

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF INDIA

c/o Magen Hasidim Synagogue
8 Morland Road,
Bombay (India)

Dated May 18, 1961.

Dear Sir(s),

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of resolution adopted by the Executive of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of India at their meeting held on Wednesday the 17th May 1961 for information.

Yours faithfully,

A. D. Jhrad

(A.D. JHRAD)
Jt. Hon. Secretary.

TRUE COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF INDIA ON 17TH MAY 1961.

"The Executive of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of India views with grave concern and horror the news item appearing in the Local Press regarding the origin of the Indian Jews, especially of Bombay region and expresses its great resentment at the decision of the Israel Jewish Religious Authorities to brand the Indian Jews as Impure Jews and refusing to grant them licences for marriage with other Jewish Communities in Israel.

The Executive is convinced that it is the faithful observance of religious precepts and not any organised Indian Council of Rabbis which constitutes a pure Jew.

The Executive hopes that the Government of Israel will initiate steps to remove the stigma on Indian Jews forthwith both in the interest of truth and also maintenance of cordial relations between the Jews of India and Israel".

1. President of Israel.
2. Prime Minister of Israel.
3. Minister of Religions.
4. Consul General of Israel in India.
5. Chief Rabbi of England.
6. Haham S. Gaon, London.
7. Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.
8. President, Rabbinical Council of America.
9. Central Jewish Board, Bombay - with a request that a general meeting of the Community to register mass protest be convened immediately.
10. Prof. Haim Ezekiel, Israel.
11. All Local News Papers.
12. Rabbi N. Lamm
13. Rabbi Charles Weinberg.
14. All Synagogues.