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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

I am surprised, but not shocked, that Senator Chuck Schumer has come out against supporting our ally Israel and advocates for the overthrow of the current Israeli government in wartime. He demanded that Israelis hold new elections to topple the current "right wing" government. Senator Schumer has previously threatened the Supreme Court justices on the steps of the courthouse when he said, "You won't know what hit you...and you will reap the whirlwind." The outcry was so palpable from the majority of Americans, he had to go to the Senate floor to apologize. He is not apologizing for his current statement as President Biden is agreeing with him.

What is occurring is that he is wrong on so many levels. First and foremost, Israel is the ONLY democracy in the Middle East and a reliable ally of the U.S. As such, Israelis are entitled to elect their own leadership and not be told by an "outside" power to hold elections.

Second, Hamas poses a real threat to the existence of Israel, as was seen on October 7, 2023, when the worst day of horrors since the Holocaust occurred. The threat remains with more than 130 captured innocents, and Hamas who refuses to even provide a list of captives that are alive. Hamas could stop the war at any time by surrendering and letting the hostages go free. While Senator Schumer and President Biden initially agreed with the aims of the war which was to destroy Hamas and bring the hostages home, they have bowed to political expediency. They changed their minds because of Arab communities in Michigan and Minnesota who refuse to support President Biden as a result of his aid to Israel. Not only

has Senator Schumer held up aid that was passed by the House of Representatives as a standalone bill, but he is supporting the slowing down delivery of weapons to Israel. They are also insisting on a two-state solution that would threaten Israel's very existence. Senator Schumer and President Biden are in effect giving aid to Hamas, the "enemy" that the U.S. has declared a terrorist organization.

If you believe in the right of Israel to exist, please have your group text, write, or call Senator Schumer's office demanding that he retract and apologize for what he said about Israel and new elections.

Jan Henock
Woodmere, NY

Dear Editor,

With "shomer Yisroels" like Mr. Schumer, we are better off dealing with those who blatantly call for our demise. I would say that this week Schumer has singlehandedly contributed to sentiments of antisemitism in the United States in a major way.

Time for him to resign. And perhaps check out if his cognitive abilities are in the decline.

Naama Herzman

Dear Editor,

News has spread that a regal *rosh yeshiva* had his first child at the age of 88. Known to many as "Reb Tzvi," Reb Tzvi Kushelevsky was recently blessed with a son. I had the opportunity to see him in the recent past when I went to Israel for a simcha. Of course, when I saw him, he was writing *chiddushei Torah*.

He is someone who is beloved by his students, as he pushes them to the greatest of heights.

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And your brother looks even better
in his Mr. Potato Head getup.
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I will never forget something he said: "If you can't say it over, then you don't understand it." *Havana* is key to him.

His regal appearance brings one back to the time of the European *gedolim*, whose faces were radiant. He is a treasure just as they were, and his aura shines to the masses.

Adar and Nissan are months of re-birth, of accepting the Torah anew and re-living an experience of becoming formed as a nation. These two ideas speak well to Reb Tzvi who is constantly *mechadesh* in Torah and who shapes *talmidim* to lead others in furthering the formation of our nation.

A son is now alive that will carry on the name and legacy of a shining star in Torah, a reason for every Jew to celebrate.
Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

Senator Chuck Schumer has nerve calling on Israel to hold new elections, saying he believes Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has "lost his way" in the Israeli bombardment of Gaza and a growing humanitarian crisis.

I was not aware Schumer was a citizen of Israel and member of the Israeli Knesset. Since when does the Senate Majority Leader have a right to tell another nation's leader when to hold an election? Israel has every right to preserve their security by eliminating Hamas. The crisis would not have taken place had Hamas not launched their October 7th terrorist attack.

Schumer has lost his way by not securing our own border with both Mexico and Canada. We have no idea how many terrorists, criminals, gang members, drug dealers and pedophiles were among the seven million illegal migrants who have come into our nation without being first vetted. Schumer has become *treif* for those who really stand with Israel.

Sincerely,
Larry Penner
Great Neck, NY

Dear Editor,

We all like to think of ourselves as kind people, good people and helpful people. Mostly, we are. We at Aim Hire, Employment with Dignity, have encountered a recurring issue that I'd like to shine a light on: The lack of a response.

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A candidate will send an email to a recruiter and receive no response.

We work with a population that is uniquely vulnerable. They've been out of work for a minimum of 16 weeks. They've been rejected after interviews; they've been unable to provide for their families and they're hurting.

In all situations, but especially when working with people who are going through challenges in life, please always take a moment and respond. Even "no" is an answer and it's better than deafening silence.

Esther Miller