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# Dear Editor,

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A few weeks ago, I think there was a letter to the editor where the main point of the letter was that as a community we should not forget about certain members of the community such as older single woman who may be alone Shabbos or yom tovim.

As I was driving around delivering shaloch manos with my kids, one of my sons had an idea. He said, "Let's deliver shaloch manos to a random house." He said, "The next house we see a mezuzah, let's knock on their door and deliver them shaloch manos."

I was so proud of him. It got me thinking. I know we are all super busy with our own lives, but a simple thing could have a huge impact on someone else who is going through a hard time. I was hoping your team may be able to help and I could reach out to the author of that letter to see how we can find out how we can go about either inviting such a person over for a Shabbos meal or just stop by and saying hello and shmoozing with them for a few minutes to let them know they are not alone.

**David S.**

## Dear Editor,

Reb Chaim Kanievsky, zt"l, shared a closed relationship with my late relative Rav Avrohom Genechovsky, zt"l. They were friends, confidants and chavrusas. Rav Avrohom, zt"l, told over that when he was seeking a shidduch for his daughter, Reb Chaim, zt"l, was the final arbiter. Many times, he brought possibilities to

Reb Chaim, zt"l, and he said not to do it. Rav Avrohom, zt"l, treated this as a psak. In the end, he got a yes, and his daughter is now married to this talmid chacham with a blossoming family.

I can't forget when Rav Avrohom, zt"l, took my cousin and me to see Reb Chaim, zt"l. Though they were so close, Rav Avrohom, zt"l, trembled in his presence. After my cousin asked a question of Reb Chaim, zt"l, and heard a response, Rav Avrohom zt"l bowed his head and thanked Reb Chaim, zt"l, profusely for giving of his time.

Two thoughts struck me when I thought of Reb Chaim zt"l's petirah. First, it happened quickly with little fanfare, at least that was the way I experienced it. There was little time to discuss it because Shabbos was coming. This made so much sense, because Reb Chaim zt"l's greatest wish would probably be to leave this world quietly with no chance for people to elongate in discussions about him. Second, he was naturally taken before Shabbos because Shabbos is above *teva* just like Reb Chaim, zt"l, was; it was the perfect transition.

**Steven Genack**

## Dear Editor,

Governor Kathy Hochul and some members of the State Senate and Assembly are considering supporting legislation that would temporarily suspend the state gas tax, which is 16 cents per gallon. This would go into effect from May 1 to the end of the year. They remind me of J.

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# Readers Poll

Do you prefer the taste of  
Coke or Pepsi?

77%

Coke

23%

Pepsi