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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

Last week's edition contained a letter signed by "One Who Learns From History." I have two issues with the letter neither having to do with the subject which I mostly agree with although would have phrased it somewhat differently. First: if you are going to write a letter setting forth strong political opinions you should not be afraid to sign your name. Sending an anonymous letter lessens the impact of your argument. Second: More importantly to the Editor, a newspaper should never print a letter that is not signed by the writer. It is simply poor and amateur journalism.

Mark E. Spund
Oceanside, New York

Dear Editor,

The three "beis" parshios that precede Shavuot, Matan Torah, are Behar, Bechukosai and Bamidbar.

Behar, similar to the word, *bahir*, clear, means that the Torah must be so clear to a person as the revelation was at Har Sinai.

Bechukosai connotes that the Torah we follow is based in *chok*, not logic. We believe it's right and true as it comes from G-d, and it's a test of our faith to practice in this fashion.

Bamidbar, with the gematria of 248, the number of positive commandments, indicates the wilderness, an open terrain, symbolizing an open mind and a desire to grow and achieve. This kind of mindset is needed to attain great heights in Talmudic scholarship.

All of these concepts are encased within the beis of humility, as the Torah began

with a beis and not an aleph, as the one who is Echad, began the Torah with beis.

And it is in humility that we find the personification of the fear of G-d (Proverbs 22:4). And the fear of G-d is our storehouse that protects all of our endeavors (Isaiah 33:6).

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

Ireland, Norway, and Spain have decided to overrule G-d and recognize half of the Land of Israel as sovereign Judean/Palestinian territory without any negotiations with Israel. Unadulterated chutzpah. Therefore, Israel should immediately respond to their brazen actions with acts which will illustrate to them the danger of their precipitous political deeds.

Israel can recognize Northern Ireland, with its distinct culture and identity, as the legitimate homeland of the Irish people.

Similarly, Israel can demand that Norway grant formal autonomy to their indigenous people, the Sámi.

As for Spain, Israel should recognize the Catalan movement's desire for independence supported by 80% of referendum voters.

Chazak, chazak, vnitchazek.
Henry Moscovice

Dear Editor,

The CDC reports that "an estimated 12.5% of children and adolescents aged 6-19 years (approximately 5.2 million) and 17% of adults aged 20-69 years (approximately 26 million) have suffered permanent damage to their hearing from

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Readers Poll

Do you eat Melava Malka on a regular basis?

61%

No

39%

Yes