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Weekly Haftara: Kol Ha'am (Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 – Ashkenazim; 45:18-46:15 – Sephardim)

Daf Yomi: Yevamos 25

Mishna Yomit: Kilayim 2:7-8

Halacha Yomit: Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chayyim 257:3-5

Rambam Yomi: Hilchos Sechirus chap.13 – Hilchos She'ilah u'Pikadon chap.2

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Editorials

Abraham Accords Summit

On Monday, the Israeli foreign minister, the American secretary of state, and the foreign ministers of Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco and the United Arab Emirates held a summit hosted by Israel in Kibbutz Sde Boker. While full reports of what was discussed are still forthcoming, the fact that this was the first time representatives from the Arab countries who signed on to the Abraham Accords have sat at one table to discuss their shared concerns suggests that the promise of the Accords as the way forward in the Middle East is on its way to becoming a reality. As the New York Times headlined one of its stories on the meeting "Israel Summit Shows Ties With Arabs Moving From Ceremony To Substance."

And also, according to The Times, the summit highlighted a major realignment of Middle Eastern alliances, driven by shared fears of a nuclear Iran; mutual concerns about the United States' receding presence in the Middle East; a desire for better economic, military, and business ties; and a dwindling commitment to Palestinian statehood by some Arab leaders.

It is gratifying to see that there is apparently a range of significant issues of mutual concern and the political will to address them collectively. We

take this as a sign that much of the Arab world and perhaps even the Biden Administration is ready to cut loose the Palestinian albatross and get on with pursuing their national interests. Indeed, while American officials still publicly affirm fealty to Palestinian statehood, Israel was pressed on the Palestinian issue and Saudi Arabia has said that the issue stands in the way of Saudi Arabia joining the Accords, the summit took place in a cooperative spirit, with no reported deal breakers.

Surely, the Arab move towards rapprochement with Israel is driven by a clear-eyed calculation of national self-interest vis a vis Iran and the need to build real economies and wean themselves off their current reliance on oil. Israel is a natural resource for them.

For the United States, the summit couldn't have come at a better time. The uncertainties of our future relationship with Russia means that a strong, U.S.-friendly bloc in the Middle East, anchored by its closest ally, is now more important than ever.

And for Israel, of course, the Abraham Accords has tectonic potential.

So we look forward with great anticipation to the full details of what happened at Sde Boker.

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Letters to the Editor

Appreciation For Rebbetzin Neustein

Thank you for the informative and inspiring op-ed about the Ruzhiner Rebbe written by Dr. Amy Neustein (March 25). Reading it not only brought me feelings of confidence and courage as I was reminded once again of the irrepressible life force of our Eastern European Jewish progenitors, but also warmed me with memories of my dear (but now departed) friend, Rebbetzin Shirley Friedberg Neustein of Brooklyn.

Rebbetzin Neustein had a marvelous way about her that was seen in her loving and comforting smile. Her spirit of generosity and acceptance of others, especially those in trouble or distress, was an inexhaustible source of light and warmth in a world that often suffers from a lack of these qualities. And now it seems clear to me how she came by these graces from her prestigious lineage. Dr. Neustein was kind and thoughtful to write for us the history of her family.

We are all strengthened in these frightening times by having known people like Rebbetzin Shirley Neustein. Somehow I feel

that the spirit of the Ruzhiner Rebbe that ran in the veins of Rebbetzin Neustein must also be making itself manifest in President Zelensky as well; truly, the *neschama* does not vanish!

Michelle Etlin
Pikesville, MD

Inspiration and Optimism From the Past

What a joy and inspiration to read Dr. Amy Neustein's upbeat appreciation of her ancestor, the Ruzhiner Rebbe (March 25, 2022).

I had met Dr. Neustein decades ago, and have continued to be impressed with her growing list of achievements over the years. I knew that her father was a rabbi, and that he and his wife knew my parents, all OBM, but I had absolutely no idea how special Dr. Neustein's ancestry was. The Neusteins were never prone to self-aggrandizement, and because of that I hadn't known about the stellar accomplishments of the family of Rebbetzin Shirley Neustein, who descended from such a prominent Chassidic dynasty.

The article itself is a welcome breath of inspiration and opti-

mism in a most trying time in world history. Thankfully we can draw from memories of persons like the leaders of this special family to give us hope during our bleakest moments.

I thank *The Jewish Press* for sharing such a beautiful story with all of us!

Rabbi Aaron Reichel, Esq.
Kew Gardens, NY

Merciful Children of the Merciful

A defining trait of the Jewish people is that we are merciful; we are "*rachamanim b'nai rachamanim*." This trait was inculcated in us by our forefather Avraham Avinu, and is a sine qua non in the identity of a Jew. When responding to news of tragedies, whether abroad or domestic, whether among Jews or non-Jews, our first and only emotional reaction must be one of empathy. And our instinctive response should be: How can we help?

It is with this in mind that I write to convey my dismay at the sentiments expressed by

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