

LGBTQ@JTS:

From Yesterday To Tomorrow



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

Thank you for joining us at this conference, concert, and celebration to mark the tenth anniversary of JTS's decision to admit openly gay and lesbian students to our rabbinical and cantorial schools. We hope that, throughout the day, you'll have the opportunity to reflect on the transformation of our institution—what has gone well, and what still needs to change? We invite you to listen closely to our diverse collection of speakers, to open your heart, and to share your own voice, so that we may challenge and strengthen one another.

SCHEDULE

Time	Topic	Location
12:00 p.m.	Conference opens! Lunch available	UNTERBERG
12:30 p.m.	Welcome remarks	UNTERBERG
1:00–2:15 p.m.	<i>FIRST SESSIONS</i>	CLASSROOMS
A. Rabbi Aaron Weinger and Rabbi Rachel Isaacs	Maine to Minnesota: Finding Warmth, Reflecting on LGBTQ Inclusion	K406
B. Lily Nagy Deak	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Princess Dress	K312
C. Marc Gary	JTS in the Supreme Court: Advocating for LGBTQ Rights	K303
D. Rabbi Adina Lewittes	Lo Nogea Lanu: A Conversation about the Achievements and Challenges of the Dorff/Reisner/Nevins Teshuvah	U305
2:25–3:10 p.m.	Minhah, featuring Selihah composed by Michael Boino and performed by Cantor Nancy Abramson	WLSS
3:15–4:30 p.m.	<i>SECOND SESSIONS</i>	CLASSROOMS
A. Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky and Rabbi Mychal Springer	Sexuality and the Religious Professional	U305
B. Dr. Judith Hauptman	How We Changed Our Attitudes on LGBTQ Issues	K312
C. Rabbi Aaron Weinger and Rabbi Rachel Isaacs	Maine to Minnesota: Finding Warmth, Reflecting on LGBTQ Inclusion	K406
D. Laynie Solomon	Hitlabshut/Exploring Gender Performance and Theology Through G'd's Clothing	K303
4:45–6:30 p.m.	Plenary: Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen; Chaya Bender; Rabbis Amichai Lau Lavie, Benay Lappe, Gil Steinlauf	WLSS
6:30–9:30 p.m.	Cocktail Party Dinner/Concert	UNTERBERG



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OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

RABBI BENAY LAPPE: Rabbi Benay Lappe is the founder of SVARA, a “traditionally radical yeshiva” that studies Jewish text from a queer perspective. Ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary in 1997, Rabbi Lappe is an award-winning educator specializing in the application of queer theory to Talmud study. She was named as one of the *Forward's* “Most Inspiring Rabbis” in 2014 and is a 2016 recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award for innovative Jewish education.



RABBI GIL STEINLAUF: Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, senior rabbi at Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, DC, is widely respected for his success in re-envisioning the nature of this historic synagogue. Rabbi Steinlauf is the first senior rabbi of a large, historic, Conservative congregation to come out as gay, and through his honesty, has sought to create an atmosphere of constructive dialogue on the issues facing modern culture and Judaism.



RABBI AMICHAH LAU-LAVIE: Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie is the founding spiritual leader of Lab/Shul NYC and the creator of Storahelling, Inc. An Israeli-born Jewish educator, writer, and performance artist, he received his rabbinical ordination from The Jewish Theological Seminary in 2016. Rabbi Amichai has been hailed as “an iconoclastic mystic” by *Time Out New York*, and in 2016 the *Forward* named him one of the 32 “Most Inspiring Rabbis” in America.



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