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MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS MURDERED IN NEW YORK BECAUSE HE WAS A JEW

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My family experienced the deadly effects of antisemitism in America firsthand. We've recently seen how a posse of violent demonstrators spewing antisemitic vitriol can imperil airports, bridges and universities while the world remains inert. For Jews these mob scenes are particularly chilling – they are reminiscent of the hatred preceding the mass killings of Jews in Europe for hundreds of years. But would one ever expect this scourge in America? But have we learned from the lessons of the past? In the wake of October 7, how many Jews have been roused to stand up and be counted? I fear complacency more than I fear antisemitism, for it is the former...

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EMOR: CHINUCH BY EXAMPLE

by Rabbi Elimelech Biderman

The parashah begins with the words (21:1), "Say to the kohanim, the sons of Aharon and say to them..." The word "say" is written twice in this sentence. Rashi explains, "The older kohanim should train the younger kohanim." "Tell the older kohanim... to train the younger kohanim" to be cautious with the unique laws of kehunah. This pasuk discusses chinuch, the way the older kohanim should train the younger ones. Therefore, we can glean from this section guidance in chinuch habanim. A primary rule of chinuch is to be a role model. More than with words, parents teach by being...

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