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# Dear Editor,

**Dear Editor,**

Rabbi Dovid Hirsch wonderfully applied a Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch to explain a Chinuch (Mitzvah 196) that says one of the reasons not to remove the staves of the Aron is in order to have the image of them together in your mind. Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch himself understands the message to be that Torah should be taken everywhere with you. Rabbi Dovid Hirsch explains that this could be the precise idea of the Chinuch. One must etch the image of the Aron with the holders in their mind to realize the Torah must be taken every place a person goes.

The fact that we must bring Torah into every situation was cemented into this world by Yaakov, the "choicest" of the Avot. He was able to engage in Torah faithfully and apply all the Torah rules to perfection. Rambam calls him a tzaddik based on his scrupulous work ethic with Lavan. Yaakov never stole time from him. He raised everything physical into holy matter. This is our purpose. Use the Torah to make ourselves and everything else holy.

By engraving the image of the Aron and its staves molded together in our minds, we can continually grow with the Torah wherever we are. The Torah is applicable to any situation, and we have the great blessing to apply it wholly.

**Steven Genack**

**Dear Editor,**

Last Tuesday, it snowed 4-5 inches in the 5Towns/Far Rockaway area. Bus service was canceled Monday night. Some schools closed. Others stayed open. Why

was bus service canceled? Presumably because it was deemed too dangerous for the bus to drive and pick up kids. My kids go to schools that were open. I made a 2-hour round trip to the schools in the treacherous conditions, a ride that normally takes me around 35 minutes. Beach 9th Street and the surrounding streets were bumper to bumper and moving at a snail's pace. On the way home, my car nearly skidded off the road when I hit a patch of ice.

I appreciate the school's efforts to keep schools open, especially for parents who have to work outside the home. My question is: If it's too dangerous for the buses to make the trek, why do the schools think it's safe for several thousand parents to all converge on the same streets at the same time in the middle of a snowstorm?

**Avi Goldberg**

**Dear Editor,**

Fellow reader Jan Henock last week asked those of us proud Jewish Americans who identify as liberal to question President Joe Biden, a man who Israeli leaders have stated is the world's most important Zionist (Haaretz, 10/19/23).

I don't need to question the man who quietly made an unannounced shiva call to remember a woman who donated \$18 to his Senate campaign nor do I need to question the mensch who took his kids and grandkids to Dachau to teach them the real meaning of Never Again. President Biden, who has met every Israeli Prime Minister since Golda Meir, has

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## Readers Poll

How many dips do you generally have at your Shabbos table?

<b>31%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>35%</b>
None	3-5	1-2