

Dear Editor:

I heard about your magazine after reading an *Asian Jewish Life* article on the Bnei Menashe that was republished on Aish's website. I then had a look at the *Asian Jewish Life* site.

Although I am very happy to raise my children in an American center of Torah life and Orthodox Jewry, I am concerned that this leads them to believe that all Jews are exactly like them. Or worse, that anyone who is not exactly like them does not count. Therefore, I think it is important for them to learn of communities of Jews in different parts of the world: To learn that even today, kosher food is a challenge for many people. To learn that some people must work hard and travel to daven with a minyan and do not have 4 shuls in walking distance. To learn what unites us with Jews who do not look like us, how we are all dedicated to the same principles.

I feel this will make them feel how lucky they are to live in a community where it is easy to keep Torah. At the same time, it will give them a sense of responsibility to fully utilize the gifts they have been given and to share what they have with others in the spiritual sense. I want them to feel the joys and sorrows of far away Jews as the joys and sorrows of their brothers. I want them to feel connected.

Thank you! Is it possible to get a subscription to share with my children?

Esther

Lakewood, New Jersey

Dear Esther:

Thanks for the response. A subscription of the magazine will be provided with great pleasure. Connecting Jews from different communities throughout Asia, and throughout the world, is an important part of our mission. It is great to know our reach extends all the way to Lakewood!

All the best,  
Erica Lyons

Dear Editor:

Thanks for a beautiful article on Tevel b'Tzedek in Nepal. I have one correction however. We run two four month programs per year. The next open 4 month program is in February. From the article you might not have known that we do two four month programs, along with the six 5 week programs a year.

Much love and success to all  
Micha Odenheimer

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