



**No one should be forced  
to choose between their  
LGBT+ and Jewish identity**

**KeshetUK**

## Why does KeshetUK exist?

Jewish LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans) people often feel uncertain about their role in Jewish communities, and sometimes experience outright rejection. It's no surprise that this can lead to poor mental health for Jewish LGBT+ people and that some feel they have no choice but to leave their community.

**We believe all UK Jewish communities can do more to become places where LGBT+ Jewish people and their families can feel included.**

## What does KeshetUK do?

KeshetUK provides tailored support for organisations to become more inclusive of LGBT+ people and their families.

### KeshetUK offers a range of activities:

- Delivery of culturally sensitive LGBT+ inclusion training
- Development and delivery of educational content
- Teacher training and ongoing support
- Youth leadership training
- Support for LGBT+ inclusion organisational audit
- Bespoke advice for organisations with difficult situations
- Exploratory meetings with religious and lay communal leaders, in confidence where necessary

*"I will stick up for the rights of LGBT+ people because they are equal to us, so deserve the same rights."*

JFS Year 9 student

## In our first five years KeshetUK has worked with:

- **Schools**, training over 100 school teachers and now engaging over 3,000 students annually
- **Youth and young adult organisations**, training over 500 staff and youth leaders in 17 youth organisations
- **Liberal, Masorti, Orthodox, and Reform denominations** to train more than 100 UK community rabbis and university chaplains
- **Community organisations** such as Jewish Care, CST, Board of Deputies and the Jewish Leadership Council
- **Chief Rabbi Mirvis**, to publish together a Guide on the Wellbeing of LGBT+ Pupils in Orthodox Jewish Schools

*"Thank you for helping to educate and create an environment where all feel safe."*

Bnei Akiva participant

*"I recommend the KeshetUK training to all communal organisations."*

Simon Johnson, Chief Executive,  
Jewish Leadership Council



# Help make a difference with KeshetUK

**KeshetUK has a small staff team and network of dedicated volunteers. Whether you are LGBT+, Jewish, both or an ally you can help us in different ways:**

**Tell people you care.** Talk to people or organisations in your community. Let them know that you support LGBT+ Jewish people or ask them to get in touch with us.

**Donate to KeshetUK.** Whether it's £10 or £100 a month or a one-off donation, every penny makes a big difference to us. And please consider fundraising through your school, work or synagogue!

**Volunteer with KeshetUK.** Whether you're LGBT+ or not, you can make a difference by donating your time and skills, including talking in front of young people, facilitating discussions with senior leaders, and helping with fundraising or administration.



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