

**A Message for the Community**

NY City Councilman, Lew Fidler, is now running for Carl Kruger's seat in the 27th State Senate District (Flatbush, Borough Park, Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach, Mill Basin, and Sheepshead Bay). **The Special Election** for the New York State Senate, where many Orthodox Jews reside, **will be held on March 20, 2012.**

Fidler has disqualified himself from our community's support by his actions which are antithetical to the Torah. He has repeatedly supported the redefinition of marriage, and other aspects of the LGBT (*Toeiva*) agenda.

As a City Councilman, Fidler sponsored and/or voted for the following bills:

- A law creating a public sign in the City's administrative offices actively encouraging people to seek same-gender "marriages" in other states. [This law was designed to weaken public opposition to same-gender "marriage" before it was made legal in New York.]
- A bill urging the U.S. Congress to pass a law recognizing same-gender "marriage" for the purposes of immigration.
- A bill urging the U.S. Congress to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," which would force the U.S. military to openly accept LGBTs in its ranks.
- A bill urging the New York State Legislature to pass the "Dignity for All Students Act" which required all schools to teach, from kindergarten and up, respect and tolerance for same-gender relationships. [In California, the "anti-bullying" bill forced schools to introduce books like "Heather Has Two Mommies" into second-grade classrooms.]
- A bill urging the New York State Legislature to pass the "Gender Non-Discrimination Act" which would make it illegal to deny employment or fire an employee for publicly masquerading as a member of the opposite gender. Jewish books stores for example, would be at risk of a lawsuit if they fired a female salesperson discovered to be a man. There is a very real increased risk of this bill passing this coming year if Lew Fidler gets elected.

A Jew who votes for a politician who supports same-gender "marriage" gives a strong implication that he does not place primary importance on defending Torah values, *chas v'shalom*. Furthermore, if a politician who supports same-gender "marriage" were to win a seat in an Orthodox Jewish district, it would create the appearance, *chas v'shalom*, that such a position is acceptable to the Torah. Either of these appearances would constitute a *Chilul Hashem*.

**It is therefore considered to be a great Chilul Hashem and Assur [forbidden according to Torah law] to vote for or to provide funding, campaign assistance, public recognition or any type of support to Councilman Lewis Fidler. To do so would amount to being mesiy'ayah ovrei aveirah (abetting transgression of the Torah's commandments).**

Conversely, if the opposing candidate is committed to safeguarding our moral values, including but not limited to fighting the forced acceptance of *Toeiva* (same-gender "marriage", civil "unions", etc.), opposing abortion on demand, and opposing any other ideas that would lead to normalization of *Assur* lifestyles, then it is *halachically* incumbent upon every Jew to do his/her best to assist that candidate's effort to win this seat. Assistance would include voting for such a candidate and supporting him financially and in any other way possible.

May Hakadosh Boruch Hu always assist us in bringing greater honor to His Name.

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