

Dear Ambassador Oren,

I am writing to protest your country's treatment of patrilineal Jews. The measure of a society can be made by how it treats its children. Unfortunately, Israeli society is sorely lacking in this area. There can be no crueler act than separating a parent and child. No one likes to see themselves as immoral, but that is the reality of Israeli society. Imagine, if you will, the reverse scenario. Supposing a gentile told it's child that it couldn't participate in some family activities or be buried in the family cemetery because it was half Jewish and they don't let Jewish people do those things. You would say that that person was abusing its child.

To rectify this problem, I request that you do the following:

Firstly, immediately recognize patrilineal descent and change the identity cards of all patrilineal Jews to reflect that.

Secondly, provide financial restitution and an apology to patrilineal Jews to compensate for the discrimination and mental anguish they have experienced due to your policies.

Thirdly, provide for re-burial of all deceased patrilineal Jews in either a Jewish or military cemetery, as the case warrants, if their families want it. These people were Jewish enough to be drafted and die for you, but not Jewish enough to be given the full honors of military burial.

Fourthly, immediately remove the Orthodox from control of any citizenship questions and life cycle events.

Fifthly, make it a civil offense, punishable by a monetary fine to say to any patrilineal Jew that they aren't Jewish.

Sixthly, change the education system in Israel to teach the true historical nature of matrilineal heritage, specifically that for most of Jewish history this was not the custom.

Lastly, establish a new national holiday of remembrance to be celebrated on a day between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, the period of repentance, to honor all the patrilineal Jews who did not get to live to see themselves redeemed. As well, a national monument should be erected in honor of patrilineal Jews to remind all Israelis of the shameful nature of their actions against them.

Israel faces an uncertain future. Don't think that you can survive without the support of American Jewry. You want our money and political support, but don't want to recognize us. You would be well advised to change this policy.

Sincerely,