



## Time

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*"If I could save time in a bottle, the first thing that I'd like to do  
Is to save every day till eternity passes away, just to spend them with you.  
If I could make days last forever, if words could make wishes come true  
I'd save every day like a treasure and then, again, I would spend them with  
you."*

*-Jim Croce, Time in a Bottle*

The words to this song seem so fitting now; my middle daughter just turned 18. And if I could turn back time to relive all the smiles and giggles; the firsts and seconds, what an amazing gift that would be. But alas, it isn't possible. So instead, I take this opportunity to share one of life's, not-so-secret secrets, it goes by so fast. Of course, you have heard this, especially as a new parent, but it doesn't mean much when you have just finished the 2:00 am feeding, you are sleep deprived, your hair hangs in greasy ringlets because showers are few and far between.

Your inclination is to jump ahead. "I can't wait until she sleeps through the night!" "Won't it be great when she is out of diapers???" "It will be so wonderful when she can talk!" (This is a big one; your life won't be the same.)

So now, as a wise woman, with three of my own children-worth of experience, I tell you, **don't rush it!** Cherish each milestone, each step. Don't push your child to grow up any faster than she needs to. Give him time to grow at his own pace. Give the extra cuddles and patience. Grown up steps come so fast!



As a parent, you do what you think is best for your child. Sometimes the best, in my experience, is to give a child the gift of time. All of the milestones will come at their own pace. But time is the one thing you can't get back or get more of. The gift of time to just enjoy the space you are in now; the gift of time for your child to enjoy the space he is in now, well that is precious beyond words.

Don't rush the stages. Don't speed up the process. Give yourself time. Time to enjoy. Time to experience. Time to be with the ones you love. Time for your children to be kids.

The families of the hostages still being held wish they had this time.

Shabbat Shalom.