

bar mitzvah. The experience of celebrating the completion of *daf yomi* inspired our *daf yomi* class in our *shul*, which then inspired this work. May the words of Torah from this book add to his eternal merits. May these words of Torah also serve to honor his special family whom he loved so fiercely.

This book is also dedicated to a precious young child and dear friend, Evan Levy, *a”h*. Through his countless treatments and hospitalizations, Evan inspired all with his infectious love of life. Earlier this year Evan left us. Evan’s heroism and ability to smile through every challenge are sorely missed. His ability to make the ordinary extraordinary are lessons imprinted on our souls forever. It is our hope that these words of Torah are fitting for him. Evan loved to smile. These Torah thoughts are delights intended to bring smiles to the faces of those who read them. May the moments spent studying these Torah insights bring added Aliyah to the soul of Yehuda, *a”h*, ben Yosef Chaim, *sheyichyeh*.

As this work was completed, the Jewish nation lost a most exceptional mentor, supporter, and leader, Mr. Peter Schwalbe, Shlomo Yitzchok ben Ya’akov, *a”h*. Peter had the heart of a lion. He would always volunteer to support our *shul*, Torah projects, Jews in need, and the people of Israel. His passing is a terrible loss to his family and our nation. May the Torah in this work be eternally linked with his radiant personality and legacy.

There were many who helped this project come to completion.

These essays first appeared as weekly emails to the East Hill Synagogue community and as articles in *The Jewish Link of New Jersey* newspaper. Mr. Raz Haramati toils faithfully each week to edit, typeset and email the essays. I owe him a great debt. I am also thankful to Rabbi Moshe Kinderlehrer and his staff at *The Jewish Link of New Jersey* for graciously printing a weekly feature made up of selections from these essays. Rabbi Alec Goldstein edited and typeset the book and was helped by Rabbi Yeshayahu Ginsburg.