

JEWish Indeterminate

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As readers will have seen in the news, [insert topic] **is a significant issue facing us today. The implications of this issue are** [emotionally loaded adjective].

It is widely known that [one sentence summary of topic]. **What most people do not seem to be aware of is the fact that** [unique insight that will reinforce conclusion]. **It may be convenient for those who disagree to disregard these facts, but this does not make them any less relevant. Indeed,** [another reinforcing fact just for good measure].

As readers will recall, [a sentence of historical contextualization]. **Even so, the facts in this instance are** [a sentence of updated information].

All of these "facts," however, cannot distract from the [express a transcendent moral principle that might by some stretch apply in this case]. **Obviously,** [extrapolate the generalized moral principle into an expression of unabashed outrage applied to the particular issue].

Opponents have said [summarize alternate viewpoint simply, but fairly and honesty]. **Of course, this is** [dismiss the alternative viewpoint in the harshest terms]. **It is** [adjective], [adjective] **and inconsistent with fair reasoning and human decency. This is not to say that** [category of people] **are not acting in good faith, merely that they are** [human characteristic more pitiable than detestable].

What all of this tells us is [suggest a general conclusion] **and that people should** [suggest a manner in which people should guide themselves in light of their new-found understanding of the topic].

Of course, there will still be those who insist that [re-express the opponents' position]. **Sadly,** [insert here a vaguely relevant statement intended to gratuitously infuriate intransigent opponents, reinforce self-satisfaction among those in agreement, and convince nobody].

[Tie it up with a witty or snarky zap].

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The *Jewish Indeterminate* has developed a proud reputation as a teller of truths and an ethical compass in a sometimes adrift moral universe. As the world seems increasingly in need of the sort of common-sensical wisdom you have come to rely on

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Topic wizard says: "What's on your mind?"
Headline wizard says: "Sum up your argument in 20 characters."

Diversity on display

Once more, *Indeterminate* unites Jewish opinion.

ANONYMOUS STAFF WRITER

The diversity of the Jewish community was on display Sunday night at a two-person panel discussion called The Diversity of the Jewish Community. A diverse audience reacted respectfully but diversely to the diverse perspectives presented.

anathema to Jewish identity. "Diversity is the only thing we've ever had in common," she said. "Our similarities are what bind us," Wright rejoined. On the issue of kashrut, the panelists diverged. Wright contended that Jews are commanded to fol-



The two sides of the diversity panel sat at a table similar to this one.

low the laws surrounding food preparation and consumption and that this is one of the core unifying characteristics of the Jewish people. Moore disagreed, calling kashrut an outdated fable that is not nec-

essary in the modern world, but added that no Jew can be a good Jew unless they are vegan. On the often-contentious issue of Israel, panelists found more about which to disagree.

"Israeli policies betray the very foundational principles of our tradition," said Moore. "It is not our place to second-guess the decisions made by a country facing the challenges Israel confronts," Wright said, eliciting the most heated exchange of the evening.

"He's trying to silence me!" Moore shouted. "Did you hear that? I'm not allowed to criticize Israel?! Silencing! Free speech! I demand free speech!!!!"

Wright and Moore agreed on one issue. The coverage of the previous event in the series by the *Jewish Indeterminate* was riddled with factual errors and misrepresentations.

"Absolutely," said Moore. "Undoubtedly," added Wright. "Couldn't agree more."

"There is no one 'Jewish' way of approaching the issues," said Noam Wright, a representative of the Jewish Organization for Jews. "But there is only one right way."

"Wright is wrong," responded Karin Moore, president of the Jewish Association of Jews. "There are many ways to approach the issues, and they are all right."

An audience member asked whether Jews were obligated to agree with each other in the public sphere.

Wright replied that they were, while Moore disagreed.

On another issue, the panelists were asked which elected officials were best for the Jews.

"Harper," said Wright. "Rae, clearly," Moore said. "Clark," Wright added. "Dix," Moore replied.

The panelists disagreed on whether diversity was a bad thing, with Wright saying that diversity dilutes the ancient cohesion of the Jewish people and Moore contending that cohesion itself is

Letters to the Editor:

Editor:

You are doing a superb job. Your paper is a vital organ for our community and we are deeply appreciative of the enormous effort you put in, all year round, with little to no benefit for yourselves. We do not always agree with you, but we greatly admire your tenacity and dedication to telling the stories of this community. With minimal financial or moral support, you continue the tradition of courageous Jewish journalism! And print journalism to boot!!! You are truly amazing and so incredibly valued.

Just kidding. Happy Purim.

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Thank you for your letter to the editor. We appreciate all feedback. However, our lawyers and our staff are concerned that some of the statements in your letter may contravene the law and good taste. We have taken the liberty of editing your letter for clarity, taste and legality. Please advise if our alterations are acceptable to you and we look forward to publishing it in our next issue. Revised copy follows.

Editor:

I would like to comment after being disappointed reading your coverage of the recent Annual General Meeting. I believe your coverage could have been better.

The president of the organization who you quoted may not have provided you the complete facts. I'm sure it was an oversight. Perhaps there was a miscommunication between your reporter and the president.

What he told you about the board meeting where the decision took place may have been an incomplete narrative. Governance issues are often interpreted differently by various parties.

I believe your journalistic standards may have declined in this instance.

Shabbat shalom.

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