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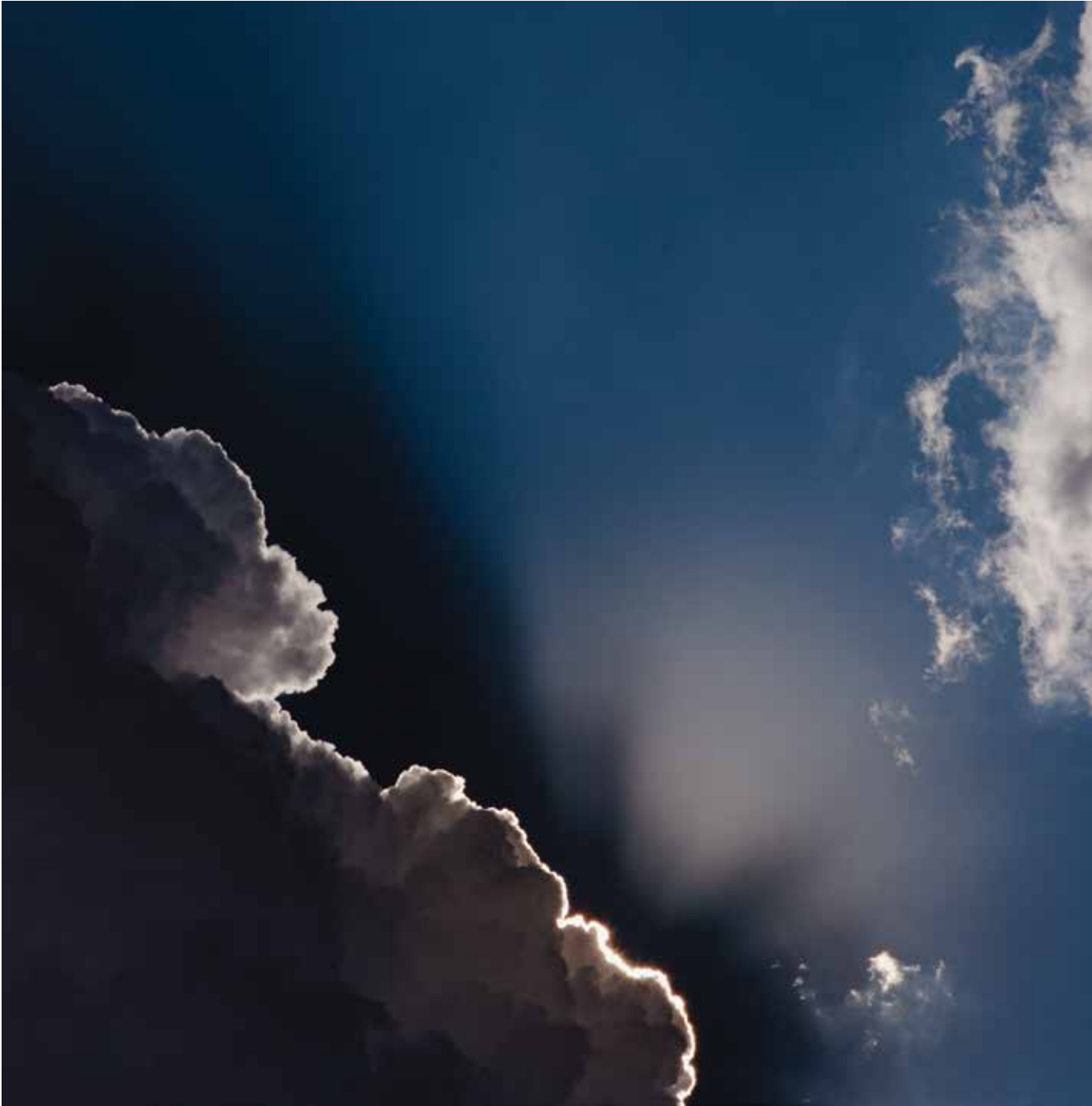
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Winner of the NaNoWriMo Community Member Writing Contest

Teaching

Dru Richman

There are many types of yeshivas* in the world. For the most part they are populated by extremely talented students. And some are populated by truly exceptional students. *But what, pondered Rabbi Adam Tannenbaum, about the boys who would never be considered exceptional students or even merely talented? What's to become of them?*

It was there and then that he decided that he needed to open a yeshiva for students who had difficulty studying. Or who fidgeted in class. Or who had ADD. Or who had other learning differences. Jacob Goldbaum was one of those boys.

Rabbi Tannenbaum didn't know what to make of it. Jacob's older brother was a model of Torah learning. But no matter what Jacob did, he only seems to get further and further behind his fellow classmates. And so Jacob felt no small amount of trepidation when he was summoned to Rabbi Tannenbaum's (the "Rosh Yeshiva" — the Dean of the yeshiva) office one day just before sixth period. *This is it, he thought, they're probably going to expel me. Dad will be furious!*

Jacob was ushered in and sat in the big chair across from the Rabbi. The Rabbi looked at the smallish 15-year-old across the desk from him and said, "Jacob,

* a Jewish institution that focuses on the study of traditional religious texts, primarily the Torah and the Talmud (the Oral Law).