

Identities and Terms

Lesbian – Someone who identifies as a woman and who is attracted physically, emotionally, and romantically to other women

Gay – Someone who is a man and who is attracted physically, emotionally, and romantically, to other men

Bisexual – Someone who is attracted physically, emotionally, and romantically to people of their own gender and of other genders

Transgender – An umbrella term used to describe someone whose gender identity does not match their sex assigned at birth, or who digresses from social gender norms

Queer – An umbrella term used to describe anyone who is not straight and/or cisgender. Previously used as a slur, but younger generations are reclaiming it as a self-descriptor

Questioning – Anyone who is still learning about their own gender and orientation

Cisgender – Someone whose gender matches their sex assigned at birth

Straight – A man or woman who is attracted exclusively to people of the “opposite” gender

Non-binary – Someone whose gender does not fall within “male” or “female”

Asexual – Someone who does not experience sexual attraction. Sometimes shorted to “ace”

Demisexual – Someone who does not experience sexual attraction until they have developed an emotional connection

Pansexual – Someone whose attraction for a person is not influenced by their gender

Intersex – Term for a combination of chromosomes, hormones, internal sex organs, and genitals that differs from the two expected patterns of male or female

Sex - A label that you're assigned by a doctor at birth based on genitals, chromosomes, hormones, & genetics.

Gender - Your personal sense of being a man, a woman, or another gender.

Gender Expression - A combination of external gender characteristics and behaviors that are socially defined as masculine or feminine including clothes, hair/make-up, mannerisms, speech patterns, and social interactions

Sexual Orientation - Your physical, emotional, romantic, mental, and/or spiritual attraction to people.

Here at Har Zion Temple, we recognize that our Jewish values call on us to be accepting of welcoming towards, and advocates for LGBTQ+ people:

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Pikuach

nefesh

Saving a life

צדק צדק תרדף

Tzedek, tzedek

tirdof

Fighting for

justice

הכנסת אורחים

Hachnasat

orchim

Welcoming

others

בצלם אלוקים

B'tzelem elohim

All people are

created in the

image of G-d

ואהבת לרעך כמוך

V'ahavta

I'reiacha

kamocho

Loving others

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