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Dear Editor,

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Who doesn't want to take a stroll with the G-d of Malchut, Kingship, and Shiflut, lowliness, in Gan Eden? Dovid HaMelech, symbolic of Malchut in this world, who was able to reach Shiflut, was framed as someone who was fit to take this stroll (Sanhedrin 102a). He reached a level of absolute humility, the quality necessary to gain an intimate closeness with the Shechinah, the Creator. At Sinai G-d lowered Himself to us, to the world of Assiah, action. This could only have occurred because of the unique circumstances that were present at Sinai: a lowly mountain, a people at the lower part of the mountain, a barren desert where people can realize their vulnerabilities and to a people who united, a reality only possible through nullification of self and the disclaiming of personal kavod, honor. Lowliness and nullification of self is what's required to dance with the Shechinah. It doesn't have to be exclusive of the Davidic dynasty but is open to all who completely eradicate their ego.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

About a month ago, I wrote a letter about the importance of being kind and helpful to others as part of daily life. Today, something amazing happened to me. I was headed to Lunch and Learn at Traditions Restaurant. In the parking lot, I approached the meter station, entered my spot #, which was 36, and in-

serted my charge card. It did not register, and I was trying to determine what I did wrong. All of a sudden, a young man came up behind me and said to me, "This is your lucky day. Happy belated Mother's Day." I was stunned. He paid for his parking and asked me the number of my spot. We had a little conversation about my choice to park at #36, which is my habit whenever it is available.

He told me that his mom, who was niftar a couple of years ago, brought him up right and this was a way to honor her. I asked him if he was married, to which he answered, yes. I told him that his wife was a very lucky lady. I discussed with him the letter I had written about behaving with good middot in our daily lives.

After our brief conversation, the young man completed the payment for my parking, and he handed me the receipt. As he walked away, I glanced at the receipt. My parking time would be until 1:36. This coincidence, alongside a brief interaction with a special, kind and caring young man named Simon (if my memory serves me correctly) caused a major difference in my day. I had an incredible feeling of wellbeing for the remainder of the day. I believe that this "feel good" state will last me for a good while.

Yes, Simon's mother certainly brought him up well. May her neshama have an Aliyah, and may we all follow the

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Readers Poll

Do you eat cheesecake during the year when it's not Shavuot?

54%

Yes

46%

No