

Chapter 7

Question

Can a Jew officiate at a wedding of a same sex couple. If the Orthodox Rabbi will not officiate a Conservative Reform or Reconstructionists clergyman will officiate . Or the couple will have a civil ceremony.

Response.

Definitely not .

Same sex relationships between two men is Biblical violation. Between two women is a Rabbinical violation.

Marriage is a commitment to give permanence to the relationship. There

exists no marriage as far as Halacha - Jewish law is concerned for same sex couples.

For the Rabbi to participate means that the Rabbi is giving his approval blessing for the union . This union is a sin. To have a marriage means to compound the sin.

The fact that this couple will remain together married with the blessing of non Orthodox clergy is not a dispensation for the Rabbi to place his stamp of approval for a sinful relation ship.

What is lost in the propaganda of same sex couples fighting for equal rights is the following. Scientific facts prove that homosexuals more than any other group contact aids and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The issue of gay rights should be phrased differently. Should society enable one who wants to commit suicide to do so? Assisting one to commit suicide is a

crime . Why then is it ok to assist one to die from aids and other sexually related diseases ?

Again what we wrote in chapter 6 applies here. What we described is TRUTH. However TRUTH of TRUTH dictates that we act as we described in Chapter 6.

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