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Dear Editor,

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A crucial book to buy for your child is *Love and a Really Soft Pillow*. You can catch the theme of the book by asking a rhetorical question about the beginning of the title: "Love and..." There is no "and" when it comes to love. Love is everything. The book works through this theme and illustrates that in fact all you do need is love, but with one catch. At the end of the book, a storm comes which would have blown away the father and son, save for a tree they planted that had "deep roots." On the positive side, love is everything, but it must be rooted to endure.

When it comes to being rooted, my late relative, Rav Avrohom Genecho-vsky, zt"l, provided me with the following phenomenal *drash* relating to Purim. The Gemara (*Taanis* 29a) states, "*Mish-enichnas Adar marbim b'simcha* – When Adar arrives, one should rejoice." Rav Avraham related this to another Gemara (*Beitzah* 15b) that says, "One who plants a tree called 'Adar' is guaranteed that his property will endure." Therefore, as Adar is symbolic of happiness, we may say that one who "plants" happiness into his heart will endure.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

In his partisan State of the Union speech, President Biden announced that he was stepping up emergency aid to Gazans since Israel is not doing enough to oversee such aid. To do this, he is ordering the U.S. military to set up a temporary port in the Mediterranean Sea next to Gaza, but promises no U.S. troops on the ground in Gaza. He also warned the Israelis to be very careful not to bomb the

Americans setting up the temporary port or any innocent Palestinians. All this, although Hamas refuses to provide proof of life for more than 134 innocent Israeli captives (women and children as young as one year old), including at least nine Americans.

As with the U.S. borders, President Biden is more concerned with non-U.S. citizens than he is with protecting Americans. He refuses to "close the border" by undoing the approximately 90 Executive Orders that he signed in the first days of his administration, including "remain in Mexico" and "release in Mexico" as opposed to allowing illegal migrants into the U.S. He does not acknowledge illegal immigrant crime and went on television to apologize for using the word "illegal" in his State of the Union speech as opposed to "undocumented" or "newcomer." This, despite the soaring crime caused by this uncontrolled access to our borders, and the fact that it is the number one issue among the majority of voters based on exit polling. Furthermore, he never mentions innocent Ukrainian civilians including children killed as they do not represent a voting bloc in the U.S.!

Jan Henock
Woodmere, NY

Dear Editor,

Children often touch everything they see, and it frustrates us. We view children as intentionally trying to annoy us. If we would care to understand the underlying reasons of the many things that children do, we would start to appreciate their actions more than get frustrated.

Children are constantly observing their surroundings and learning how to

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Readers Poll

Does your family do a "themed" mishloach manos?

50%
Yes

50%
No