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what needs to be said – even if his views are not necessarily politically correct.

In order to combat antisemitism, we need to see it clearly – we need to see who is perpetrating it, we need to see what is being done, we need to understand what is happening.

One thing that really resonated with me was that we have to stand up to antisemitism and to attacks against Jews – something I knew before reading the article, but Dov underscored that we need to physically fight back, too. If we see a brother or sister of ours being beaten or hurt, we need to band together to save them from harm. That is our obligation. We must be there for each other and help each other.

Aaron Flohr

Dear Editor,

Two iconic leaders of separate peace movements recently sat down to discuss the meaning of joy. Interestingly, one of the points they made is that joy comes through suffering. Rabbi Yitzchak Breitowitz, with semicha from Ner Israel and a law degree from Harvard, who is on the faculty of Ohr Somayach and is fluent in Shas, halachah, kabbalah and every other area of knowledge, addresses this idea from the vantage point of the shibbud Mitzrayim.

He notes that suffering forces one to face difficulties in life. Life is about hardship and obstacles that need to be overcome. When one realizes that this is the key to growth, one becomes grateful for the suffering itself. Additionally, the suffering in Mitzrayim brought us together as a nation. Also, as a nation that was enslaved, we now have the ability to show compassion to others when they are being persecuted. The Zohar talks about "black light." This means even in darkness there is light, hope and joy, but it requires strong emunah to see and hold onto that light.

This world has much need for com-

passion now; as many people are under great strains, and many Jews need to be brought back to the proper path both in Israel and the United States. These times need much faith, to realize we are close to the end, but to reach that point, elements of suffering are needed.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

The shidduch scene is not a simple one. With Hashem's help, all should be blessed with finding the proper zivug.

There is one detail that I have not yet seen discussed in public that is causing angst for parents. I would like to suggest that there should be a curfew in place, across the board. Even after the engagement, couples should not be out into the wee hours of the morning. It should be understood, given our laws of modesty and discretion, that our daughters should be back home by midnight. It is awkward for mothers to ask this of the gallant gentlemen who are escorting their daughters out the door. But it is so inappropriate and so worrisome to parents when their children arrive home exceedingly late. Many parents find themselves unable to sleep till they know that their progeny are home, safe and sound.

This is a plea to all our young men out there. Please bring your dates home by a decent hour. Another suggestion, perhaps upon leaving, remark to the parents of the young woman you are privileged to date, "I plan to bring her back by 12:00, iyH." That would be such a beautiful, menschlech gesture on your part.

May I add, I acknowledge that our young men generally are most responsible and mindful. Kol hakavod! But for those who are just not aware of this detail, who are not up to date on the accepted "protocol" to follow upon dating, please do take this to heart.

May we share only happiest tidings!

Shira Dancinger

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