

Gay prohibition

BENJAMIN Holzman (AJN 03/07), in arguing for Jews "whether Torah-abiding or not" to support homosexual marriage legislation, demonstrates a lamentable misunderstanding of Judaism and it's outlook vis-a-vis the world.

Judaism teaches that while only Jews need only uphold the 613 mitzvot of the Torah, human society as a whole must also adhere to a moral and ethical code comprising seven statutes known as the Noachide Laws. Five of these laws correspond to five of the 10 Commandments. One of them is a prohibition against gross sexual immorality comprising adultery, bestiality, incest and homosexual intercourse. A second is the establishment of legislation that will maintain morality in accordance with the Noachide code.

Therefore, no Torah-abiding Jew can ever make peace with the concept of legalising or validating homosexual "marriage" in any society in which he or she lives.

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