

# NUGGETZ



## Emma Empowered

When 12-year-old Emma Klatman of Los Angeles, California, isn't in school or on the soccer field, you can find her speaking before Congress in Washington, D.C. Emma recently completed a one-year term as the American Diabetes Association's (ADA) National Youth Advocate. The proactive preteen lobbied Congress to increase funding for diabetes research and visited ADA summer camps to encourage other kids to follow her lead.

Emma, now an eighth-grader at Los Angeles Hebrew High School, has Type 1 diabetes, a serious illness caused by the body's



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Emma on the steps of our nation's Capitol

failure to produce enough insulin to process sugar in the blood. The disease forces Emma to

wear an insulin pump, but it doesn't stop her from making her voice heard. Last year, at the bill-signing ceremony for two California laws establishing guidelines for diabetes stem-cell research, Emma stood at the podium beside Governor Gray Davis and State Senator Deborah Ortiz of California. She eloquently retold her story of life with diabetes and explained the importance of research in finding a cure. "I am doing something amazing," says Emma about her important role. "I'm this one little person who is trying to make a difference in the government, and my message will go through."

## AS "SCENE" IN TIME



AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Haym Salomon**  
(1740-1785)  
New York City  
Early 1778

**T**hank you, Haym Salomon," gasped the wounded Revolutionary soldier. "You saved my life."

While spying for the Sons of Liberty, Salomon had stumbled upon the injured soldier lying in a dark alley. Without hesitating, the Jewish revolutionary patriot carried the wounded man under the cover of darkness and shadows to the Salomon home to treat the gaping musket hole in the soldier's chest.

As they crept soundlessly from shadow to shadow through the alleys of New York City, Salomon prayed that the British wouldn't spot them. With Salomon's record as a spy and revolutionary, the British

suspiciously watched him for any patriotic activities. They already had arrested him once for spying and, Salomon feared, the next time they would surely hang him.

Despite the danger, Salomon regretted nothing.

The American cause was worth risking all that he had. After all, he was fighting for liberty. He believed in the Revolution and was proud to do his part, including saving wounded soldiers such as this one.

"Hang in there, my good lad," he reassured the soldier as they approached the safety of Salomon's house. "We're almost home."



*The British arrested Haym Salomon that night and sentenced him to hang, but he escaped and fled to Philadelphia. The heroic patriot contributed personal funds for the American Revolution, and pledged his good name and credit for the cause of freedom. Without Salomon's generosity, there might not be an America today.*

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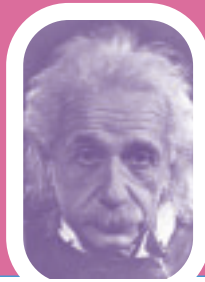
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**QUOTEZ**

Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.  
—Albert Einstein



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**A Friend at Any Age**

Sixth-graders at Temple Beth David in Commack, New York, met their grandparents for the first time ever this May—their “adopted grandparents,” that is. After reading about the value of *חידור פני זקן* (*hiddur p’nei zaken*, cherishing the elderly) in BABAGANEWZ, each of the five sixth-grade classes adopted a

grandparent—all over the age of 90—from a Jewish geriatric home down the street. Students sent letters, e-mails, poems, and cards to their new grandparents throughout the spring. After months of written correspondence, the new friends finally met for a “grand” afternoon of singing, storytelling, and getting acquainted. “I still hear students talking in the halls about the visit,” says Religious School Director Shari Isserles. “They want to know when we will get to meet with our new friends again.”

Let us know how BABAGANEWZ inspired your class to take action; we’ll print the most interesting examples in upcoming issues. E-mail us at [babacrew@babaganewz.com](mailto:babacrew@babaganewz.com).

**EYE SPY**



Can you identify our close-up photo?

[For the answer, see page 12.]

- NAME OF SCHOOL:** Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy (RMHA)
- LOCATION:** Denver, Colorado
- SPOTLIGHT ON:** The seventh-grade class
- FAVORITE JEWISH LEADERS WHO SERVE AS ROLE MODELS:** Ariel Sharon, Elie Wiesel, and Rabbi Levitt, who teaches *mishnah* at RMHA
- FAVORITE BIBLICAL LEADERS:** Moshe, Avraham, Aaron, Joshua, Yaakov, and Yitzchak
- IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP TRAITS OF A U.S. PRESIDENT:** Honesty, loyalty, and wisdom
- STREETS IN THE AREA NAMED FOR LEADERS:** Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Washington, and Jefferson



- FAVORITE JEWISH BOOKS:** *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- WHEN YOU’RE IN THE AREA:** Visit the Metropolitan State College campus, where you can see the first synagogue built in Denver and a house that belonged to former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Turn to page 7 to see the class’s writing on our Torah Page.

**HONORABLE MENTCHEN**

**RIDDLE ME THIS!**

RIDDLES #1 AND #2 ARE ADAPTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE JEWISH RIDDLE COLLECTION BY REEVE ROBERT BRENNER.

**WHAT DID THE WEATHERMAN SAY TO KING DAVID?**

Hail King David, may you rain forever.

**HOW DO WE KNOW THAT MOSHE WAS AN EXPERT AT DELEGATING AUTHORITY?**

He leaned on his staff.

**WHY DID THE GIRL CHASE AFTER THE SODA BOTTLE?**

She wanted to play “Follow the Liter.”



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