

## Ultimate Parsha continued...

With Thanksgiving just behind us, an RMBA parent was commenting to me that each generation is born into a different conversation of gratitude. Our students now do not know a time before cell phones, so they may become excited about the latest and greatest version, but are unlikely to take a moment to reflect on the wonders of cell phones themselves. Similarly, many of us may still remember the answering machine or the push-button phone as an innovation...but are less likely to include indoor plumbing among our list of items for which we are thankful. Again, it's simply not "the conversation we are born into."

In a parallel vein, we are all most thankful for our health immediately after we have had a health scare or an illness. Other times, sadly, we take it for granted and may forget to thank Hashem for this amazing gift of health.

May we all aspire to be like Yaakov, satisfied with our lot, and grateful for the amazing world we inhabit.

Shabbat Shalom,

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