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**ROMNEY IS WRONG ON ISSUES THAT
MATTER TO JEWISH VOTERS**

IN THE POCKET OF THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT

Mitt Romney is an anti-choice candidate who has sought support from the religious right in order to gain a competitive edge in the GOP presidential primary.

Romney opposes stem cell research and tried to ban it in Massachusetts. [New York Times, 2/10/05]

The Anti-Defamation League and American Jewish Committee have criticized Romney for campaign rhetoric that undercuts the separation between church and state. Reports *The Forward*: “Both the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee raised concerns about parts of [Romney’s] speech seemingly designed to help sell the former Massachusetts governor to conservative Christian voters ... the speech ‘reflected an effort we have seen in the current campaign — indeed on the part of many of the candidates — to appeal to religious voters on the basis of shared religiosity,’ wrote Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL ...” [The Forward, 12/12/07]

Romney tapped Rev. Louis P. Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition to co-chair his campaign’s committee on faith and values. Sheldon is one of the most extreme, rabid anti-gay activists in the country. He is a leading opponent of hate crimes legislation, which he said “slapped Christians in the face” because it included protection for gays and lesbians. [Onenewsnow.com, 6/18/07; People for the American Way *Right Wing Watch*, 12/06]

Romney’s faith and values co-chairs also include Jay Sekulow the head of Pat Robertson’s American Center for Law and Justice, well-known anti-abortion extremist James Bopp, and Gary Marx of the ultra-right wing Judicial Confirmation Network. [Hotline Blog, 12/12/06; Romney Blog, 1/30/07].

Romney said that Pat Robertson “has a dedication to strengthening and then nurturing the pillars of this community and our country: education, fellowship, and advancement.” Romney’s comments came during an address at Regent



University, to which he went to court support from the religious right. [ThinkProgress, 5/4/07]

MITT ROMNEY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Mitt Romney announced his candidacy for President at the Henry Ford Museum and refused to apologize or change venues after Ford's anti-Semitism was brought to his campaign's attention. [NJDC Press Release 2/12/07]

Romney said that Hezbollah's "kind of diplomacy is something that would help America become stronger around the world ..." Romney was seemingly unaware that Hezbollah's social programs are inseparably tied to terrorism, that the health clinics and schools praised by Romney have also been used as a cover for rockets launched at Israeli cities, and that Hezbollah social activism has included paying "bonuses" for the murder of Israelis. [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 8/1/07; NJDC Press Release, 8/2/07]

In Massachusetts, Romney used his line item veto to oppose \$600,000 in funding for kosher meals to Jewish seniors. Romney's veto was overridden by the Massachusetts General Court (state legislature). [The Jewish Advocate, 12/5/03]

Romney made a questionable reference to "Hitler's Holocaust Ovens" on the campaign trail. In discussing the War on Terror, Romney "called the Democrats "uncomfortable in recognizing the evil in the world," and said, 'I don't think the world has seen the face of evil like this since the days of Hitler's Holocaust ovens.'" [Denver Post, 7/18/07]