

# LGBTQ and Jewish Resources

Compiled by *Keshet*

Suggested Resources for Jewish Educators, Parents, and Youth Program Leaders: a focused list of key resources that we think may be most helpful to Jewish educators.

## **Jewish and LGBTQ Books**

Aviv, Caryn and Shneer, David. eds. *Queer Jews*. NY: Routledge, 2002.

Balka, Christie, and Rose, Andy. *Twice Blessed: On Being Lesbian, Gay, and Jewish*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1989.

Beck, Evelyn Torton, ed. *Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology*. Revised edition. Boston: Beacon Press, 1990.

Brown, Angela, ed. *Mentsch: On Being Jewish and Queer*. LA: Alyson Books, 2004.

Dzmura, Noach, ed. *Balancing on the Mechitza: Transgender in Jewish Community*. Berkley: North Atlantic Books, 2010.

Elwell, Sue Levi, Alpert, Rebecca T., and Idelson, Shirley, eds. *Lesbian Rabbis: The First Generation*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2001.

Greenberg, Steven. *Wrestling with God and Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2004.

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Ladin, Joy. *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders*. Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2012.

Ladin, Joy. *The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective*. 2018.

Lieberman, Leanne. *Gravity*. Victoria, B.C.: Orca Book Publishers, 2008.

Michaelson, Jay. *God vs. Gay?: The Religious Case for Equality*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2012.

Rapoport, Rabbi Chaim. *Judaism and Homosexuality: An Authentic Orthodox View*. Mitchell Vallentine & Company, March 2004.

Shokeid, Moshe. *A Gay Synagogue in New York*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002.

## **Jewish and LGBTQ Films**

*Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School*. Directed by Irena Fayngold, produced by Keshet, 2005.  
[www.hineinithefilm.org](http://www.hineinithefilm.org).

*Keep Not Silent (Ortho-Dykes)*. Directed by Ilil Alexander, Israel, 2004.  
Available from Women Make Movies, [www.wmm.com](http://www.wmm.com)

*Melting Away*. Directed by Doron Eran, Israel, 2011. <http://www.go2films.com/New-Releases/Melting-Away>

*Trembling Before G-d*. Directed by Sandi Dubowski, 2001. [www.tremblingbeforeg-d.com](http://www.tremblingbeforeg-d.com).

*Yossi and Jagger*. By Eytan Fox, Amir Harel, and Gal Uchovsky, Israel, 2002.

## **Websites of Jewish LGBTQ Organizations**

**[www.keshetonline.org](http://www.keshetonline.org)** – *Keshet*. Resources, information, events, links, guide to Jewish GSAs, *Hineini* film resources.

**[www.glbti Jews.org](http://www.glbti Jews.org)** – *World Congress of GLBT Jews – Keshet Ga'avah*. Comprehensive list of Jewish GLBT organizations, synagogues, resources, books, and films.

**[www.huc.edu/jiso/ihvrc](http://www.huc.edu/jiso/ihvrc)** – *Jeff Herman Virtual Resource Center on Sexual Orientation Issues in the Jewish Community*. A resource of the Institute for Judaism and Sexual Orientation of Hebrew Union College. You must register to use this website but registration is free.

[www.nehirim.org](http://www.nehirim.org) – *Nehirim*. A nonprofit organization devoted to building community for GLBT Jews, partners, and allies through retreats and other programs which celebrate GLBT culture and spirituality, and empower GLBT Jews to become active voices in their home communities.

[www.nujls.org](http://www.nujls.org) – *The National Union of Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex Students (NUJLS)*. An organization that seeks to empower Jewish LGBTQQI students to feel proud of and affirmed in all their identities. NUJLS hosts an annual Spring conference for queer Jews from across the United States and Canada.

<http://www.esheonline.org> – *Eshel*. An organization working to build understanding and support for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people in traditional Jewish communities.

## **LGBTQ JEWS: An Extended Bibliography**

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### **Non-Fiction Books, Audio, and Video by and about LGBTQ Jews**

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Alpert, Rebecca Trachtenberg. *Like Bread on the Seder Plate: Jewish Lesbians and the Transformation of Tradition*. NY: Columbia University, 1997.

Angel, Camille Shira, and Teitelbaum, Shifra. *K'sharim Mekudashim: Intimate Connections: Integrating Human Love with God's Love*. LA: Ashay Communications, 1994.

Beck, Gad, and Heibert, Frank. *An Underground Life: Memoirs of a Gay Jew in Nazi Berlin*. Madison, Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press, 1999.

Bouldrey, Brian. *Wrestling with the Angel: Faith and Religion in the Lives of Gay Men*. NY: Riverhead Books, 1995.

Brudnoy, David. *Life Is Not a Rehearsal*. NY: Doubleday, 1997.

*Bubbeh Lee and Me*. Produced and directed by Andy Abrahams Wilson, distributed by Open Eye Pictures.

A documentary showing a gay Jewish man's relationship with his grandmother. The filmmaker goes to Florida to spend time with his *bubbeh*.

Butler, Becky. *Ceremonies of the Heart: Celebrating Lesbian Unions*. Seattle: Seal Press, 1990.

*Chicks in White Satin*. Santa Monica: Holliman Productions (dist.), 1993.

This student Academy Award-nominated film explores the universal themes of parental acceptance and matrimonial love. A Jewish lesbian couple is portrayed preparing for their wedding ceremony.

Clay, Catrine. *Love Story*. NY: Women Make Movies, 1997.

Epstein, Rob. *The Times of Harvey Milk*. San Francisco: Black Sand Productions, 1984.

Faderman, Lillian. *Naked in the Promised Land: A Memoir*. WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 2004.

Felman, Jyl Lynn. *Cravings*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1997.

Fischer, Erica. *Aimee & Jaguar: A Love Story, Berlin 1943*. 1st ed. NY: HarperCollins, 1995.

Jarmel, Marcia. *The Return of Sarah's Daughters*. Ho-Ho-Kus: Patchworks Film, 1997.

Kantrowitz, Arnie. *Under the Rainbow: Growing Up Gay*. NY: St. Martin's, 1977, 1996.

Kaye/Kantrowitz, Melanie. *My Jewish Face and Other Stories*. San Francisco: Aunt Lute Books, 1990.

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Klepfisz, Irena. *Dreams of an Insomniac: Jewish Feminist Essays, Speeches, and Diatribes*. 1st ed. Portland, Oregon: Eighth Mountain Press, 1990.

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- Mass, Lawrence D. *Confessions of a Jewish Wagnerite: Being Gay and Jewish in America*. Cassell, 1999.
- Myers, Andrea. *The Choosing: A Rabbi's Journey from Silent Nights to High Holy Days*. NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2011.
- Nestle, Joan. *A Fragile Union: New & Selected Writings*. 1st ed. San Francisco: Cleis Press, 1998.
- Nestle, Joan. *A Restricted Country*. Ithaca, NY: Firebrand Books, 1987.
- Newman, Leslea. *Out of the Closet and Nothing to Wear*. LA: Alyson Books, 1997.
- Newman, Leslea. *Still Life with Buddy: A Novel Told in Fifty Poems*. Radnor: Pride Publications, 1997.
- N'siah L'cherut (A Journey Toward Freedom): A Liberation Haggadah For Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Jews and Their Loved Ones*. NY: The Jewish Community Center of the Upper West Side, 1997.
- Positive Story*. Waltham, MA: National Center for Jewish Film, 1996.
- Press, Jacob. *Independence Park: The Lives of Gay Men in Israel*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1999.
- Raphael, Lev. *Journeys & Arrivals: On Being Gay and Jewish*. Boston: Faber and Faber, 1996.
- Schimmel, Lawrence. *Found Tribe: Jewish Coming Out Stories*. Santa Fe: Sherman Asher Publishing, 2002.
- Shilts, Randy. *The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life & Times of Harvey Milk*. NY: St. Martin's Press, 1988, 1982.
- Simkin, Ruth. *Like An Orange On A Seder Plate: Our Lesbian Haggadah*. Canada: R. Simkin, 1999.
- Singular, Stephen. *The Rise and Rise of David Geffen*. Secaucus: Birch Lane Pr.; Carol Publ., 1997.
- Stein, Judith A. *A Jewish Lesbian Chanukah*. Cambridge: 1979.
- Walzer, Lee. *Between Sodom and Eden: A Gay Journey Through Today's Changing Israel*. NY: Columbia University Press, 2000.
- Wiener, Nancy H. *Beyond Breaking the Glass: A Spiritual Guide to Your Jewish Wedding*. NY: CCAR Press, 2001.
- Yael, B.H. *Fresh Blood*. NY: Women Make Movies, 1996.

### **Fiction: Novels, Short Stories or Film by and about LGBTQ Jews**

- Aldridge, Sarah. *Keep to Me, Stranger*. 1st ed. Tallahassee, FL: Naiad Press, 1989.
- And Thou Shalt Love*. Directed by Chaim Elbaum, 2007. [www.shaltlove.com/](http://www.shaltlove.com/)
- The Birdcage*. MGM/UA Home Video, 1996.
- Dykewomon, Elana. *Beyond the Pale*. Vancouver: Press Gang Publishers, 1997.
- Feinberg, David B. *Spontaneous Combustion*. NY: Viking, 1991.
- Felman, Jyl Lynn. *Hot Chicken Wings*. 1st ed. San Francisco: Aunt Lute Books, 1992.
- Galford, Ellen. *The Dyke and Dybbuk: A Novel*. 1st Seal Press ed. Seattle: Seal Press, 1994.
- Glickman, Gary. *Years from Now: A Novel*. NY: New American Library, 1988, 1987.
- Gold, Tami. *Emily & Gitta*. NY: Women Make Movies, 1996.
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- Rizzo, Cindy. *All the Ways Home: Parenting and Children in the Lesbian and Gay Communities: A Collection of Fiction*. Norwich, VT: New Victoria Publishers, 1995.
- Rudnick, Paul. *I'll Take It: A Novel*. 1st ed. NY: Knopf, 1989.
- Schulman, Sarah. *The Sophie Horowitz Story*. 1st ed. Tallahassee, FL: Naiad Press, 1984.
- Stollman, Aryeh Lev. *The Far Euphrates*. NY: Riverhead Books, 1997.
- Swados, Elizabeth. *Flamboyant*. NY: Picador, 1998.
- Tulchinsky, Karen X. *Love Ruins Everything*. Vancouver: Press Gang Pub., 1998.
- Wythe, Douglas. *The Wedding: A Family's Coming Out Story*. 1st ed. NY: Avon Books, 2000.



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