

No gentrification needed

At the last Clifton planning board meeting for the proposed 1,000 capacity house of worship on Dwasline Road, David Gross the president of the congregation, stated that since the Orthodox Jews began moving into Rosemawr they have gentrified Rosemawr.

The definition of gentrification (in the dictionary) is the "displacement of the occupying demographic and the moving of more affluent people into deteriorating areas that displaces poorer residents."

Here is a history lesson for anyone who believes this ridiculous statement. Rosemawr has always been home to pillars of the community and professionals and where the homes and yards are manicured and carefully tended.

Notable families such as the Herman (Bruno Herman invented the first credit card) family, Wilzig (banking), Sisselman, Horowitz (book binding), Kowal (clothing retail), Mettle (lumber yards), Latteri (Mayor of Clifton), Bukiet (builder/developer), Warshaw, Narrett (doctor), Kamienski, Simon (Prime Motor Inns), Feldman (clothing), Troast (building), VerPlanck (coffee/tea importing and musi-

cian), Drukker (newspaper publisher), Rabinowitz (dye industry), Baldanza (bakery) (to name a few) called Rosemawr their home. All lived in peace and harmony without regard to anyone's religion or beliefs.

Catholics, Protestants and Jews (Orthodox and Reform) lived together and respected each other. To say that this area was in need of gentrification is just wrong and arrogant. Gross needs to learn the meaning of the word gentrification and owes the entire community of Rosemawr an apology.

Let's all live in peace and har-

mony in the beautiful, bucolic area of Rosemawr. It begins and ends with respect for each other.

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