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**Dear Editor,**

Rabbi Alon Anava, a prolific speaker, said in a lecture that there are two fundamental ideas to keep in mind during these times. First: the fight is not with the coronavirus but with ourselves, and second, in these rapidly changing times, every act should be analyzed as to whether it will hasten Moshiach or delay it from coming.

As we approach the next redemption, we know it will take on the characteristics of the earlier redemption from Mitzrayim. We need only look to the "cloud," the place that was our ultimate protection after leaving Mitzrayim, and investigate what it represented and what was able to penetrate it. This cloud, representative of the final *geulah*

resting place, of beauty and serenity, took care of all our needs, but it was still privy to attack by Amalek. In order to beat Amalek, all *sefeikos* that we have must be obliterated and we must serve G-d with fervor and strength. We can even enter the "cloud" of computing right now, to learn all the Torah we need to nourish us during this confinement period and come together as a nation.

We know the famous verse, "*Gam ki elech b'gey tsalmavet lo ira ra ki ata imadi* – even when I am amidst danger, nothing bad can happen, as G-d is with me." Know that this verse is in the singular, as G-d is with every person wherever they are, whether with others or in confinement, as long as they are following his ways.

Rabbi Anava notes that Moshiach will bring peace and beautiful

scents to the world. If we hold back from slandering and judging others, which is much easier now, and take advantage of the cloud of Torah to unite, we will see the final cloud that will protect us forever.

**Steven Genack**

**Dear Editor,**

In these troubling times...even as our "social distancing" increases, our "social caring" should become closer. We can and must stay in touch with loved ones, friends, seniors, and neighbors. We are all in this together, and we need to draw on the strength of communal solidarity, love, friendship, and concern.

May the Al-mighty bring healing to all who are ill. May all be blessed with good health and happiness.

**Joseph M. Varon**  
West Hempstead, NY

**Dear Editor,**

In these difficult economic times due to the coronavirus, it is especially important to patronize your local neighborhood restaurants and businesses. If you are working from

home, why not take a short walk for lunch or dinner and eat out? Do the same for shopping at your local small independent stores.

Now is the time to help our local restaurants and businesses to survive. If you can afford it, tip 20 percent or more against the total bill, including taxes. If it is an odd amount, consider rounding up to the next dollar. The extra dollar tip will add up for waiters, waitresses, and bus boys. If ordering take out, consider leaving a dollar or two for the waiter or cook. It will be appreciated.

Remember these people are our neighbors. They work long hours, pay taxes, and provide jobs to our fellow citizens. They also serve as eyes and ears for the community, helping to prevent crime. If we don't patronize our local restaurants and small businesses to shop and dine, they don't eat, either.

As a nation, we will eventually triumph over the coronavirus even if it takes many months or more.

**Sincerely,**  
**Larry Penner**

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**ATTENTION LAWRENCE RESIDENTS**

**POSTPONED**  
date to be announced

Special Meeting of the Mayor & Community Presentation to consider the two choices for development of the 3.8 acres at the former water treatment plant site:

**EIGHT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES**  
OR  
**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING**

*Numbers are subject to change and may be increased or decreased*

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