



**Sha'ar Communities**  
*Choose Your Gate. Open Your Soul. Find Your Community.*

## **RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF LGBTQ JEWISH TEENS**

1. **KESHET** ([www.keshetonline.org](http://www.keshetonline.org)) Keshet is a national grassroots organization that works for the full equality and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Jews in Jewish life. Led and supported by LGBT Jews and straight allies, Keshet strives to cultivate the spirit and practice of inclusion in all parts of the Jewish community.

What do we do?

Learn about the many ways we help create an inclusive Jewish community.

- Build Community for LGBT Jews
- Support Families
- Train for LGBT Inclusion
- Create safe space for LGBT teens and allies
- Fight for LGBT Civil Rights
- Produce Jewish LGBT Resources
- Advance the Movement for LGBT Jewish Inclusion and Equality

2. **PFLAG** ([www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)) Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. Made up of parents, families, friends, and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT), PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy.

### **3. NYU CHILD STUDY CENTER WEBSITE**

([http://www.aboutourkids.org/families/care\\_at\\_the\\_csc/gender\\_sexuality\\_service](http://www.aboutourkids.org/families/care_at_the_csc/gender_sexuality_service)) The Gender and Sexuality Service provides evaluations and therapeutic services for children, adolescents and their families.

4. **CDC** (<http://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth-resources.htm>) The Center for Disease Control and Prevention online resources for LGBTQ youth and their families.

5. **THE TREVOR PROJECT** (<http://www.thetrevorproject.org>)

Founded in 1998 by the creators of the Academy Award®-winning short film TREVOR, The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24.

6. **THE LOVE IS CHANGING HISTORY PROJECT**

(<http://loveischanginghistory.com/films>). A project coordinated by AT&T and The Trevor Project that uses film and personal stories to create an archive at the Library of Congress all about LGBTQ teens and their families.

7. **GLSEN** ([www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)) The Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. We believe that such an atmosphere engenders a positive sense of self, which is the basis of educational achievement and personal growth. Since homophobia and heterosexism undermine a healthy school climate, we work to educate teachers, students and the public at large about the damaging effects these forces have on youth and adults alike.

8. **SHA'AR COMMUNITIES** ([www.shaarcommunities.org](http://www.shaarcommunities.org))

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9. **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES** ([www.jfsbergen.org](http://www.jfsbergen.org))

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