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Dear Editor,

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I recently went to visit my mother and wondered why I was going. Was it the inherent gratitude I felt for her lifetime of support? Was it to cheer up her day? But then I focused on the recent parshiot and realized I'm going because G-d commanded it as part of respecting one's parents. To highlight how logic is dangerous to our faith, the *mekoshesh eitzim*, the gatherer of wood, had the best of intentions to desecrate Shabbos to illustrate to klal Yisroel the severity of Shabbos observance. In doing so, he also destroyed the future of the Jewish people who had the potential to hold two consecutive Shabbosim in a row which would have welcomed Moshiach. It's better to just follow the commandments.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

Sometimes, life presents you an opportunity to try a challenge bigger than your imagination.

On a cloudy day in January, I found myself in one of the most beautiful forests in the USA, Yosemite National Park. At the end of the parking lot was the road to Mariposa Grove. It was about a two-mile uphill walk in a slushy mix of soft snow and ice patches.

My brother, sister-in-law, a friend, and I exited the car. My brother pointed to the road and said that we would walk uphill to see the giant sequoias. I was ready to abandon the idea. But, I was the youngest of four senior citizens in our group, and everyone was excited to do this arduous hike. My brother handed me my supplies – an apple, water bottle and a walking stick and said, "Try it out. You

can always turn back in the middle." Was he joking?

The temperature was in the mid-30s; comfortable enough for being outdoors with a parka and ski cap. The mainly forested road blocked most of the wind coming up the valley. Whenever there was a clearing, the wind would go down my parka and chill my bones for a few seconds. Even with the walking stick, I slipped often. The slope was a continuous unforgiving uphill almost the entire way, and I had to pause frequently to catch my breath.

After about an hour of hiking, I made it to the top of the mountain. Mariposa is home to some of California's famous sequoias. When I arrived, I finally understood why I was able to overcome my own fears. The sequoia stands as the Earth's tallest and oldest tree. It averages 350 ft. tall, 30 feet in diameter, and lives for close to 3,000 years. The sequoia was my encouragement to challenge myself to accomplish what the Navi Yeshaya hinted – "You shall thresh mountains to dust and make hills like chaff." As a sequoia, every challenge begins with a seedling and an array of challenges and possible discouragements along the way. But, if you learn to stand tall as a sequoia, you can overcome your own fears and accomplish feats that even you don't think you could accomplish.

I admire those climbers that come to Yosemite to climb its iconic cliff, El Capitan, using ropes and spikes. But, on a cold day in January, I became my own El Capitan with a walking stick, water and half an apple.

Daniel Feldman

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Readers Poll

Should camps have visiting day?

55%
Yes

45%
No