



# A PRIDE TOOLKIT 2024

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Are you, your congregation, school or organization ready for Pride Month, the annual celebration in June that honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan? One way to celebrate Pride is to focus on LGBTQ+ inclusion in your community. Here are 6 suggestions to get you started:

	<p><b>USE INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE FOR CALLING PEOPLE UP TO THE TORAH</b></p> <p>Language is important! Hebrew is gendered, and historically we have called everyone up to the Bimah in a very gendered way. Our movement now also includes endorses a gender neutral way of calling individuals up to the Torah for those who may prefer it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Why it's important:</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Inclusive Gabbai Guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ready to use Aliyah cards</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>WRITE A DVAR TORAH FOR PRIDE</b></p> <p><a href="#">These Divrei Torah ideas</a> for Pride by Rabbi Alex Braver will help you craft a sermon that frames the parashah of the week from an LGBTQ+ perspective.</p>
	<p><b>ADD LGBTQ+ THEMED READINGS AND POEMS</b></p> <p>Try adding one or more of these prayers and reflections written by queer folks and allies to your services during Pride month (and beyond!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Love: puckmaren glass</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Love Wins: A Pride Prayer: Alden Solovy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Revelation: Yakira Keshet</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Queer morning blessings/birkot ha-shachar by Dori Midnight &amp; Randy Furash - Stewart</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>PRIDE LIBERATION SEDER</b></p> <p>Consider hosting your own Liberation Seder that highlights the achievements and hopes of Queer people. <a href="#">Here is one example.</a></p>
	<p><b>GET LGBTQ+ PEOPLE INVOLVED</b></p> <p>Invite LGBTQ+ people within your community to give drashot, kavannot, or lead teachings, or bring a queer Conservative/Masorti rabbi or cantor for a Pride Shabbaton.</p>
	<p><b>KICK OFF A COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR INTENTIONALLY WELCOMING LGBTQ+ FOLKS IN YOUR COMMUNITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a welcoming statement for your website</li> <li>• Explore hiring <a href="#">Keshet</a> to consult and train your community in LGBTQ+ welcoming</li> <li>• Review the Social Justice Commission's <a href="#">Yachad Guide</a> or resources addressing language, Torah learning, Halacha, Inclusion, Organizational Support and More!</li> </ul>