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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

The wonderful piece by Yitzy Halpern about Alan Kutner, *a"h*, resonated with me. Having married into a Memphis family, I am acutely aware of the foundational impact that the Kutner family had upon the Orthodox community in Memphis (A "Once in a Generation Friend," Feb. 2).

I wish to point out an inaccuracy. The article notes the special relationship that Alan had with Rav Nota Greenblatt, *zt"l*. Speaking about Rav Nota, the article states that he "sat alone in Memphis and learned the entire Torah practically by heart." Yes, Rav Nota was a "gantze Torah Yid," but no, he did not sit alone in Memphis.

For one thing, there were and are many lomdei Torah in that great city. Further, for many years I had the *z'chus* to carve a deep relationship with Rav Rafael Grossman, *zt"l*, the long-tenured leader of the Baron Hirsch Congregation. Rav Grossman was certainly a talmid chacham of stature.

And Memphis was home to Rav Ephraim Greenblatt, *zt"l*, Rav Nota's nephew and a towering gadol in his own right. Rav Ephraim was, like Rav Nota, a talmid of Rav Moshe Feinstein, *zt"l*, and Rav Ephraim's questions to Rav Moshe feature often in *Igros Moshe*. Rav Ephraim's own series of responsa, *Rivevos Ephraim*, is considered an indispensable part of a modern teshuvos library. I had the merit to "speak in learning" with Rav Ephraim on innumerable occasions.

So Rav Nota was not alone in Memphis. Torah was and is a vigorous part of

that community, and I pray that the city will continue to grow in Yiddishkeit.

Avi Goldstein

Far Rockaway, NY

Dear Editor,

Rabbi Yisroel Reisman of Torah Vodaath conveyed the essence of life in an address to Yeshiva Ohr Somayech in Israel a little over a year ago. It's based on the following: It says Bnei Yisroel traveled three days from Sinai to the border of Eretz Yisrael. But, because G-d wanted to bring them into the land, G-d made it miraculously happen in one day. However, Rashi later says that they complained for three days about the *tircha*, the hardship of the travels, a seeming contradiction, as it supposedly happened in one day. Reb Chaim Kanievsky *zt"l* explains that when G-d shortens time, He just shortens the clock, but not the travel. The actual travel is done, only the time doesn't come off the clock. Why didn't G-d choose the opposite model? That, in fact, you magically get to the spot in a minute, and therefore don't have to go through the travel.

The answer is that life is about the tumultuous journey. The Jewish people complained about an uncomfortable three days of travel after enjoying a sta-

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Due to an oversight, *TJH* mistakenly featured the OK Kosher trademarked symbol in last week's issue on its cover without authorization. We regret the error.

Readers Poll

Around how many mishloach manos does your family give out?

2%
1-5

8%
6-10

14%
11-20

76%
20+