

Letters

Comparison with drug dealers insulting

AS the mother of a wonderful lesbian daughter whose courage, honesty and integrity I admire, I found Anne Marsden's implied comparison of gays and lesbians with bank robbers and drug dealers offensive, insulting and outrageous (*AJN* 23/3/01). The fact that she thinks that way about a group of sincere young people says far more about her than about them.

The *Magen David* symbolises all Jewish people, not just Jewish people who think like Ms Marsden and share her sexual preferences. If it is not a symbol of inclusivity, compassion and tolerance, what is its value? Such narrow-minded views diminish the *Magen David*, not those who proudly march under its banner.

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Judgmental

I VERY much doubt that God in her judgment would deem the writings of Shoshanna Silcove to be anything but repulsive, tyrannically judgmental and absolutely lacking in democratic human respect in her claims of Torah phobia by others (*AJN* 9/3/01).

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