

“buddies” with their congregants, especially with the children. They foster a playground atmosphere which is more conducive to comradeship than respect. While I don’t believe that rabbis should lock themselves in ivory towers, proper boundaries should be taught in rabbinical schools.

*Michelle Pivar
Melbourne, Florida*

Your coverage brought to mind an incident in 1941, when Rabbi Alexander Goode punched the president of Temple Beth Israel, York, Pennsylvania in the face during a formal meeting. He resigned his pulpit, enlisted in the U.S. Army, and achieved immortality as one of the Four Chaplains ministering to American seamen in WWII when the *USS Dorchester* was torpedoed in the North Atlantic. I remember him well, though I was just a kid at the time. To this day he is respected, posthumously, of course.

*Maxwell Goodman
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