

Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff

The man hailed by Jewish Week as having defeated 75 GOP Congressmen.



- Former Navy Chaplain who created chaplain school lectures (and helped influence 1998 guidance by Chief of Navy Chaplains) officially discouraging prayers “in Jesus name.”

- Now the special assistant for values and vision to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Author of the “new” Air Force prayer guidelines, Feb 06.

- Two revealing quotes by Rabbi Resnicoff:

1) JESUS BARRED FROM AIR FORCE INVOCATIONS...*Revised religion rules at Colorado Springs academy beat back GOP pressure.*

“We’re saying it a little bit better,” Rabbi Resnicoff said of the revised guidelines. “We spoke with 200 organizations and leaders to see where the language could be read differently, and to make it clearer and succinct. I think we made improvements.”
“But the bottom line has not changed — clergy may not invoke the name of Jesus Christ while offering prayers at official government ceremonies.” Rabbi Resnicoff said.

(Jewish Week, 10 Feb 06) <http://www.thejewishweek.com/news/newscontent.php3?artid=12037>

2) PRAYERS THAT HURT...*Public prayer in interfaith settings.*

“Neither life nor prayer is that simple...When someone explains to me that an offense is the ‘Christian’ thing to do, it is the same as a white man offending a black and then offering the weak apology that he had done the ‘white’ thing.”

(Military Chaplains Review, Winter 1987) www.resnicoff.net/PRAYERS_THAT_HURT.pdf

BUT NOT ALL JEWISH ADVOCATES AGREE.

Mr. Don Feder, President of Jews Against Anti-Christian Defamation, advocates to let Christian chaplains pray “in Jesus name”:

“If a Catholic priest says the Hail Mary, doesn’t that exclude Protestants? Any prayer to a singular deity excludes polytheists. Big deal. Where is it written that everyone must be included in every public prayer? Grownups who can’t affirm an invocation with an “amen,” listen respectfully in silence – hoping their faith-tradition will be afforded the same respect.”

(Front Page Magazine, Feb 06) <http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=21178>

Read also “JEWISH GROUP OPPOSES EFFORTS TO BAN PRAYER IN JESUS’ NAME”
<http://www.jews4fairness.org/pr020106.php>