

COMMUNICATIONS

SEPHARDIC BAN ON CONVERTS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Winter 1988 issue of *Tradition* included an article by Rabbi Zevulun Lieberman concerning the policy of the Syrian Jewish community to ban converts. The article concluded by stating that a proclamation against the acceptance of converts was signed by "the rabbis and presidents of every synagogue, yeshiva, and social organization of the Sephardic Jewish communities of New York and New Jersey." Since the

article dealt specifically with Syrian-Sephardic communities and those other communities dependent on the Syrian Jewish communities, readers should note that the concluding statement also refers *only* to those communities, not at all to *all* the Sephardic communities in New York and New Jersey. On the contrary, no such ban against converts exists among the general Sephardic community outside the Syrian community.

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