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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

If you want a twenty-minute talk of inspiration that discusses our spiritual purpose in life and how to achieve it, then Rabbi Yaakov Harari can provide it to you. As a sample, here are two ideas he discusses.

He notes that our soul is referred to as kavod derived from the language of the kisei hakovod. We have kavod ingrained in us. This is what pushes us to excel and achieve. But it also brings a desire for kavod, to get the attribution for our great achievements, and that is where the challenge of man lies. One must achieve and bring kavod, but its purpose is to bring kavod Shamayim.

He also notes that the proof that G-d loves us is because He created us. From that baseline, we're here to accomplish and G-d reaps great satisfaction from our advancement. Indeed, achievement brings glee to the Creator.

These are just a sample of the simple yet revolutionary thoughts that can be found on the "Rabbi Yaakov Harari Podcast."

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

Caroline Glick is a master at clearly spelling out an argument and pointing out how the other side can be so uninformed and deluded.

I appreciate that you've been publishing her articles – she is a fresh breath of air in this tumultuous time in Israel's history, when the left is so vociferous in their arguments.

Reuven Gordon

Dear Editor,

Every year, I resolve to send a letter to community papers about this idea of mine, but every year, I remember too late. This year, I am right on time.

It occurs to me that Purim is about creating and cementing friendships – we give tzedakah and mishloach manos "ish l'rei'aiyu." We spend our day running around to friends and family and rebbeim to give them elaborate mishloach manos.

But I opine that these mishloach manos are nice but there are other mishloach manos that could really be given in the true spirit of the day. And those mishloach manos are mishloach manos given to people who are not receiving mounds of goodies on Purim. These people are older, or alone, or are not necessarily part of the community. They sit at home on Purim and look out their window and see all the children dressed up and all the colorful packages being distributed, and their dining room tables are bare. They don't have people in their lives who think about them on this day and include them in their Purim festivities.

So I am reaching out to the community to remind each person to think of those who are not necessarily remembered – the senior citizen in the apartment building on your corner, the not-yet-frum gentleman who lives around your block, the older woman across the street who doesn't have family of her own. If you are going to give any mishloach manos this

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Readers Poll

What's your favorite hamantash flavor?

27%

Apricot

20%

Raspberry

38%

Chocolate

11%

Poppy

4%

Prune