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# Dear Editor,

## Dear Editor,

I once heard a rav say that you are exactly where you're supposed to be. Another time he discussed the notion of the difference between those who have a "piece" of *olam haba* versus those who are a *ben olam haba*. One who has a piece of *olam haba* can lose it, but a *ben olam haba* is one who is rooted in the Next World as if it's a *yerusha*. This person will be welcomed to the Next World as a son who belongs.

How does one reconcile the idea that you are presently exactly where you're supposed to be in concordance with the fact that the goal is to be a *ben olam haba*, which requires mammoth growth and change?

Perhaps from a life perspective you are, in fact, where you need to be in terms of where you were born, what your past was like, how you became what you became, where you live, who you are presently interacting with, what you're accomplishing, and what kind of change you're causing. But regardless of this, if you want to be a *ben olam haba* who has an indelible piece in the Next World, whereby you will be celebrated when you arrive, you must be pushing your spiritual cylinders at full blast.

So, indeed, you are where you're supposed to be, but to become a permanent member in the Next World, a tireless spiritual engagement in learning, *mitzvot* and *chesed* must be implemented. This ability to become a *ben olam haba*,

even when man's birth embodies inherent impurity as *Tazriah* connotes, is celebratory.

**Steven Genack**

## Dear Editor,

I am so sick and tired of our "Jewish leaders" urging our community to support the Democrat candidate for office. Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. What exactly have Democrat elected officials delivered for our community? On the plus side, they throw a pittance in to our tzedakah boxes, i.e., they throw some money at our Yeshivas, community organizations and shuls. I can't think of anything else. On the minus side, the list is long, very long. Let's mention a few, confiscatory taxes anyone? How about unchecked crime. Unscientific mandates, open borders, and a blind eye towards increasing anti-Semitism. Have you heard anything from the self-described "shomer Yisroel" or any of his ilk? Maybe I missed it.

Are you in favor of the woke cancel culture? What about bail reform? Were you born in the United States or are a legal immigrant and naturalized Citizen as I am, you have less rights and freedoms than the multitudes streaming over our southern border. The list goes on and on.

I am not a skill for Republicans. I have plenty of problems with them as well, but in my humble

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# Readers Poll

Would you rather go deep-sea diving or bungee jumping?

