

From the Desk of Rabbi Gold



The series of articles on interdating and intermarriage published in the last three weeks, is a reflection of the growing con-

cern of Jewish Leaders, Rabbis and laymen, over this extremely sensitive problem. Especially at this season of Passover when we recall the slavery of our people in ancient Egypt, the terrible trials and difficulties throughout the ages, and the horrible slaughter vital religious civilization called Judaism.

No tyrant or enemy has been able to destroy our people. Yet in the atmosphere of freedom and democracy lurks the danger of self destruction through the creeping menace of assimilation which normally spills over into intermarriage.

Comments on this issue

are by no means exhausted either from your Rabbi or from countless individuals who agonize with me over this issue. I, therefore, call your attention to the statement below of the Minnesota Rabbinical Association which includes all the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Rabbis of this state whose view on this problem is worth your serious attention.

Recent studies of the American Jewish community reveal that there is among Jews a rising rate of interfaith marriage. Judaism, from time immemorial, has been opposed to interfaith marriage recognizing it as a threat to the survival of the Jewish faith. As rabbis, we note with deep concern the high percentage of children born of interfaith marriages who are then lost to Judaism. We also note with heavy hearts the sociological evidence which indicates a greater frequency of broken

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homes among intermarried couples than among couples of common religious background.

Although the young adult picks his own mate, we, as parents and community leaders, have an obligation to create those home and community conditions that strengthen the desire of young people to establish a Jewish home with a Jewish life partner.

We believe that American Jewish life today needs a three point program to counter interfaith marriage.

We believe that in homes where the young experience sincere religious commitment, consistent ritual practice and family participation in many activities of the Jewish community, the likelihood of interfaith marriage is reduced. Significant Jewish loyalty matures in an environment of faith and mitzvot, of love and discipline, and of healthy parent-to-parent and child-to-parent relationships.

An atmosphere of family tension, or of love without discipline, or Jewishness without Judaism, often sets the stage for adolescent rebellion through interfaith marriage.

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for what is right because someone may not look favorably upon your stand. Passover is a time not only of remembering the bravery of some of our forefathers, but to dedicate ourselves to eradicate evil and oppression wherever it may be bound.

I remember a Seder in 1953 in Seoul, Korea, just 35 miles on this side of the front lines. It was a very impressive ceremony, indeed, most heartwarming. The meal consisted of Kosher food flown directly from Brooklyn -- Manischewitz wine, borscht and potatoes, etc., for approximately 1000 GI's. For one who was relatively new in the United States, this was a rare experience -- in fact, unbelievable! The Seder was conducted by Rabbi Herbert Rrichto, Rabbi Shriner of Boston and myself. Both pointed out "that the struggle for freedom still continues all over the world and that we, as Jews, should be thankful that we live in a country where we are given the chance to practice what we believe." Yet we still must continue the fight within ourselves to remain true to our heritage and not to succumb to outside pressures.

This year let us attend Passover Services at least once. Show your children that Pesach means something to you. Bring them with you to give thanks. Let there be meaning in the effort you put forth in constructing this beautiful edifice.

May this season of freedom inspire us to join hands with our neighbors and pray for true liberty for all people everywhere -- for a universal Passover throughout the world and to all inhabitants thereof.

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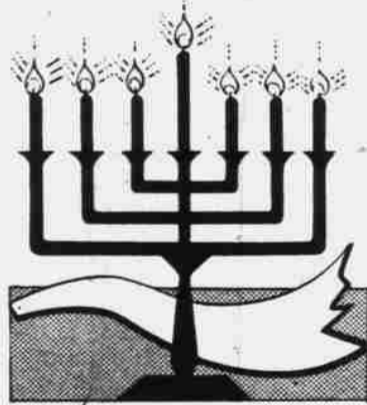
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