

Crossroads

A new perspective

In reference to "Crossroads"

Dear Editor:

Thanks for a great magazine and for the superb serial "Crossroads." I am enjoying it immensely. I never understood the concept of house arrest until we were all quarantined.

Although the story is fictional, kudos to Shalom for not going crazy being so cooped up. I really admire his strength of character. And although I must admit I don't have much sympathy for Chava, I am beginning to feel sorry for her, confined to a tiny apartment and feeling miserable. I guess we should never judge other people until we stand in their shoes.

Leah S.

Kids on Cortisone

...and coronavirus

In reference to "Clean Bill," Issue 460

Dear Editor:

This week you ran an interview with Dr. Susan Shulman, who said that children don't need to be afraid about the coronavirus, except those who are on cortisone or chemotherapy.

I have two children who take Seretide,

an inhaler with cortisone, for their asthma. My question is whether I should stop it now and risk the possibility that they may have an asthma attack, *chas v'shalom*, or continue giving it to them. Is there something I can give them instead that doesn't have cortisone? I asked my pediatrician, and he told me to stop reading information online and continue giving my children the Seretide.

I would really appreciate it if you can ask Dr. Shulman this question on my behalf, or put me in touch with someone I can ask.

Malky E.

I agree with your doctor that the inhaled steroids are not a problem, only the systemic steroids in more seriously ill patients.

Dr. Susan Shulman

Preventing Intermarriage

It takes more than Jewish pride

In reference to Feature, Issue 459

Dear Editor:

Thank you for a great magazine, filled with interesting and inspiring material every week.

I would like to comment on the article about the women trying to eliminate intermarriage among their children. With

all due respect to this special endeavor, does she realize her mission will probably fail? Even if children have Jewish pride or nice *Shabbosim*, why would that keep them from intermarrying? (Never mind the question of how they can really have Jewish pride if they barely know what it means to be Jewish.)

One of the people she taught had a daughter whose boyfriend did not mind nice family meals. That's about a meal, not about the Torah. The Torah consists of much more than that. If these children are married to Jews, that's great; but if they live like non-Jews, does she still think her grandmother would be proud? How much happier would her grandmother be up in the world of truth if her descendants embraced all of Hashem's Torah?

Last but not least, if the children see the parents pick and choose which *mitzvos* to keep, why shouldn't they do the same and disregard the imperative to marry someone Jewish?

Rivkie N.
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A Close Call

A mother in pain

In reference to Feature, Issue 457

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the article "A Close Call." I felt I had to respond, as we have also been alienated from two of our



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