

**"Did I conceive this entire people or did I give birth to it...
where shall I get meat to give this entire people when they
weep to me?" (11:12,13)**

Moshe *Rabbeinu* seems to imply that had he conceived and given birth to the people, the question of "*where shall I get meat to give the entire people,*" would not be pressing. Parents are resourceful when it comes to serving their children's needs. The amount of adrenaline which a parent has for his child is amazing! No mountain is too tall to climb, no task too difficult to perform - nothing is impossible for a parent in regard to his child. That is the way it should be. *Baalei Mussar* attribute this remarkable "ability" to the inherent love that Hashem has infused into every parent in regard to his child. What seems difficult for the average person is natural for a parent. What seems to be almost an impossibility for the average person is a hurdle that can and must be overcome by a parent.

We may suggest that this same relationship should reign between a *rebbe* and his *talmid*. The student-teacher bond should pattern itself after the parent-child relationship. The teacher is a *vrin*, which is derived from *vrv*, "to conceive." A *rebbe* must feel that nothing is too difficult for him to overcome in order to imbue his *talmid* with *Toras Hashem*. What might turn a lesser person away is a source of love for a parent and, similarly, for a *rebbe*.