

Welcoming Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transsexual Folks

Gay or straight; man or woman; black or white; rich or poor — all are created in God's image — in Hebrew, *b'tzelem elohim*.

Being created *b'tzelem elohim* carries with it both responsibilities and privileges.

As God's children, descended from ultimate royalty, we need to conduct ourselves with highest standards of interpersonal morality, kindness and compassion for others.

Towards others, also bearing God's image, we are required to act in a way that reflects the dignity befitting another child of God, our spiritual sister or brother.

Being a religious person means that we must recognize, and act upon, the Godliness in ourselves, and in each other.

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