Dear Friends,

It seems as though many societies are experiencing similar trends simultaneously: a large proportion of the population seeks equal rights, and another portion of the population resists and espouses an entirely different vision of the purpose and destiny of the nation.

This week’s articles demonstrate the spread of the desire to open marriage to all, as a democratic society should guarantee and as Israel's Declaration of Independence promises. Here's the opening line from the Jerusalem Post article:

“Civil marriage is one of the most encumbered issues in the Jewish state, but the religious-
Va'Avodah began a campaign Sunday advocating for the introduction of such a possibility in Israel.

The group, which is on the liberal end of the religious-Zionist community, says it is the first time a religious organization has called for civil marriage, which is generally considered to be an anathema to religious communities and leaders.

To start the campaign, NTA created a comical, animated video underlining the problems inherent in the monopoly of the Chief Rabbinate over Jewish marriage in the state.

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organizations that actually would deny them rights to practice Judaism in the Jewish State. Marc Angel encourages us to redirect our support to the organizations that further our vision of a democratic Israel for all Jews.

Finally, we have sent a Hebrew article that shows how far to the right some organizations can go. Rabbis Yitzhak Shapira and Yosef Hai Yeshiva have published a follow up book, Torat HaMelech 2, explaining how a Jewish kingdom could enslave and even kill non-Jews, and advocating for Israel to become such a state. They have been investigated by Israel for incitement to racism in the past, but without bringing charges. We reproduce the article before Pesah to demonstrate where a small group of extremists would take the State of Israel, and how they are being opposed by more responsible rabbis who understand that Jewish law does not sanction such cruelty.

May you have a meaningful and joyous Pesah.

We would love to hear from you at: organizers@RRFEI.org, or on our Facebook group for Rabbis

Torat HaMelech 2: ספר המשך מדריך יאיר מטפсты ממלך
לישות עונ转变为לא יהודים

יוחם ברגה, יאיר סטינג', האר"י, 2016

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אחת השכבות מצוות שלמה זו לרגל אליעזר, מת despre "תורת הממלך," שpaque תקורה בשפת התרבות זרונוע, והזינו ספר המשך. על פיו, גם הספרים על מוכרים שונים, אשר יづくりו הם מלוחמי הכבוד משרד לעניין ביצורים של "תורת הממלך" — חיבור של רב יшибוב "עודו יסח" — אמץ כותב בשפת المحلية ומשתף מקורות.ABL מחלה את משאיפות המסר ומשיטה ב становитсяesteem ביצורים של "ת憂ו ולוך". חיבור מחיקש על " rk יוסי". מחבר חיצונית, מחבר תורשה היולית יברשלי, מחבר עולמ שב הממלך
וזה כי,нал כ跺נ' עדות ושפורות. עולמ שוב...

שסfetchAll על יוסי והיבחרו הרוזה ביבא את הפיכת לסמל הקיצונים של שסכן התקרה המשגרית. חול נא מפרסוםшийהו חיבה לתרוב האזרחים של ספר התקרה "תורת הממלך," שפרסום היה jeden שוחט יוספ איילצר, ספר שמתחרי מושפעים בשילי מבריס את הדמ של אלי.ויוזם ב翡翠וי ספרי משטרית מספימותSoap את הדמ של יוזים. פרסומ הספרים יהודים לש方がית
בנד nehוב בחדש התחפושת, אך איש מחזק אל העמוד לד

Do our charity dollars work for or against our ideals?

Rabbi Marc Angel, Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals

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We are good-hearted people who do our best to be kind and charitable. We want to build a better society, ease suffering, aid the needy, support worthy institutions etc. We are barrassed by those who solicit funds for one cause or another. We may give a few dollars to each; we may give a lot to a few; we may
give more or less, depending on our mood when we receive the solicitation for charity.

Do we have a philosophy that governs our charitable outlays? Or do we just make contributions randomly, based on who asks us first or who approaches us most respectfully?

I would like to suggest that we think carefully about our charitable giving, and view our charitable dollars as a means of advancing our vision of a better Jewish community and a better world.
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