

## **What man is there that has built a new house and has not dedicated it?" (20:5)**

*Rashi* interprets the word "that he did not "begin" to live in the house, to be related to the term "lubjw" thereby denoting "beginning." *Rashi's* explanation offers an insightful interpretation of the concept of "lubjw" or "education." The focus of education should be dual. First, because education is an ongoing lifelong process, we can only "begin" to educate. We never complete our education. Second, a teacher or "lbn" must view his role as one who effects the "beginning," by motivating the student to use his own skills. A teacher who spoon-feeds the material to the student will not properly prepare him. The goal of every teacher should be to catalyze the student, so that he is challenged to continue his studies and to apply that learning to future educational endeavors.