

Dear Editor,

The Lubavitcher Rebbe said that there are two days that are the most important ones in a person's life: the day they were born and the day they know why.

It's the "why" that's the challenge of *galus*. Rabbi Moshe Weinberger recently spoke in Boca Raton and asked on the name of the book of *Shemos*. We find many hidden names in this book. For instance, Amram was called *ish* and *Shifra* and *Puah* were names of innuendo. He explains that Mitzrayim was symbolic of *galus* and therefore knowing one's name and essence in *galus*, a time of darkness, is complex. Adam brought doubt into this world when eating from the Tree of Knowledge, and we forever struggle with doubts of our inherent capabilities.

He quoted from Rav Kook to further emphasize that we need an identity as a nation. We are G-d's chosen nation, and we have to become like one in unity and purpose, which is becoming more evident in these days.

With great introspection and the willingness to meet ourselves, we can reach the meanings of our names and essence and implore G-d with Shlomo's words (Song of Songs 8:14), "Hurry, my beloved, swift as a gazelle or a young stag, to the

hills of spices!" We await a quick redemption where G-d will rest his presence on the Temple Mount.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

I'd like to introduce the community to an organization whose mission is unique.

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Esther Miller

Executive Director

Dear Editor,

President Biden justifies his campaign for a second term based upon a possible return of former President Trump to the White House representing the greatest threat to democracy. At the same time, Biden's political allies have initiated legal challenges in 31 states to deny Trump ballot access to both the 2024 Republican primary and General Election ballot. Doesn't denial of citizen access to vote for the candidate of their choice for President represent a threat to the basic right of democracy? It should be the right of any eligible voter to cast their ballot for any presidential candidate on the ballot. This includes Biden, Trump, (assuming he wins the Republican primary, which looks more and more likely) along with Green, Libertarian or other independent third-party candidates. Why doesn't President Biden condemn the actions of those who would deny millions of Americans the right to vote for Trump? Did he forget that in 2020 he ran as the candidate who would unite and not divide our nation? Will he use his upcoming annual State of the Union address to speak up and address this issue? It is Biden's, not Trump's actions, that appear to be a threat to democracy.

Sincerely,

Larry Penner

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Dear Editor,

For those Jewish-Americans who have "drunk the Kool Aid" regarding Donald Trump and state that he should never be allowed near Oval Office again, I say that you should consider what Jamie Dimon said at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Mr. Dimon, JP Morgan Chase CEO, said, "Take a step back, be honest. He was kind of right about NATO, kind of right about immigration. He grew the economy quite well. Trade tax reform worked. He was right about some of China. He wasn't wrong about some of these critical issues, and that's why they voted for him."

Lesson to be learned by Jews who vote only Democrat. The handwriting is on the wall. President Biden is not supporting Is-

rael between pressuring Israel to end the war before defeating Hamas and to agree to a two-state solution now, both of which would be fatal to the concept of a Jewish state.

Jan Henock

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Dear Editor,

My take on Jewish history, World War II and today, from "The Midrash Says" Parshas B'shalach. The reason for the continuing antisemitism throughout history goes back to Pharaoh. Pharaoh appealed to the Egyptians to form an army to pursue the Jews. He told them, "I will not ride in back of the army as is the custom of all kings in order to protect themselves. In this battle, I shall ride at your head." Pharaoh explained, "It is not the Jews against whom this war is directed, it is against their G-d Himself! This battle is against the King of Kings. It is therefore fitting that I harness the chariot myself." He also promised the Egyptians to loot and to share in the spoils.

This was basically Hitler's appeal to the Germans and to the world. The nations of the world all united with one heart to join in destroying the Jews, just as all the Egyptians were united in their desire to overtake the Bnai Yisrael. Pharaoh also proclaimed, "In the past, I ordered that only the Jewish baby boys be killed, but now we will wipe them all out." This statement echoes Hitler's Final Solution.

There is also an interesting way in which the number six is connected to Jewish history. Pharaoh chose six hundred of the best chariots which the land of Egypt could provide. When the census of Bnei Yisrael was taken in their wanderings, the total number came to six hundred-thousand-plus. The loss of Jewish lives, during the Holocaust, is 6 million. A recent headline in The Epoch Times: "Non-Detained Illegal Immigrants in the U.S. Surpass 6 Million as Border Crisis Persists." This is *middah k'neged middah*. When the U.S. closed its borders to the Jews in World War II, now its borders are wide open to illegals.

We can pray that Hashem soon treat our current enemies as He did in Parshas B'shalach.

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