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Keating (Massachusetts) along with Barbara Lee and Adam Schiff (California). They with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer support an additional \$33 billion aid package for Ukraine. Why aren't any of them asking any of our NATO allies to provide some of these funds? They will never find the funds by offsets to other federal expenditures

within our current \$6 billion-plus budget. Instead, we will add to our \$30.4 trillion growing national debt.

Yes, we should assist Ukraine in protecting its sovereignty from the ongoing Russian invasion. What about the ongoing invasion of our own southern border? It is estimated that over 2 million illegal aliens will enter by the end of 2022. Have any of them ever visited

our border with Mexico? Why no aid package to protect the sovereignty of our nation from an invasion in our own backyard?

Sincerely,
Larry Penner
Great Neck, NY

Dear Editor,

The gematria of the word Emor is 247,

the same gematria of the word *remez*, part of *pardes*, and spelled *zemer* backwards. Why was a passive, *remez*-like language used to speak to the Kohanim and why is it a *zemer*?

The Leviim, to which the Kohaim are a sect, always rose to the occasion of serving G-d to the loftiest degree. They shared an intimate closeness with the Divine. This is one reason why a directive can come down in more endearing language, in the form of an *amira*. Also, the Kohanim suffered a great loss with Nadav and Ahivu whereby G-d responds with a conciliatory and soft *amira*.

The *zemer* is, of course, for the song of the Leviim that we hope will soon sing once again.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

This is in response to this week's Teen Talk question, where a teen talks about how her friends are mean or make mean comments about other people and that makes her uncomfortable.

To this person I'd like to say that you are not alone. I am sure that your other friends also know in their heart of hearts that they're doing the wrong thing. And I am sure that some of the people in your group feel gross making those mean comments, too.

The thing is that group mentality is hard to beat. If everyone is being mean, then it's hard to stop it in its tracks. But that doesn't mean it can't be done. And I think that you can be the one to do it.

You see, if you found the strength to write into the panel, then you feel strongly about this. Sometimes, a group needs a strong person to move the lever in the other direction.

In other words, if you can make a comment to your group when this is going on, like, "I don't why you say she's so nerdy; I think she's cool," or, "I like how she did her hair. I don't think it looks weird," or, even, "Guys, that's not nice to say," then I am willing to bet that others will quiet down and hear what you're saying beneath the lines, i.e., that being mean is really not nice!

It takes strength to pipe up against these mean comments. And you don't have to do it all the time. But at least try to do it once or twice. And then I think it'll come easier to you.

Hopefully, by being around you, the other members of your group will become nicer, too!

Best of luck,

Chava
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