



Celebrate Pride Month at OKC

The Ohr Kodesh LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force, which seeks to make Ohr Kodesh an inclusive and supportive spiritual home for all Jews, whatever their sexual orientation, gender identity, or manner of gender expression, invites you to celebrate Pride Month this June at our synagogue. Here are a few of the ways you can celebrate and show your support:

- Hear Dr. Joy Ladin give the **First Annual Pride Month Lecture on June 6, 2021** at 7:15PM, via Zoom. Event Registration [HERE](#).

Professor Ladin, a teacher, essayist, poet, and literary scholar, holds the Gottesman Chair in English at Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University, making her the first openly transgender individual to serve on the faculty of an Orthodox institution. She is a nationally recognized speaker on transgender issues and on gender and Jewish identity. She has been featured on the NPR program *On Being* with Krista Tippett and gave a TedX talk entitled *Ain't I a Woman?* Dr. Ladin is a recipient of the Hachamat Lev award from Keshet, the Jewish LGBTQ advocacy organization. Two of Dr. Ladin's works, *The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective* and *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders*, are available from the Salzberg Family Library.

- Participate in the **June OKC noon Book Club** which will be discussing *Berlin Stories*, a book by Christopher Isherwood comprising two novels set in Germany in the early 1930s as the Nazis were beginning to take power. Afterwards, the book club will watch *Cabaret*, the musical based on that book. For more information, contact [Natalie Cantor](#).
- Learn about the **Early Childhood Center's upcoming Pride Parade**, designed to teach our pre-schoolers that the "Ohr Kodesh ECC celebrates all families. Some families look different from others, but if they love each other, they are families." More information is available from Wilhelmina Gottschalk at wgottschalk@ohrkodesh.org.
- **Visit the Pride Month flag**, which once again will be proudly flying in front of our building at the corner of East-West Highway and Meadowbrook Lane.

The LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force welcomes anyone who is interested in helping us plan a program, event, or class, or in contributing ideas for making Ohr Kodesh a community that embraces LGBTQ Jews. The task force actively seeks to present Jewish LGBTQ perspectives, and it speaks out against marginalization, stigma, and hostility. If you identify as LGBTQ or have friends or family who do, or if this issue is simply important to you, and you would like to join the task force, please contact [Edward Langer](#).