

## Readers Write

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First, a *yungerman* with two children in a double stroller squeezed himself into a store rather than leaving his children outside. (Yes, he left room for people to get in and out.) A short time later, a mommy with an infant also did the same.

May these two serve as role models in protecting our precious *kinderlach*.

Mrs. B. Gertz  
Brooklyn, N.Y.



### A SPECIAL GRANDMOTHER

Dear Editor,

Dearest Bobby Neurath a"n,

In my 20+ years, Bobby,  
You taught me how to live  
How to behave, do *chesed*,  
*Fargin*, and forgive.

You taught me by example,  
As my role model you stood  
By the principles of Torah and *chesed*,  
As every *Yid* should.

You were so involved and devoted  
To Bikur Cholim of Vien  
Still this *Erev Shavuos*  
At the flower stand you were seen.

The money is still coming in,  
From the other mailing you just sent  
*Chesed* was just the manner  
In which your accomplished life was spent.

*Boruch Hashem*, you lived to see many grandchildren,  
Greats and 2x great,  
You knew each one's name,  
You cared, and you were able to relate!

You always asked about my job,  
What I do and if I enjoy it  
You complimented me on the salad I made,  
My hairstyle or a new outfit!

As children in the country,  
Every morning was opportune  
When we came to your bungalow  
We got a lollypop, some chocolate, and  
always a balloon!

You gave us real advice  
To teach us that's for sure  
Holding pencils correctly,  
Drying dishes and many, many more!

In the country, you organized  
A weekly ladies *shuir*,  
Every single *Shabbos*,  
Rain or shine, until this very year!

Learning was something  
You were always striving for more  
Whether about flowers, *Pirkei Avos*,  
And Rav Shamshon Refoel Hirsch, for  
sure!

'Chilling out' was  
Not in your personal dictionary  
Doing something with every minute  
Of your time was really necessary!

I'm sure Tanta Rosa, Malkala, Avromi,  
Brochie, Uncle David etc. and Zaida for  
sure  
Were thrilled to meet you and greet you  
And give you a grand *Gan Eden* tour!

I am convinced you're watching over  
us  
And pulling strings for *yeshuos*  
For *shidduchim*, *shalom bayis*,

Having children, and *refuos*!

At 1718 in Boro Park,  
You are no longer found  
But your legacy just lingers  
We feel you, Bobby, all around!

I'll miss you! Thanks so much for everything.

May you be a *melitza yeshara* for all of *Klal Yisroel*.



Love,  
Your Granddaughter

### BE A JEW THROUGH AND THROUGH

Dear Editor,

A number of years ago, we had a student from Stevens Institute of Technology as our guest for the last days of *Pesach*. He came from a non-religious home and had become observant. At one point, he confided in me, "My father once told me that every time he had business dealings with an observant Jew, he felt that he was being cheated." To put it mildly, I was taken aback by what he had said.

I explained to him that what his father told him was clearly a broad generalization that could not be the truth about how all observant Jews behave in their business dealings. I also pointed out that the Torah requires us to deal honestly and fairly with all people - Jew and gentile alike.

Nonetheless, what he said has remained with me, and even now I find such a statement disturbing. Sadly, there are some "frum" Jews whose dealings with others are not in accordance with what *Yiddishkeit* demands from its adherents.

Recently, I came across something from the writings of Rav Shamshon Refoel Hirsch *zt"l* that deals with this topic. In his essay "Tammuz I", found in the Collected Writings of Rabbi Shamshon Rafael Hirsch, Volume I, pages 279 - 281, Rav Hirsch points out that one of the five tragedies that took place on the Seventeenth of *Tammuz* was that "The tablets [*Luchos*] were broken when Moshe descended from the mountain." He then continues as follows:

"And the tablets were written on both their sides, on the one side and on the other were they written." (*Shemos* 32:15)

"The words from Sinai must not grip us only superficially and one-sidedly. It must penetrate us through and through, it must set its stamp indelibly on every part of our being, and whichever way we are turned, the writing of G-d must be visible everywhere on us clearly and legibly. See the Divine tablets of testimony! On them there was no above and below, no front and back. The writing pierced right through them, and yet they could be read on both sides. This must be a model for you.

"Be a Jew through and through. Whichever way you are turned, be a Jew. Do not engrave the Divine writing only on one side, one part, one aspect of your being, so that you will appear a Jew and a missionary of the Divine name and the Divine will only when regarded from one side and one aspect, but when you turn your back and enter into other relationships you will appear as anything but a Jew, a missionary for anything but the name and the will of God; or at any rate you will not be so completely a Jew, you will not be so clearly stamped as a missionary of G-d's will.

"Be a Jew through and through on all sides and in all aspects. And do not esteem one side as facing more directly towards the G-head. Do not imagine that you have received the stamp of the Divine word with more emphasis on this one side, and that you can allow the other side to be content

with the after-effects of this stamp and with the mere traces of this imprint. Do not think that people, as they look on one side, can discern that the force of the Divine word has penetrated to the other, when you speak of what you call the main sides and the main periods and the main items and the main articles of your Judaism. In relation to G-d, there is no reverse side and no opposite side; everything is turned to G-d and must be taken equally seriously. On every side, the stamp of the Divine will is to be placed with the same force and care and directness. Let yourself be penetrated through and through from all sides with the Divine word!"

We recently observed the fast of *Shiva Assar B'Tammuz* and are now in the midst of the Three Weeks. It should be a time of introspection for all of us, given the calamities that we have experienced during this sad period. Perhaps each of us should now commit to striving to be a Jew through and through in all that we do.

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## Noted and Quoted

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**A rich spoiled brat.**

Senator Joseph Bruno referring to New York Governor Eliot Spitzer.

**Democrats and Americans feel betrayed by the Democratic leadership.**

Peace-nik Cindy Sheehan announcing that she will run against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her Congressional seat, unless she introduces articles of impeachment against President Bush.

**Inevitable.**

Mark Penn, Hillary Clinton's chief strategist, on her chances for winning the presidential election.

**We held discussions with congressional delegations and explained to them the dangers of a rapid withdrawal, which would leave a security vacuum. It might lead to civil war, partition, collapse or a regional war. There are some people who disagree with this assessment, but it's the responsibility of the United States and other countries to stand with the Iraqi government and the Iraqi people.**

Iraq Foreign Minister  
Hoshiyar Zebari

**Syria passed repeated messages to the US that we demand the return of the Golan either through negotiations or through war. If the Golan is not in our hands by August or September, we will be poised to launch resistance, including raids and attacks against Jewish positions.**

A top official close to Syrian President Bashar Assad's Baath party in an interview with WorldNetDaily.

**Sad, but true, Tony Blair is more admired in this country than in his own, and the Brits who dislike him dislike most his firm friendship with the Americans. Just as Churchill understood early on the menace of the Nazis and later of the Soviet Union, Tony Blair understands the deadly Islamist jihad, that we ignore the Islamist "will to win" at our peril.**

Suzanne Fields,  
Jewishworldreview.com, June 26

**Diplomacy - the art of saying "Nice doggie" 'til you can find a stick.**

Author Wynn Catlin

## TOUCHED BY A PRAYER

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful column on *tefillah* from Rabbi Yechiel Spero. His short, concise analyses of the *tefillos* are so enlightening, and his stories are always inspiring. His creative and unique style of writing makes his column one of my favorites each week in the *Yated*.

Thank you for enhancing my *tefillah* each day.



Sincerely,  
D. Schnell

## WE ARE BIG FANS

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for your wonderful inspirational newspaper. We all greatly look forward to it and enjoy it each week. The *Readers Write* section is the first column we turn to each week. Thank you for providing a forum in which we can air our views. In addition, we especially enjoy the center section. Hats off to Binni Blitz with his mystery questions. Each week we flip to see if we've got the answer right. All the other columns are great as well.

Keep it up!

Loyal *Yated* Readers

**Rush Limbaugh, the conservative talk-radio pioneer, has been called many nasty things before, but never a 'structural imbalance.' That's the fancy term a liberal think tank uses to characterize his success - and to dress up its proposal for counteracting that success through new government regulation.**

Rich Lowry, on attempts to legislate a "Fairness Doctrine" in a report released by a Liberal Think Tank, The Center for American Progress. *National Review*, June 27

**The Drive-By Media is blaming Rush for McCain's nosedive in the polls. McCain's not fading because of anything talk radio has said. He's fading because of what HE says - and does.**

Talk show host  
Rush Limbaugh,  
EIB Network

**Barack Obama's ideas are a lot better than George Soros' ideas.**

Senator Joseph Lieberman commenting on billionaire George Soros to NewsMax Editor-in-Chief Christopher Ruddy and Chief Washington Correspondent Ronald Kessler in his office in the Hart Senate Office Building.

**I say to the Democrats, be careful here if you are aspiring to national leadership. Even if the public's not happy with the record of President Bush and is turning against Republicans, in the end a big factor in their decision about who to elect for president will be: Will this person protect me against the terrorists?**

Ibid

**But the big issue of differentiation is on security. I want to stress that I don't have any desire or intention to leave the Democratic caucus and go to the Republican caucus. On the other hand, it's not impossible. And if it would happen, it would be around questions related to Iraq and the war on terrorism.**

Ibid

**Find another carrier!**  
What Sprint Nextel Corp. told over 1,000 customers it said complained too much about their phone service and tied up customer service.