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Happening!"

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## Ruthless Enemy to Destroy Israel

ELAH VALLEY - The Middle East's formidable Goliath of armor and man-power casts a big shadow that looms heavily over Israel.

In a major showdown, the enemy is calling day and night for Israel's destruction and annihilation.

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A Philistinean spokesman dismissed Israel's soldiers as "little kids playing with pebbles."



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## CORNER ←

EDITORS

**WE DON'T CUT  
CORNERS!**

Readers may dismiss the missing corner of this column as a misprint; or think we ran out of news fit to print.

Poor judgment, for less is more!

Leaving room for the imagination, it expresses the 'Peah' harvest reserved for the poor and needy. Commonly observed on farms, this is a first in the field of publication!

Among the agricultural Mitzvos in the Book of Ruth read on Shavouth, 'Peah' is an immeasurable Mitzvah listed first and foremost in our Morning blessings. Rather than selfishly exploit every inch of space for ourselves, we share to benefit the underprivileged.

Our best wishes for a  
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HUMAN EMOTIONS

**MOTHER IN LAW  
PROBLEM**

Dear Rabby,

Our family recently suffered the deaths of my husband, father-in-law and brother-in-law.

This sad series of tragedies leaves my elderly mother-in-law all alone. Originally from Israel, she now plans to return there.

My sister-in-law is offering to follow my mother-in-law wherever she goes and is seriously considering converting to Judaism.

I feel bad for her, but I don't want to get stuck with an old woman with no future. Why should I move away and give up big potential?

What should I do? Thanks a Killiion!

O.

Dear O.,

Unless you're personally interested, it's no Mitzvah to convert, but a few nice steps now can make a big difference later. Be polite, give your mother-in-law a big farewell hug, and kiss her good-bye!



# The King and I

Your Royal Highness, allow me to reflect on your Yartzeit this Shavuoth, when we recall great-grandma Ruth and Naomi's moving story that begins and ends with loving-kindness.

The ruddy faced youngest of eight siblings, you were chosen to lead G-d's flock, as you tenderly shepherded each lamb in Psalm 23's pastoral scene: "The L-rd is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me rest in green pastures, leads me by peaceful waters. Your rod and staff comfort me..."

You persisted when your elders dissuaded and discouraged. It was a long shot, but you aimed high, knew which strings to pull, and overcame giant challenges, getting ahead with the help of G-d, Shield of David.

When the golden scepter replaced your wooden staff, you remained humble, and still mingled with the crowd. Stuffy tongue-lashers who criticized your lack of protocol, but we're all inspired by your carefree ecstatic dancing before G-d. You had your enemies, detractors and fault finders, but as a model of repentance, your candor is exemplary. Solomon built the Temple, but it was you who laid all the groundwork.

Unlike pampered princes who sleep in, your faithful harp awakens before dawn. Each Psalm is a treasure. Your vivid imagery of G-d's beautiful world expresses the interplay of flora and fauna, majestic mountains and deep valleys, wind, water and weather, soaring eagles and graceful gazelles, roaring lions and bleating lambs. Your flowing poetry, pathos and piety echo your struggles, running for dear life in the Judean deserts caves and canyons.

Sweet Singer of Israel, your melodies tug at the heart. Deep as the Talmud, it also touches the layman. Without harping on this, we turn to you for comfort and solace, hope and inspiration through our human ups and downs, trials and tribulations. You express our feelings in joy or in grief and sorrow, plea or thanksgiving. The stronger your strings are plucked, the richer it resonates; the more you thirst and yearn, the closer to G-d we learn (Ps. 63:2-3).

You made us all so tall and proud as the Tower of David by establishing Jerusalem eternal. How relevant now, when the nations all contest it. You are constantly in our thoughts, as we pray; "Return to Jerusalem Your City; establish the throne of David, rebuild it soon in our days...let the scion of David grow and flourish..."

A great legacy, but the best is yet to come. Maimonides describes Moshiach "arising from the House of David, learning Torah and doing Mitzvos as David his father, who will guide Israel by the Torah, rebuild the Holy Temple and gather the exiles, restoring the Davidic dynasty."

This is no eulogy, for you live on, falling and rising like the moon's waning and waxing, when we proclaim "David, King of Israel, lives and endures!"

*Israel*

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