A SURVEY OF JEWISH DRINKING PATTERNS
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Alcoholism is being studied by research scientists with every conceivable background and subject orientation. The dual concerns of understanding the etiology and developing effective treatment methods have interested professionals from this wide diversity because of a growing awareness about the interrelated effects of problem drinking and numerous other problems evident in today's social environments.

Few absolute conclusions have been reached to date concerning etiology. There is, however, a general understanding that causality is probably a complicated mixture of circumstances that displays a similarly complicated degree of variability from one individual to another, or one group to another.

POSSIBLE GENETIC FACTORS
AND FACTORS OF PRENATAL ENVIRONMENT
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PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS
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PHYSIOLOGICAL BIOCHEMICAL FACTORS
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INFLUENCE OF MODELS
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SOCIO-CULTURAL FACTORS
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FUNCTIONS OF ALCOHOL

This interaction is presented by Morris Chafetz and Harold Demone.¹

A study of the Chafetz and Demone factors reveals that there are apparent differences in drinking patterns between certain groups of