

Self-opinionated

WHAT a self-opinionated young person Baruch Stern appears to be (*Viewpoint*, *AJN* 10/5/00). At 14 years of age, he knows where the truth is. He expounds on homosexuality and Palestinian land issues, offers gratuitous advice to the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies regarding its support for Aborigines, and preaches to your readers on Jewish continuity and Judaism as it should be practised.

He further proposes that "at least those who are with Orthodox congregations, even if they don't keep everything, know where their truth is".

Even at 51 years of age, I would not presume to know where the truth is, and this despite the fact that I have been a paid-up member of an Orthodox congregation for over 25 years.

Is it remotely possible that membership of an Orthodox congregation alone does not guarantee the enlightenment and erudition with which young Master Stern has apparently been blessed?

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