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Dear Editor,

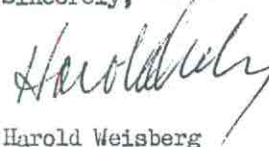
Barbara Mertz is "astonished," "appalled" and "weary" because of my unrefuted exposures of Roy Meachum's ~~unrefuted~~ anti-Semitism. I regret that Meachum's persisting racism stirs no such emotions in her in her defense of his "integrity." And I can only wonder if this is because she shares his prejudices.

For the benefit of those who lack her command of "grammar, syntax and simple logic," I provide the Random House definitions of appall: "to fill or overcome with horror, consternation or fear" and astonish: "to strike with sudden and overpowering wonder; surprise greatly" and "amaze."

If Ms. Mertz is "overcome with horror," "consternation or fear" and "amazed" of my reporting ~~and your publication's~~ Meachum's racism, is it his "integrity" that she is defending?

Because she says she is "overcome with horror" by my exposure of his racism, ought I not wonder whether she shares his prejudices?

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

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I was astonished (perhaps "appalled" would be a more accurate description of my sensations) to see Mr. Weisberg's latest assault on columnist Roy Meachum dignified by a position on the Op-Ed page. Mr. Weisberg is certainly entitled to his opinions, but although I often disagree with Mr. Meachum, I am becoming weary of seeing Mr. Weisberg in print so often, especially since his letters are not reasoned arguments but incoherent, ad-hominem attacks on Mr. Meachum's integrity.

You do Mr. Weisberg no service by exposing his errors of grammar, syntax, and simple logic to the ridicule they must inevitably provoke; and you make your readers wonder what policies, if any, govern the make-up of the Op-Ed page.

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