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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

The public school education is not inferior to the Yeshiva system. There are even many times I have suggested to my children's school best practices from the public school model to help improve the Yeshiva system. Like most issues, this is not black and white. Both educational systems have virtues, and each has its flaws.

We have a Torah obligation to be part of tikkun olam. It does not elevate us in any way to be negative towards institutions that we do not partake in and have no knowledge about. In fact, it could be quite damaging if someone would read the letter to the editor that Chaim Yehuda Mayer wrote as it can be thought, chas v' shalom, that the Jewish people think that the public school education is generally inferior to the Yeshiva education. I was quite disappointed that Chaim Yehuda Meyer's letter was printed as it does not reflect our community's thoughts, at least I hope not.

Shaindy Klein

Dear Editor,

Harav Ahron Lopiansky, Rosh Yeshiva of the Yeshiva of Greater Washington, made a penetrating point in a speech I recently heard. He noted that when it came to the Mishkan, some contributions had to be exact while others were uncapped and could be given without limits. For the adanim, the bases of the Mishkan that anchored the walls, all of Bnei Yisroel had to give a set chatzei shekel. But for the other areas, the Israelites could give any amount. Why?

Because the external part of the Mishkan symbolized nature, physicality,

the outer shell of man, which is set. In essence, the guf of man. But the inner part of the Mishkan symbolized the neshama, the heart, which has no limits in serving G-d.

It may be said that the ultimate challenge for man is to harness the dominant and high-powered fixed desires of the guf and use them to further fuel the expanding neshama.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

I appreciate that you printed "A Reader's" letter week that touched on the topic of money-adoration or money-adulation in the community.

Perhaps this is a trait that has seeped into our community from outside forces. Perhaps this is a trait that was acquired because our community has been so fortunate. In any case, it is disdainful that so much emphasis is placed on business and money matters – in our publications and in our culture in general.

I cannot speak for Hashem, but I don't think that we were given this money to bring it to such an exalted status. We have just come off a beautiful holiday of Purim, where we are told to use our money for matanos l'evyonim, to give our money to those less fortunate than us. That is where we should be placing our money: to those who need it and are lacking.

I believe that the Eibeshter, in His goodness, has gifted some of us with affluence so that we can be baalei chessed and think of others and use this gift to help His sons and daughters. We should not be using the money given to us to run

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Readers Poll

Do you prefer red grapes or green grapes?

57%

Green

43%

Red