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# Dear Editor,

## Dear Editor,

Poland's attempt to impose rules on Israeli children who visit Holocaust sites in order to prevent its being cast in a negative light only serves to accentuate its behavior during the Second World War.

This so-called "negative image" is clearly justified when one examines how Poland treated its Jews in centuries past. Jews were vilified by all of Polish society. Whether it be at the hands of the lowly peasant or the country's ruling elite, Jews were often berated, isolated and beaten. Despite being attacked by Germany, many in Poland saw the German invasion as a means by which to finally rid the country of its Jews. Many Poles were only too happy to inform the Germans of where Jews were hiding so as to rummage through or take ownership of abandoned Jewish homes and businesses. Germany did attack and victimize Poland, but in turn Poland saw fit to join the invaders in seeking to eradicate its own resident Jews.

Poland continues to proclaim its victimization by Nazi Germany as a means to overshadow its own victimization of Jews. This egregious behavior prior to and during the Holocaust should never be forgotten.

**Shmeel Kovitz**

## Dear Editor,

Did you ever see someone after they accomplished a seemingly impossible goal? There's an extra smile on their face, extra step in their walk, and bubbling enthusiasm. What about two weeks later? Is the same emotion displayed? Likely not. Why is that? It can be contended that life is a collection of moments and it's impossible to sustain the same emotions later

in time. What is one then supposed to do?

My wife once wrote: "Rabbi Orlowek recommends that you make a really strong memory by focusing all of your senses and then you can play back the vision like a 4-D film at any time. According to Rabbi Zelig Pliskin, another strategy is to proclaim Modeh Ani when you feel grateful and in this way every morning upon waking you will supercharge your tefillah of Modeh Ani (I personally prefer to say Shiur Hamalos from before bentching) with that same authentic and spontaneous burst of inspiration."

As a footnote, one could argue that man is responsible to carry the same enthusiasm every moment because the Gemara points out that we are lucky to merely be alive, as we are mired in sin and G-d still gives us life. According to this, achievement is a bonus and should be acknowledged on a moment-to-moment basis.

**Steven Genack**

## Dear Editor,

President Biden has proposed a temporary suspension of the federal gas tax over the summer as a means to reduce the price which is now averaging over \$5 per gallon nationally and growing each week. This makes no sense in the long run. He reminds me of the emperor during the decline of ancient Rome. The emperor would offer the masses free bread and circuses as a means to placate them.

Biden fails to explain how Washington would deal with less money going into the Highway Trust Fund as a result of his federal gas tax holiday. This is a critical source of funding for highway and transit projects. A federal gas tax holiday would result in Uncle Sam not collecting \$0.18

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# Readers Poll

Which side of a black and white cookie do you prefer?

37%

Chocolate

63%

Vanilla