

### Non-Jews in Jewish Cemeteries

**R**e: burying non-Jewish relatives in Jewish cemeteries (“‘Til Death Do Us Part,” Fall 2009), Wyatt Earp has been resting in peace in a Jewish cemetery just south of San Francisco since 1929. His wife, Josephine Marcus, was Jewish.

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### The Patrilineal Descent Divide

**Y**our symposium “The Canadian Way” (Fall 2009) did not address one problematic difference between Reform Judaism as practiced in Canada and America. For years I was on the board of a Canadian congregation served by American student rabbis placed by HUC-JIR. Unaware that in the Toronto area Canadian Reform rabbis do not accept patrilineal descent, they taught that the Reform Movement recognized children of a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother as Jewish (if raised as Jews). This created a mistaken impression in the congregation. Subsequently, our new Canadian rabbi has had to deal with the fact that many of our children who thought they

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