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# Dear Editor,

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April 28<sup>th</sup> was Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is disappointing that the New York State Legislature failed to pass legislation which would have looked into how the New York public schools are teaching students about this past history. Many students belonging to today's generation in high school and college have little or no understanding of how Nazi Germany during World War II murdered over 6 million Jews. Shame on State Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Brooklyn Assembly member Ms. Helene Weinstein for refusing to allow this bill out of her committee so it could move on to the full 150-member State Assembly for a vote. The silence of Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Governor Kathy Hochul, Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, Senators Charles Schumer, and Kirsten Gillibrand in not endorsing this critical piece of legislation was an abdication of their respective leadership on this critical issue.

*Sincerely,*  
**Larry Penner**  
Great Neck, NY

## Dear Editor,

I was quite surprised by how the panelists in the dating column responded to the young woman who didn't feel welcomed by her in-laws. Majority of the panelists responded that the wom-

an comes off as immature and entitled and she should put a smile on her face, help out, and make the best of the situation.

I don't believe the panelists were really validating this woman's feelings. I sympathize with this newly married woman and imagine how hard it must be to spend yom tov at her in-laws where she feels like an "outlaw."

I understand getting married and spending the yom tov with your in-laws is something that comes with being married; however, it doesn't mean someone should not feel welcomed and have their new family act cold towards them.

I believe that the panelists could have suggested that she be honest with her husband and communicate to him that his family is not treating her nicely. Maybe he can speak to his mother and siblings about making her feel like she is part of the family. Of course, it's a two-way street and this woman should make an effort to create a connection with her husband's family, too.

I wish this young woman all the best and hope her situation improves.

**A Reader**

## Dear Editor,

I was reading a parsha sheet that discussed the Gemara in Rosh Hashana (18a) regarding the fact that on Rosh Hashana we pass before G-d like *bnei maron* (sheep). Rashi explains that it's as

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# Readers Poll

## Does your family do anything special for Mother's Day?

16%

YES

84%

NO

## A NIGHT OF INSPIRATION



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if we each go through a small door to be counted. What an extraordinary scene: an intimate judgement with G-d.

Then I thought of Sefirat Haomer. The gematria of middah is 49 because on the 49 days of the Omer we must perfect our middot. Imagine if for the Rosh Hashana rendezvous, we broke our middot. What a glorious rendezvous that will be.  
**Steven Genack**

**Dear Editor,**

I loved reading Rabbi Shais' article in this week's TJH. There were so many points in the article that I would like to incorporate and think about.

I found one point, though, to be almost depressing.

Rabbi Shais points out that when we parent, we are giving our children an "education" on how they will be parents when they grow up.

On the flip side, our "education" as parents starts when we are kids. Essentially, the upbringing that we have influences how we are as parents.

How true that is, but how depressing that can be – to think that we are already influenced to be parenting a certain way because of our past. True, we can move past our past experiences, but those experiences help to mold us into the parents we are today.

Instead of seeing this as depressing, I am choosing to view it as eye-opening.

It is eye-opening because if we know that our childhood influenced how we parent, then we need to be parenting in a deliberate way. We cannot parent "on-the-fly" or by rote. We need to think about our actions and words. Are we doing the right thing, or are we doing what we were "taught" when we were kids? Are we do what's right for our kids, or are we doing what we saw when we were growing up?

Being parents who are deliberate in their actions will make us better parents.

**Sincerely,**  
**Chavi Newman**

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