle but a choice of faith. This eternal struggle manifests itself in the *yetzer hara* as well, where we must take action to ensure Heavenly assistance.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicize an incredible act of chessed which *Achiezer*, along with my wife, Sara, performed recently.

About a month and a half ago, my elderly neighbor, who lived alone, was discovered to have passed away. The police and ambulances came as expected. But what was unusual was that Rabbi Baruch Ber Bender was at the scene as

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Readers Poll

If you had to choose, would you prefer to have your home a little chilly or a little too warm?

50% / 50%

Little chilly / Little too warm