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Imagine—eating chicken soup with chopsticks

Chicken soup may be good for the soul, but it is not enough to keep the *Jew's* soul. Over 50% of North American Jews intermarry. Even more inter-date. Jewish organizations struggle to curb assimilation while thousands of interfaith couples suffer strained relationships, or endure years of spiritual anguish.

What goes wrong? Many Jews wake up to their need to honor the Jewish traditions sooner or later in an interfaith relationship. They pressure their prospective spouse to convert. They insist on circumcising their newborn and raising him as a Jew. They keep kosher and shun family gatherings — all this causing deep emotional hurt to their innocent gentile partner.

“Any Jew who is dating a non-Jew feels torn, feels guilt, feels confusion, feels ambivalence,” says Rabbi Reuven Tradburks of Toronto’s rabbinical court for conversion. “In my experience, many also fail to think through all the many issues that inter-dating involves.” *Chicken Soup with Chopsticks* addresses the subject of Jewish-gentile inter-dating via a first-hand account of its challenges. “This book is an invaluable resource in its lucid and frank musings on the many and varied issues that need to be addressed by the thoughtful Jew.”

And that’s not all. “Jack Botwinik provides some unique insights into Judaism as he looks at his faith heritage through the combined lenses of a secular Jew and a gentile, both on a search for Truth,” states Audrey Dorsch, former Editor of *Faith Today*. “His recounting of their sincere exploration of faith, leading them both to become observant Jews, makes for interesting and thought-provoking reading.”

Chicken Soup with Chopsticks is available via Ingram, Baker & Taylor, as well as Paper Spider at 1-888-BOOKS-88 or www.PaperSpider.Net. Paperback US\$18.18; hardcover US\$22.18.

About the author: Jack Botwinik, M.A., grew up in a culturally rich environment, speaking five languages. His unlikely relationship with a Chinese lady, to the shock and chagrin of his family, spurred them on a quest to discover what it means to be Jewish.

Chicken Soup with Chopsticks: A Jew's Struggle for Truth in an Interfaith Relationship by Jack Botwinik.
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