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A second story takes place in the 1930's when the "Rav of Elizabeth" is preparing to host Rav Ruderman, the Rosh Yeshiva of Ner Yisrael, for Shabbos. He informs the Rosh Yeshiva that his daughters customarily sing zemiros at the Shabbos table (based on Poskim that Kol Isha does not apply to Zemiros and Tefillah) which greatly enhances their Oneg Shabbos and he is concerned that Rav Ruderman not be offended. Rav Ruderman responds "My frumkeit (stringencies) does not have to hurt others."

It is noteworthy that the Rav of Elizabeth does not offer to accommodate the stringency of Rav Ruderman as the Chofetz Chaim had done for his invited guests. The difference, it seems clear, is that Rav Ruderman's stringency, as he himself stated, negatively impacted on another's hashkafa while this was not the case with the example of the Chofetz Chaim, where no one was negatively impacted as a result of stringencies.

The Jewish Link has an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of respecting other hashkafot while not diluting our own community's legitimate positions.

**Tuly Polak
Teaneck**

Show Respect to Everyone

Recently, a Teaneck woman initiated a protest against The Jewish Link on her Facebook page for their advertising policies on women. The Jewish Link asks that its advertisers include women in their ads if there are only images of men, but allows them to submit those ads anyway if including women is against their hashkafot ("Editorial Policy on Pictures," May 23, 2019) The Jewish Link is a paper for the Orthodox community, and all of the varied people within it, I respect that it respects the varied hashkafot of the community it supports.

For every Jew in the world, there is a different set of values, even within any particular sect. We should be tolerant of everyone, regardless of their beliefs, as long as they don't infringe on our own. Someone else's ad not having women in it doesn't hurt a reader of this paper or any of its other advertisers. If you don't agree with The Jewish Link's advertising policy, you are free to take your business elsewhere. But it is unfair to purposely try to hurt The Jewish Link, which is tolerant of everyone in

our community, which has women in its ads and all over its pages.

Ironically, The Jewish Link is showing a huge amount of tolerance and respect for all of its readership and advertisers; it would be nice if this women showed the same respect, and allowed others to be who they want to be, while she can as well.

No one should want to demand that another Jew changes their beliefs or act a certain way, and we shouldn't hurt people or businesses who have tolerance and respect for all.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Highland Park Votes

I've served on the Highland Park Borough Council since January 2015. I've had the privilege of working with Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and Council President Phil George since that time, and with Councilman Matt Hale since he began serving on the Council in July 2018.

These three dedicated public servants are up for re-election on Tuesday, June 4. While I've had disagreements with each of them over policy, I've enjoyed working with them because they are committed to effectively tackling quality of life issues affecting Highland Park residents on a daily basis.

In an effort to help stabilize property taxes, the mayor initiated meetings with other Middlesex County mayors and Governor Murphy's Shared Services Czars Jordan Glatt and Nicolas Platt to explore additional opportunities for shared services. Mittler, George and Hale have promoted redevelopment, including the 130-134 Raritan Avenue (Popov/ANT Realty) redevelopment project, and projects at 139 Raritan Avenue and 31 River Road. In addition, their activities have focused on protecting our environment, include passing a plastic bag ordinance and approving an agreement with PSE&G for a solar field to be built on otherwise unusable land yielding new revenue and research on solar energy to benefit Highland Park.

Importantly, Mittler, George and Hale have listened to and addressed Highland Park residents' concerns about equity in our borough, enhanced engagement with the community and improved transparency throughout municipal government.

Specifically, they have made efforts to address equity issues within Highland Park's municipal agencies. The mayor and borough council authorized a Municipal ID Card program, to ensure that any resident without a driver's license could have

maintains *shalom bayit*, peace and harmony among the roommates. With good will on the part of all the roommates and consultation with a mutually trusted rav, the issue can and should be resolved to the satisfaction of all the roommates.

Rabbi Haim Jachter is the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaarei Orah, the Sephardic Congregation of Teaneck. He also serves as a rebbe at Torah Academy of Bergen County and a dayan on the Beth Din of Elizabeth.

access to all municipal services, hired a consultant to conduct an archival study to examine police department traffic stop and or street stop data and established a citizen advisory commission, the Highland Park Equity Commission, which is tasked to assist in initiatives designed to stem profiling and implicit bias inside and outside municipal agencies.

Mittler, George and Hale have also regularly engaged with the community by holding neighborhood meetings and public forums. Outside of regularly scheduled council meetings, they've met with residents regarding security for houses of worship, hiring a new police chief, the borough's immigration and refugee policy and redevelopment projects.

As for real transparency, they've openly addressed "The Force Report," a 16-month investigation by NJ Advance Media at borough council meetings, decided on the mentor for Acting Police Chief Abrams, Chief Quovella Spruill, at the recommendation of the Highland Park Equity Commission, hired a Public Information Officer to communicate borough policies and initiatives via all forms of media and ensured that every taxpayer is provided with a detailed breakdown of the adopted municipal operating budget.

For all of the above reasons, I ask all those eligible to vote in Highland Park's Democratic Primary, on Tuesday, June 4, to join me in voting for Column B to re-elect Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, Council President Phil George and Councilman Matt Hale.

**Josh Fine
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Borough of Highland Park**

Personal Reflections on Herman Wouk

My late mother, Shirley Friedberg Neustein, z"l, was a childhood friend of Herman Wouk, z"l, who attended the boys division of a Zionist camp (Keeyuma/Carmelia) in the 1920s and '30s, which was picturesquely situated on Lake Champlain in Milton Vermont. They kept up until my mother died in 2001. I gathered bits and pieces of Herman's personal side, his banter, humor, zest for living in spite of personal tragedy, from the anecdotes my mother shared with me. Beginning with the camp days,

where the boys and girls who were separated during the week would come together for Friday night Shabbat services, my mother was very much intrigued with Herman, a couple of years her senior. She vividly described how during short breaks in the service he would suddenly lift his head from the siddur, canvassing the room with penetrating eyes. She would often tell me she could see "the wheels of his mind" turning as he scrupulously examined every fellow camper in the room. They all wore white shirts for Shabbat, as was required by the camp director. Yet behind the banality of clothing, Herman saw the richness of color in each fellow camper.

He soon became friends with my mother, and when he invented the character "Shirley" in Marjorie Morningstar he called my mother to apologize profusely, swearing she was nothing at all like the protagonist in his book! Though he did concede that he consciously used her name because of his friendship with my mother, another "Shirley." In May 1962, my mother put together a monumental camp reunion, bringing together the Zionist youth who had become household names in literary, political and business circles: Arthur Miller, Norman Lear, Moss Hart, Paul Goodman, Bob Treuhaft, Andrew Goodman (founder of Bergdorf Goodman), just to name a few. Herman was immersed at the time in Youngblood Hawke, secluding himself in the Virgin Islands so as to devote full concentration to his novel. Unable to appear at the reunion, Herman made a poignant audiotape recounting his camp memories. My mother brought scissors with her, and out of respect for Herman's sensitivity she cut the cassette tape immediately after it was played. The room stood still, as the former campers listened closely to Herman's reflections on his camp days: stories, commentaries and humor about life within an oasis; trees for a Jewish boy growing up in the Bronx. Many will say Herman, an extraordinarily gifted Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, was "larger than life." My late mother would say, if she were here today, that Herman was someone who clearly showed signs of "greatness" as a young lad even before he ever took pen in hand to write his first novel.

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Sephardic and Ashkenazic Roommates

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the mezuzah to be specifically placed vertically. This would explain why non-Moroccan Sephardic Jews specifically place their mezuzot vertically. Thus, our question is a difficult one to resolve.

I posed this question to Rav Mordechai Willig, who wisely responded that whichever way one resolves this issue it should be done in a manner that

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