

# REFORM JEWISH OUTREACH BOSTON

*Welcoming Interfaith Couples & Individuals Exploring Judaism*

## TRANSGENDER INCLUSION IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

An evening of listening, sharing, and learning for Jewish communal leadership

Presented by Keshet and URJ Reform Jewish Outreach Boston

**Thursday, March 30, 6-9pm at Temple Shalom, Newton**

*6-7:00pm Reception with Lt. Shachar sponsored by Consulate General of Israel to New England*

*7-9:00pm Panel discussion*

*In 2015, congregations of the Union for Reform Judaism unanimously passed a resolution calling for the full inclusion of transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in our communities.*

This is an opportunity for Jewish communal leaders to learn about the experiences of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in our congregations and communities and how to better welcome and honor people of all gender identities.

**Please join us at 6:00pm for a pre-program reception**, with Lt. Shachar, Israel's first openly transgender commander in the IDF. Although he now identifies as a man, Lt. Shachar joined the IDF as a woman. Throughout his military service, he went through the unique and complicated process of changing his gender. Throughout this process, he experienced support from his unit and commanding officers. His case also prompted the Israeli military to fast-track new protocols now in place that range from tolerance training for senior officers to ensuring that the military would cover the cost of hormone treatments and sex reassignment surgery. Lt. Shachar will share his story and be available to answer any questions you may have.

The reception will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Rabbi Suzie Jacobson, Gray Myrseth, Leah King and Cheryl Harris; with moderator Judy Elkin. The panelists will provide insights into how our congregations, schools, camp, and youth programs can be safe and welcoming, and address the needs of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in educational, liturgical and pastoral contexts.

**\$54 per organization team registration.**

**\$125 per organization co-sponsorship. Includes team registration and recognition in future publicity.**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

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