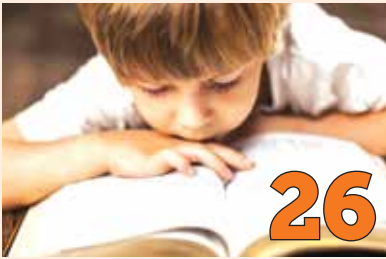



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# Dear Editor,

## Dear Editor,

I recently davened with someone for Shabbos. Friday night, right before Shmoneh Esrei, he took out two white sheets of paper, one with handwritten notes and the other with fully written text. In the middle of his Amidah, he pulled out both sheets and started looking over them with intent focus.

Tefillah is more than just standing before an awesome G-d to gain blessings. It's also a conversation, a time to take pause and focus on how you want to grow with your Creator.

In another anecdote, someone I know who has basically perfected his middot told me that he keeps an ongoing daily journal tracking any concerns he might have relating to his character. Apparently, his character development didn't happen overnight.

These occurrences illustrate that there is much room and potential to grow in closeness to G-d and character modification.

**Steven Genack**

## Dear Editor,

Thank you for the beautiful collection of tributes in your May 11 issue, "An Ode to Mom." The stories, memories and lessons recounted were moving, beautiful and inspirational. It made my day, especially since I can no longer share Mother's Day with my own mother, *aleha hashalom*.

**Deena Greenberg Zivarts**

## Dear Editor,

First, I just want to tell you that I like your paper a lot, so, thank you for publishing it for all these years.

I really like the Letters to the Editor. I find it really interesting to hear what people think, what they take the time to write about, etc. Feel free to expand this section any time you can! (Though I must admit I very much do not like when the letters are political. Politics are way too charged these days and I could do without hearing people rant about that. I wonder if you can have letters about everything else but politics, and then an entirely different section of letters about politics (in the back of the paper LOL!))

And speaking about politics, I know people have written to you about this before because I remember reading letters to the editor about this in the past, but, the section called "Notable Quotes" with comics and quotes is entirely right wing politically. There is almost no balance and certainly no left-leaning political quotes or comics in there. I don't think you should assume that your readership is entirely politically right wing, just because the frum world tends to be very loud about its right wing opinions. There are lots of Independents amongst us, though many are afraid to voice an opinion for fear of being screamed down by someone within earshot who feels very strongly about their right wing political views. I guess I'm just asking that you consider balancing out that section somewhat. Or, make one right leaning "Notable Quotes" and another left leaning "Notable Quotes." I happen to like that section of the paper, probably because I really enjoy comics.

Anyway, the actual reason I am writing in is because I very much like the section you put into the April 3rd

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# Readers Poll

## Do you eat a milchig meal on Shavuos?

**85%**

**Yes**

**15%**

**No**