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## Dear Editor,

**Dear Editor,**

I just finished reading your Pollyanna letter to the readers about Visiting Day. I, for one, have had it with Visiting Days. When I was a kid, Visiting Day would be in between the first and second half for the kids staying for all eight weeks.

Now, camps charge a fortune and cut back four weeks into three weeks and change. Each half has a Visiting Day. The kids are gone for one week, and I'm already getting emails about tipping and Visiting Day. While I know that perhaps our darling children want to share their experiences with us parents, I see Visiting Day as superfluous and a waste of time and money. It's another ridiculous expectation in our community.

Yes, if you are in the mountains ANYWAY in a bungalow or hotel, it is great to be able to hop over to a camp for 15 minutes and pick up your kid for a barbecue at your place.

A nice relaxing day.

Good for YOU.

However, for most, traveling to the mountains from the 5 Towns can be anywhere from 2.5-4 hours and the way home can be 6 hours. There is nowhere to go and nothing to do. I'm not interested in taking my kid on a gala trip upstate and driving for another hour to entertain my children when that is THE CAMP'S JOB! Didn't I just shell out 1000's of dollars for that reason??

I look at it as being homeless for the day. Nowhere to even go to the bathroom.

When I see the hundreds of Jews on the highway, all I think of is all that Jewish money being wasted on gas and tolls.

The other thing I think about is my aching back that will take three days to recover from all that car travel in one day.

No, it is not worth traveling a total of 7-10 hours a day to see their smiles. I'll be happy to Zoom!

Please, Hashem! Stop it with guilt trips!

I personally feel I do enough for my children. They are well taken care of, and I provide them with lots of quality time. I supervise them when I need to do so, and I try to make their lives engaging and fulfilling as best as I can. Summer is the camp's turn to do all of the above.

I dread visiting every summer.

Camps should stop this nonsense of each half having a Visiting Day.

Kids are resilient. They would get used to being without their parents for all of 25 days. Camps should march on with their regularly scheduled program and let me enjoy my limited Sundays in the summer.

**Debbie Downer in Response to Pollyanna about Visiting Day**

**Dear Editor,**

The Talmud (Yoma 9b) brings the statement of Rabbi Yochanan and Rabbi Elazar, where they note that because the sin of the Second Temple was *sinat chinam*, hatred, that was disguised and hidden in the heart, so too was the *ketz*, the final time of the geulah, hidden. This is why we are in galut Edom which is likened to a pig. The pig claims to be pure, based on its external cloven hooves but is, of course, disqualified because internally it does not chew its cud. The final geulah requires no external deceptions.

Rabbi Yaakov Harrari explains that our true purpose is to *megaleh kavod Shamayim*, to reveal the glory of G-d. This requires one to dig deep into their

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## Readers Poll

Which boardwalk do you enjoy the most?

**63%**

Long Beach

**20%**

Far Rockaway

**17%**

Atlantic Beach

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neshama to bring out the divine spark inside. This is a mini-redemption of the person whereby the insides are transformed to become unselfish and fully work for G-d. Once unselfishness is inculcated into the heart, one can embrace everyone with authenticity and deceptive externalities can be thwarted.

**Steven Genack**

**Dear Editor,**

After reading last week's Navidaters, I'm confused as to why the panelists didn't address why the chosson was using the kallah's bathroom within her bedroom in the first place. I'm sure there were several other bathrooms within the home. If it had been in reverse and it was the kallah going into the chosson's en suite bathroom, the panelists would have written that it was inappropriate for her to do so even with permission.

I believe many times there's a double standard with regards to men's actions versus women's actions within the shidduch world.

**A Reader**

**Dear Editor,**

One of the Navidater columnist's final words perturbed me in her advice to the young engaged man who discovered his kallah was taking anxiety medication. Her words were to keep in mind that perhaps the young woman was advised not to share all the facts.

First of all, let's not use some "phantom" to place blame. She may have been advised, but if she could get married, she is an adult who is to blame for not being upfront and truthful about her condition. "Mistakes were made" is not an answer.

There is accountability beginning with the person who is keeping secrets from her future husband.

People who withhold information, be it about medication, use of drugs, physical conditions, intimacy issues – or anything that could "upset the applecart," to say the least – are liars and tricksters.

There are innocent lives ripped apart. Girls boomeranging home on wedding nights, or the first week of marriage because "facts were withheld," secrets that if known, would have called off weddings and broken off engagements or never would have gotten past four or five dates. Especially for girls, a divorce limits her marriage prospects. For no fault of her own.... Just selfish greedy behavior claims her innocence. Keeping any secret until after the wedding is unfair and downright immoral.

You have the right to know about any damage before you buy a house or car! Why anyone gets married without knowing or revealing important information is beyond words.

Please stop this "advice" to withhold facts.

While I'm on the topic, shadchanim and friends, you know these girls. They are your neighbors, and they go to your shuls. Have *rachmanus!* Please help them find their true zivug! Advocate for them beyond being a "divorcee." They are smart, strong and wise in experience. They have learned to face adversity with flair and grace. They know how to handle their situation with class! What happened to them was not their fault! Please help!

**A Mother Who Watched a Horrible Drama Unfold**

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