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CLASSIFIEDS

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

Faigie Horowitz's article, "Due North," in your Pesach edition was brilliant.

It was brilliant on many levels, mostly because it spoke to different people in different circumstances. She spoke about the importance of a moral compass – but also gave concrete advice on how to foster it in ourselves, our children, and grandchildren.

When we speak of role models found in past generations, we admire their moral compass, whether or not we define it as such. Their tenacity of spirit, their unshakeable backbone, their steadfast beliefs and values...those are character traits that have helped to ensure our generation's spiritual survival.

And so, I propose that in addition to what Rebbetzin Horowitz suggested, in an effort to foster a moral compass in our progeny, we should read them stories of gedolim – and regular Jews! – from yesteryear who portrayed and lived a life guided by a formidable moral compass. Those stories are more than just inspirational – they provide a blueprint and an example of how we should be leading our lives.

Sincerely,
Rose Baumgarten

Dear Editor,

I have to admit that I have mixed feelings about Elon Musk purchasing Twitter. On the one hand, does that mean that our lives will be swayed by the whims of

billionaires? But on the other hand, could it mean that "free speech" will once again be allowed to reign on social media?

Regardless, I pose one question to the readers of your fine publication: what would you do with an extra \$44 billion?

Chaim Hart

Dear Editor,

How does one synthesize the messages of the Seder and Sefirah? On the one hand, they seem to carry a similar philosophy regarding life progression: it must be slow, deliberate, and in steps. One puts forth a 15-step plan and another a 49-step plan. But the Seder also features the idea of a hastening and hurriedness. It seems salvation can come in an instant, and there must be preparedness for that as well.

There's no question that changing traits, acquiring the middot necessary to become a *talmid chacham* and building learning stamina requires a process and a plan. However, the famous Gemara (*Sanhedrin* 98a) brings down the story of one who asked, "When will Mashiach come?" and he was answered, "Today." The questioner waited until the evening and was disappointed when the redemption didn't materialize. Then they explained to him that the word was taken from the verse, "Indeed it will come today, if you hearken unto the voice of G-d."

Therefore, there's a double require-

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Did you eat pizza on Motzei Pesach?

37%

YES

63%

NO



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ment in our faith. We count today is the next day of the Omer to slowly ready ourselves for the Torah and *middot* progression. But since we are also tasked to continually await the *geulah*, we must count: "Today is the day that the *geulah* might come."

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

I'm sorry but the letter writer in your dating column this week comes off as really self-centered. True, we all like to have a nice yom tov, but spending time at your in-laws doesn't have to be a fantasy come true. You have willingly married into a family; spending time with them is part of the package. I am sure that your husband wants to spend time with his family as well.

That being said, to make your time there "sweeter," spend time with your

new hubby – take walks, go on trips, etc.

Do not spend all your time between meals in your room. That's rude and sends a bad message. Come with a gracious attitude, be prepared to help out by serving/clearing off/setting the table, and those few days will fly by.

This is part of your journey on how you will grow together as a couple.

A Reader

Dear Editor,

To the girl who doesn't want to go to her in-laws, I say this to you: your in-laws may not become your best friends, but they are your new family. Make the best of the situation. You are presumably old enough and mature enough to get married. That would mean that you are old enough and mature enough to be able to handle new experiences and situations.

Yael Maimon

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