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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

I am so grateful that you featured "Country Yossi" in your paper this week! I grew up listening to Kivi and Tuki tapes (yes, tapes) and loved his show. His magazine was outstanding. Despite what he says in the interview with him, I still believe that Kayla Kuchleffel was his brainchild. The column was brilliant and laugh-out-loud funny.

But what I really loved about your article was how it brought out so many facets of Country Yossi and his journey. I was amazed to read that he is "shy" and does not have an outgoing personality. It just goes to show that you should not feel limited by your personality or certain character traits. You can accomplish things outside your "wheelhouse" if you set your mind to it.

I always tell my children and grandchildren that they should reach for the stars. Even if something seems out-of-the-box or out of their zone, if it's something they want to do, they should do it.

Sincerely,
Yaakov Herman
Brooklyn, NY

Dear Editor,

Your article on Country Yossi was wonderful but one line really struck me.

In the article, Country Yossi was talking about his rebbe, Reb Shlomo Freifeld, zt"l, and how he said to him one time, "Yossi, you made my day!" Yossi then says that those words still "reverberate" for him until this day.

Reb Shlomo made this small comment many years ago, and it still affects Yossi now, decades later. It just goes to show that one small comment can affect a person's life. True, Reb Shlomo was Yos-

si's rebbe and he held his rebbe in high esteem. But we need to remember how our words can uplift someone and can really change their lives (hopefully for the better!).

A really good lesson to keep in mind.
Shira Rothberger

Dear Editor,

I recently had the zechus to be at the burial of a very important person. That week, I happened to also have heard a shiur discussing different aspects of jealousy. The question is asked how Yosef knew with such confidence that his bones would be intact when Bnei Yisroel left Mitzrayim, for he made them swear to it many years earlier. The verse proclaims that the bones of the jealous rot. Yosef was the epitome of one who trusted in G-d, which rejects the tenent of jealousy, and therefore his bones were sure to be intact.

Coming off of Purim, a question is asked why Esther didn't tell Achasveirosh about Haman at the first party. Why did she wait until the second? The answer is that at the first party, she saw Haman was on top of the world, in great happiness, and she felt nothing could topple such simcha. At the next party, it turned out Haman was already humiliated and therefore his spirit was low, a ripe time to strike.

Happy people are of the type who are not jealous and therefore remain untouchable. Why does jealousy exist? Only because one doesn't recognize that everything is exactly as it's supposed to be. With such probing eyes, one must list their precise blessings and realize that just as it's important that you have those G-dly blessings, it's necessary for some-

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one else to have theirs. This leads to a perfect world.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

Under President Joe Biden, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, and Department of Homeland Security Chief Alejandra Mayorkas, over 5 million people illegally crossed into our nation at the southern border. Now, more are attempting the same at our Canadian border.

On March 8, 1911, President William Taft sent 20,000 U.S. Marines to the border in response to the Mexican Revolution. Why doesn't President Biden send some of our 160,000 military stationed abroad, 482,000 Army Activity duty stationed in the USA or 337,000 National Guard to both our Mexican and Canadian borders? They can assist our overwhelmed U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and local law enforcement to regain control of our borders.

Sincerely,

Larry Penner

Dear Editor,

Every year, as Pesach approaches, there are those who feel it is important to announce to the world that they already

finished cleaning for Pesach three weeks before the Seder and that their table is almost completely set for the Seder already. Although you can understand that these people are a bit over-the-top, it's not comfortable for other people to hear such stress-inducing announcements. Are these people so insecure that they have to announce their "accomplishments" to everyone within earshot? Why is that so important to them? Why do they feel the need to rub it in everyone's faces?

Truthfully, we all may be guilty of this type of thing in a smaller fashion. But I beg of you, please refrain from talking AT ALL about your Pesach prep. It is not helpful for anyone to hear how "far along" you are right now. No one needs to hear about your cleaning timetable. Everyone will get to the Seder at the same time and at their own pace.

This is not just a reminder to keep quiet and limit the boasting to in-person conversations. Social media is just as dangerous (if not more). Don't post how your shelves are lined for Pesach or how all your bedrooms are now clean. No one needs to know (except your kids, so they don't eat Cheerios in their beds).

Wishing everyone a stress-free pre-Pesach season!

Talia W.

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