

An Open Letter to the Jewish Community

It is a custom in Jewish communities to seek forgiveness as Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement approaches. As I understand this custom, it is an obligation for Jews to seek forgiveness from other Jews. This custom does not require Jews to seek forgiveness from those who are not Jewish but it is recommended that forgiveness be sought from their non-Jewish friends as necessary. If you are not Jewish, this tradition does not apply. This is a year to break with tradition.

I am the eldest male in our family line and I am a firstborn son. My family, both sides were traditionally Roman Catholic. I am well aware of the ancient and historic sins against the children of Israel by those in both Catholic and Protestant communities. I am not aware of any specific sins committed by either myself or my generations, past or present, against the children of Israel, either sins of omission or commission.

Be that as it may, I repent before the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob known also as Israel and I ask for the forgiveness that only He can graciously grant. I also ask for forgiveness from the Jewish community for any sins we may have committed against you or your generations past.

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