

## NATIONAL AFFILIATION

Last month, there was discussion concerning a proposed affiliation of Tifereth Israel with the Conservative national organization.

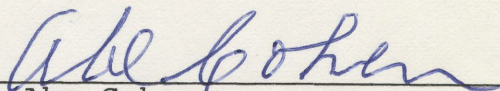
Prior to any action on this matter, it is paramount that we be apprised of the doctrines and fundamental standards of religious practice in order to determine whether they are compatible with our constitution requiring adherence to the practices of traditional Judaism in accordance with the Torah, Talmud and Sages.

Further, an analysis of the organization's fundamentals and principals requires submission to Rabbinical authorities for an expert opinion as to whether they are compatible with our present constitution. We are only laymen at best. Next, only after such an analysis and a determination of compatibility, this matter should then be directed to the congregation for discussion and a vote in view of the importance of the subject for determination.

An important decision such as the affiliation of our Synagogue with a particular branch of Jewish practice by the Board without these steps of consultation and approval,



places the Board in the position of making the same mistake that ultimately caused a lawsuit in the past. We must, therefore, avoid a similar error in this important decision by making it an informed decision with the approval of the entire congregation.

  
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