

Scripture and Marriage Equality: Resources

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Homosexuality and Conservative Judaism: – A resolution of the Rabbinical Assembly

Whereas Judaism affirms that the Divine image reflected by every human being must always be cherished and affirmed, and

Whereas Jews have always been sensitive to the impact of official and unofficial prejudice and discrimination, whenever directed, and

Whereas gay and lesbian Jews have experienced not only the constant threats of physical violence and homophobic rejection, but also the pains of anti-Semitism known to all Jews and, additionally, a sense of painful alienation from our own religious institutions, and

Whereas the extended family of gay and lesbian Jews are often members of our congregations who live with concern for the safety, health, and well being of their children, and

Whereas the AIDS crisis has deeply exacerbated the anxiety and suffering of this community of Jews who need in their lives the compassionate concern and support mandated by Jewish Tradition,

Therefore be it resolved that we, the Rabbinical Assembly, while affirming our tradition's prescription for heterosexuality,

- 1) Support full civil equality for gays and lesbians in our national life, and
- 2) Deplore the violence against gays and lesbians in our society, and
- 3) Reiterate that, as are all Jews, gay men and lesbians are welcome as members in our congregations, and
- 4) Call upon our synagogues and the arms of our movement to increase our awareness, understanding and concern for our fellow Jews who are gay and lesbian.