

Pride Resources

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Pride Program Resources

Looking to host a Pride program, but don't know where to start? Already have a program planned, but are searching for resources to deepen and amplify your program? Wondering what Tikkun Olam actions you can take in celebration of Pride? Looking to see what Jewish values you can bring to life this Pride and what Jewish wisdom have to say about being an ally? Then this is the resource for you!

Explore the resources:

- **History**
 - Quick overview of Pride
- **Tikkun Olam Actions**
 - Volunteer/service opportunities, purchase power
- **Learning**
 - Jewish text/wisdom, blessings, LGBTQ+ texts & videos, allyship
- **Next Steps**
 - Ways to continue the conversation, learn more, and stay engaged



Creating your program, a choose your own adventure!

Pair different resources or elements of resources together to form your program.

Program Ideas:

- **Pride Parade**
 - Host community members for bunch before heading to the pride parade. As you enjoy some donuts have a conversation on the history of pride and Judaism's value of allyship. Take time to learn about the Equality Act and send postcards to representatives to support the bill.
- **Pride Shabbat**
 - Cater from a LGBTQ+ owned restaurant and discuss purchase power
 - Bake rainbow challah and learn the roots of the rainbow flag and its connection to Judaism
 - Include Pride blessings and prayers for the LGBTQ+ community
- **Pride Craft Night**
 - Paint/Color cards to send to Point of Pride letting trans youth and adults know they are seen, supported, and valid
 - Create Pride themed nail art with yarn from a LGBTQ+ shop
 - Serve coffee, beer, and/or wine that is LGBTQ+ owned



Questions? Need additional resources? Want to brainstorm a program?

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History

Stonewall Riots

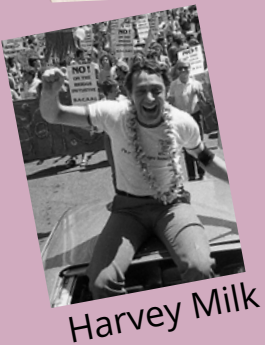
Nationally, LGBTQ+ folks had almost no protection under law. Homosexual acts were illegal in every state but Illinois; LGQTB+ folks couldn't hold most jobs that required a license or certification; public nuisance laws prevented LGBTQ+ folks from gathering in groups. One of the few places folks could gather to be social were bars, and even those were raided regularly by police.

The Stonewall Inn is a gay bar in New York City that catered to the LGBTQ+ crowd including visibly queer folks: trans & gender non-conforming folk.

On June 28, 1969, police attempted to raid Stonewall Inn (which was just raided the week before). As police attempted to arrest patrons it sparked a riot among patrons and the neighborhood residents as police roughly hauled employees and patrons out of the bar, leading to 6 days of protests and clashes with police.

From Stonewall to Pride

On June 28, 1970 to mark the 1 year anniversary of the riots, community members organized the Christopher Street Liberation Day. Hundreds of LGBTQ+ folks marched in NY, LA, and Chicago. The following year even more cities participated and Pride was born! The original marches were radical and promoted activism.



Harvey Milk



Gilbert Baker

Pride Flag

In 1977 Harvey Milk was elected to San Francisco Board of Supervisors, becoming the first openly gay person to hold a high political office in a major city. Milk, who was Jewish, challenged his friend Gilbert Baker to make a symbol of pride for the gay community as a positive alternative to the pink triangle of the Holocaust. In June 1978 the Pride flag of 8 colors symbolizing- sex, life, healing, sunlight, nature, magic/art, serenity, and spirit flew at the Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Pride Flag Evolution

Following Milk's assassination the Pride flag began to fly across the nation. The flag was cut down to 6 colors to make production easier. Over the years the flag has evolved to be more inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community. In 2018 Daniel Quasar created the Progress Flag which included the black and brown stripes for people of color and the colors of the trans flag pointing towards the future symbolizing hope.





Letter Writing

- Decorate cards and write letters for trans youth and adults, letting them know they are seen, supported, and valid.
- Points of Pride provides gender affirming resources so trans folks can live more safely, comfortably, and authentically
- Host your own note writing program [HERE](#) or join [Repair the World's](#) program on June 22nd



LGBTQ+ Community Center Volunteering

- Reach out to your local LGBTQ+ center or youth center and ask what service projects your community can help support.
- Search [HERE](#) to find your local center

Postcards for Equality Act

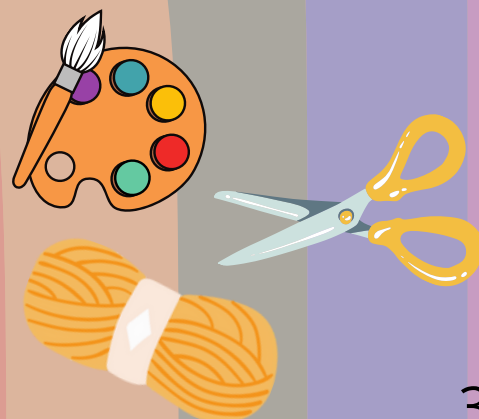
- The Equality Act is proposed federal legislation that would establish non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ Americans
- An update to the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity
- Write to your senators and urge them to bring the Equality Act for a vote in the Senate.
 - Request postcards from Keshet or provide your own
 - Use the Keshet form to send an email
 - Host Keshet virtually for an Equality Act 101 session

Visit keshetonline.org/equalityact



Craft Night

- Use your purchase power to support LGBTQ+ owned businesses (check out the purchase power learning on page 6)
- Create Pride themed nail art using yarn from a LGBTQ+ shop.
- Host paint and sip night using paint by number or a coloring book from an LGBTQ+ artist



Learning - Jewish Wisdom

Exodus 12:38

וְגַם־עָרַב רַב עִלָּה אִתָּם וְצֹאן וּבָקָר מְקֻנָּה
כְּבֵד מְאֹד

Moreover, a mixed multitude went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.

For LGBTQ People-

Andrew Ramer

Our people came out of Egypt a mixed multitude, the spray of dividing waters sparkling diamonds all around them. We stood together at Sinai, all of us - future, present, past - amid the rumble of thunder and the crack of bright lighting to enter into covenant with the one who loves us, in whose shining image we are all created, over and over again.

Leviticus 19:18

לֹא־תִקֶּם וְלֹא־תִטֹּר אֶת־בְּנֵי עַמְּךָ וְאֶהְיֶה
לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ אֲנִי יְהוָה

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against members of your people. Love your neighbor as yourself: I am יהוה

When love wins,
When love wins at long last,
ואהבת לרעך כמוך
V'Ahavta l'ray'acha camocha!

'Love your neighbor as yourself
Will be as natural as breathing.
ואהבת לרעך כמוך
V'Ahavta l'ray'acha camocha!

One day, love will win every heart,
Love will win every soul,
Fear will vanish like smoke,
And tenderness for all will fill our hearts.
ואהבת לרעך כמוך V'Ahavta l'ray'acha camocha!

Genesis 1 :26 - 27

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כְּדְמוּתֵנוּ | וְיִדּוּ בְדִגְתַּי
הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הָרֶמֶשׂ
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בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם

And God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth, and all the creeping things that creep on earth." 27 And God created humankind in the divine image, creating it in the image of God— creating them male and female.

We bear witness to a dual blessing: our uniqueness and diversity as a community. We embrace both because we are all created b'tzelem Elohim (in God's image), meaning each of us possesses equal and intrinsic worth in God's eyes. including the LGBTQ community . As such, we must ensure that we do whatever possible to treat each other with kavod (respect) and chesed (grace).

-Keshet

Guiding Questions:

- What stands out to you? What challenges you?
- What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
- How can you bring these texts to life?

Learning - Allyship

Allyship-

The process of being in relationship with people who hold a marginalized identity that you do not share, and using your own platform, privilege, or power to work with them to increase safety, dignity, and belonging for members of that group. Allyship is action-oriented, accountable, and ongoing, and may look different from situation to situation. Being an ally does not mean that you will get everything right, it means that you will listen, learn, and grow when you do not.

Note on Allyship from Rabbi Lilly Solochek

"We hope to build a community of inclusivity and allyship, which is more focused on our actions than what we say about those actions. Good allyship is rooted in humility and good listening to marginalized individuals in our community. Inclusion is not about "us" including "them;" inclusion means that we are all equal members of the community. This means that if any one member of our community is not feeling included, then we are not inclusive."

Shabbat 32a:7

And with regard to divine judgment, these are a person's advocates: Repentance and good deeds. The Gemara comments: And even if there are nine hundred ninety-nine asserting his guilt and only one asserting his innocence, he is spared, as it is stated: "If there be for him an angel, an advocate, one among a thousand, to vouch for a man's uprightness; then He is gracious unto him, and says: Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom" (Job 33:23-24).

Psalms 7:4-6

O LORD, my God, if I have done such things, if my hands bear the guilt of wrongdoing, (5) if I have dealt evil to my ally— I who rescued my foe without reward— (6) then let the enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground, and lay my body in the dust.Selah.

Pirkei Avot 2:10

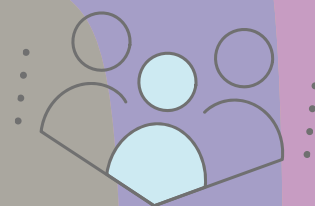
Rabbi Elizer said, other people's dignity should be as precious to you as your own

Shevot 39a 22

All of Israel is responsible to one another

Tips for being an Ally

- Research, research, and more research!
- Listen!
- Speak up in your own social circles
- Learn from your mistakes
- Show up



Guiding Questions:

- What does being an ally mean to you?
- When have you been an ally or seen someone else be an ally?
- How can your community be an ally?
- Why as a Jewish young adult does it matter to be an ally?
- What are you risking by being an ally? What are you uplifting?

Learning - Purchase Power

Purchase Power:

- Using your purchase power means making decisions that reflect your values or advance a social cause or issue by choosing where you do and don't spend your money. Whether you're buying from a sustainable company or boycotting a product, how you buy makes a difference.
- Our buying decisions, and therefore our purchase power, touch nearly every aspect of our lives. From the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and restaurants we frequent, consumers make choices about who and what they support every time they open their wallets. The products and services we buy impact our world economically, environmentally, and socially. Every time we shop, we vote with our wallets.

-Points of Light

Jewish Wisdom:

When you sell anything to your neighbor or buy anything from your neighbor, you shall not deceive one another.

Leviticus 25:14

The people of the city are authorized to stipulate weights and measures and to set workers' wages and establish penalties for breaking the rules.

Talmud Tractate Bava Batra 8b

It is a positive commandment to eliminate every hazard that endangers life... If one did not eliminate it, but preserved the hazards that cause danger, one has overlooked a positive commandment and transgressed "you shall not bring blood-guilt into your house."

Shulchan Aruch, Choshen Mishpat, (427:8)

Support LGBTQ+ Owned Business

Here are a few ideas:

- Cater from a LGBTQ+ owned restaurant
 - Yelp allows you to add as a search feature
- Drink beverages from LGBTQ+ Businesses or that support the LGBTQ+ community
 - Beer- check out these [47 breweries](#)
 - Wine - look for Teneral Cellars
 - Coffee- search for a local LGBTQ+ owned shop or order from [Equators Coffee](#), [Coachella Valley](#), or [Uncommon Coffee](#)



Guiding Questions:

- What does purchase power mean to you?
- How do the Jewish texts speak to purchase power?
- How can you use purchase power to support the LGBTQ+ community?
- In what ways can you use your purchase power throughout the year? How can the Moishe House community? Your larger community?

Learning - Shabbat & Blessings

Blessing for Pride

By Rabbi Zlochow, Rabbi Steelman, and Dr. Becker

Mekor HaChayim, Source of Life, You have blessed each of us with Your Spirit. In Your Wisdom, you have made each of us a unique treasure. M'ayan Chayeinu, Wellspring of our Lives, cause us to flow with courage, strength, and compassion to live our stories openly, proudly, and joyfully.

Shekhina shel Ahavah, Presence of Love, You embrace us with Your Love. May we embrace ourselves, our partners, our lovers, our friends, our children, our dear ones with the power of Your Ahavah Rabbah, Your Unending, Boundless Love.

Ru'ach HaShalom, Spirit of Peace and Wholeness, open our eyes to the gifts and blessings we offer and receive from each other; open our hearts to welcome each other fully and truly; open our hands to embrace, to support, to lift each other b'geela, b'reena, b'shalom, uv'rei-ut—with joy, with song, with peace, and with deep friendship.

Today, [on this Shabbat], as we celebrate renewal, Pride, and community, let us walk together with strength, compassion, and love.

בְּבִרְךְ אֶת מַעֲיָן חַיֵּינוּ תְּקַדֵּשׁ וְתַשְׁמִיחַ אוֹתָנוּ (וְאֶת הַשַּׁבָּת)

N'varech et Ma'a-yan Chayeinu, T'kadesh u'T'Sa'me'ach Otanu [V'et HaShabbat]. Amen.

We bless You, Wellspring of our Lives; May You fill us [and Shabbat] with joy and sanctity. Amen.

Candle Lighting



"May the sacred in-between of this evening suspend our certainties, soften our judgments, and widen our vision. May this in-between light illuminate our way to the God who transcends all categories and definitions."

-Rabbi Zellmann, Twilight People Prayer

Challah

Interweaving wisdom from our queer and Jewish cultures allows us to stand fully in our personal power. We see challah as the interweaving of three parts of self, symbolizing the potential to integrate spiritual wholeness into our bodies.



Eli Gale & Ren Weinstock

We Come Together

By Kol HaNshamah: Shabbat Vehagim

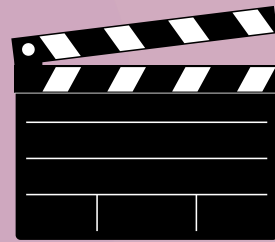
We come together this Shabbat, each bringing to this sanctuary a private world of hopes, of fears, of dreams. Some of us are burdened by anxieties and cares that all but crash our faith in the future. Others have hearts filled with happiness, grateful for the joys of the past week, yet aware that even the most fortunate are vulnerable before the mystery of tomorrow. Every life is a unique blending of joy and sorry, of fulfillment and frustration.

Beneath our uniqueness we are all bound together by our common humanity. All of us most deeply year for the blessings of freedom and peace. Each of us seeks the personal liberation of a mind that is not enslaved to conventional wisdom. A heart that is able to love without fear, a spirit that cries "yes!" to the universe. Each of us strives too for the inner peace that comes with finding a harmony between our aspirations and our abilities. This is the Shabbat peace to which we aspire.

Next Steps

Watch

- Lesbian Bar Project
 - Learn about the Jewish film maker behind the film here
- A Secret Love
- Disclosure
- Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School
- Pride (2014)



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Read

- A Rainbow Thread By Noam Sienna
- This Day In June By Gayle Pitman
- Rainbow Warrior By Gilbert Baker, Dustin Lance Black
- Becoming Eve By Abby Chava Stein



Listen

- Thank You for Coming Out
- Making Gay History
- Outward
- Nancy (WNYC)

