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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

Though the work "pakod" appears many times in Tanach, a central time it appears is regarding the geulah. *Pakod* is a term of remembering and attending to. Of course, by Sarah, we have the language of "pakod" that involved guarantees in relation to offspring.

Moshe delivers the words of G-d, of "pakod yifkod," to the Jewish people to let them know G-d will be attending to the geulah. Once these words are used, guarantees follow.

My great-great-grandfather, Rabbi Eliyahu Moshe Levine, zt"l, said on the words, "Val nishmoteinu ha'pekudot lach," that the connotation is that the soul should be "pakod," appointed over the body to watch it from letting the physical desires of this world corrupt the soul. There is a charge on us to appreciate our spiritual essence and guard it.

It's quite joyous to know that the geulah is a guarantee, and we are just awaiting for the final *pekidah*. It's also quite

magnificent that we were entrusted with a neshama that we can appoint over our physical body to avoid corruption.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

I was appalled to hear the vitriolic words coming from a woman's mouth this week in which she urged her community members to limit houses of worship in people's homes. Truthfully, I have no problem with a limit on houses of worship in people's homes. Perhaps they can be put in more commercial areas so residential areas don't have to deal with the traffic or the noise. But the way she presented her arguments smelled of something a bit like the Protocols of Zion. "They'll make you close your stores on Saturday." "They don't pay taxes." "They'll ruin your schools."

It was shocking to me to hear these words in 2022, in a town just a few miles from where I live.

On that note, I wish to commend our public officials who came out – on both sides of the aisle – and condemned this woman's words. Perhaps it's a lesson to her and to others that antisemitism does not have a place in the United States of America.

**Sincerely,
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Readers Poll

How many bars of chocolate does your family go through over Pesach?

