

IDEA FOR PURIM

On passage in Meg.12a that generation of Purim deserved destruction

אפי' לא יכלו להימלט מן המלך, one interpretation has it that the crime of eating at that banquet was ~~האכילת המלך~~. But another one maintains that the sin was one of immorality, ~~האכילת המלך~~. Thus the interpretation of ~~האכילת המלך~~ as, "to gratify the appetite of every man." According to R. Yishmael, 18,500 Jews of Shushan participated.

If, in the Heavenly account, anti-Semitic destruction comes as a punishment for immorality, then here on earth we can perhaps discern another similar reaction: Intermarriage is a result of punishment for immorality.

I ~~think~~ feel that a major cause of intermarriage is more a weak family structure than a weak Jewish education. And if the Jewish family is in desparate trouble today, it is largely because it has adopted the life-style of modern society and all its major norms. Indeed, much to our dismay, Jewish names abound in the list of leaders of revolutionary movements against moral codes, pornography, drug-culture, and "swinging." This newfound sexual freedom -- ~~האכילת המלך~~ -- causes both end of the family and intermarriage -- and anti-Semitism, as a large population of the United States ~~away~~ from both coasts begins to resent what has been foisted upon them.
