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## Dear Editor,

**Dear Editor,**

The immense push by the U. S. to rush Israel to agree to a ceasefire specifically before Ramadan begs some questions and counterclaims that, surprisingly, the Israeli government has not mentioned.

First, historically, violence and terrorism has increased during Ramadan. The month-long Muslim holiday reminds them of the “Nakba” of the “Zionist State” and how Jews in Israel and throughout the world should be eliminated. Why, should Israel cease their mission of eliminating this evil specifically during Ramadan?

The second unasked question is to note that the Hamas massacre began specifically on a Jewish holiday, Simchat Torah. Hamas had no problem attacking Israel on a Jewish holiday. Why should Israel be concerned about attacking Hamas during a Muslim holiday?

**Daniel Feldman**

**Dear Editor,**

Ben Shapiro was asked how he reached such great heights. He responded that from childhood he davened to G-d that he should reach his potential.

I recently heard an interesting idea on potential. In Avot (5:23), it says that one should be as “light as an eagle.” This statement is quite perplexing. By no stretch of the imagination is the eagle a light bird. It was suggested that it’s true that the eagle is weighty, but if it holds its weight properly, then it is maximizing its potential, and reaching one’s potential is the only thing one must do.

Someone noted another interesting idea: that as weighty as something might be, after worked on and presented, it

should be easy to understand. The current parshiot are all about potential. The leaders, Moshe and Aharon, met their potentials, which were different but still equal in import.

The Mishkan was about putting a step forward and reaching one’s potential. But, potential comes with one caveat which Ben Shapiro said so well: you must daven for it. Man can reach just so far but he needs G-d’s help to finish the job, perhaps a reason why the parshiot of the Mishkan are expressed two times.

**Steven Genack**

**Dear Editor,**

Under President Joe Biden, Vice President Border Czar Kamala Harris, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer and Department of Homeland Security Chief Alejandro Mayorkas almost 7 million people illegally crossed into our nation at the southern border. Now, more are attempting the same at our Canadian border.

On March 8, 1911, President William Taft sent 20,000 U.S. Marines to the border in response to the Mexican Revolution. Why doesn’t President Biden send some of our 160,000 military stationed abroad, 482,000 Army Activity duty stationed in the USA or 337,000 National Guard to both our Mexican and Canadian borders? They can assist our overwhelmed U.S. Customs and Boarder Patrol and local law enforcement to regain control of our border.

**Sincerely,  
Larry Penner**

**Dear Editor,**

In the 1920s, a group of paleoanthropologists toured the world looking

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## Readers Poll

Do you prefer to drive or take the train when you go into Manhattan?

66%  
Train

34%  
Drive