



Teen Resources Intended to Aid & Nurture Gays, Lesbians & Everyone



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NATIONAL RESOURCES:



Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender National Hotline

1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)

GLBT Hate Crimes Hotline:

1-800-686-HATE

LYRIC Youth Talkline

1-800-246-7743

National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) Legal Helpline

1-800-528-6257

National LGBT Youth Hotline

1-800-246-PRIDE

The National Runaway Switchboard

1-800-RUNAWAY

National Suicide Prevention Helpline

1-800-273-TALK

Peer Listening Line for LGBT Youth

1-800-399-PEER

The Trevor Lifeline

866 4-U-TREVOR (866-488-7386)

ACLU LGBT Project

<http://www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights>

The LGBT Project brings impact lawsuits in state and federal courts throughout the country, cases designed to have a significant effect on the lives of the LGBT community.

AIDS Action

<http://www.aidsunited.org/>

AIDS Action's mission is to advocate on a national level for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and the organizations that serve them.

Black AIDS Institute

<http://www.blackaids.org/>

The Black AIDS Institute is the first Black HIV/AIDS policy center dedicated to reducing HIV/AIDS health disparities by mobilizing Black institutions and individuals in effort to confront the epidemic in their communities.

Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere

www.colage.org

COLAGE is a national movement of children, youth, and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent.

College Scholarships for LGBT Students

<http://www.pointfoundation.org/>

Equality Federation

<http://www.equalityfederation.org/>

Equality Federation is the national alliance of state-based lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy organizations.

Family Equality Council

<http://www.familyequality.org/>

Family Equality Council works to ensure equality for LGBT families by building community, changing hearts and minds as well as advancing social justice for all families.

Freedom to Marry

<http://www.freedomtomarry.org/>

Freedom to Marry is the gay and non-gay partnership working to win marriage equality nationwide.

Gay & Lesbian Medical Association

<http://www.glma.org/>

GLMA's mission is to ensure equality in health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and health care providers.

GLAAD

<http://www.glaad.org/>

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

The GLBT National Youth Talkline

Monday thru Friday from 1pm to 9pm, *pacific time*
(Monday thru Friday from 4pm to midnight, *eastern time*)
Saturday from 9am to 2pm, *pacific time*
(Saturday from noon to 5pm, *eastern time*)
Toll-free 1-800-246-PRIDE (1-800-246-7743)
Email: youth@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org
Services are free and confidential. Telephone volunteers are in their teens and early twenties, and speak with teens and young adults up to age 25 about coming-out issues, relationship concerns, parent issues, school problems, HIV/AIDS anxiety and safer-sex information, and lots more!

GLSEN

<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home/index.html>

The Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

HRC

<http://www.hrc.org/>

Founded in 1980, the Human Rights Campaign advocates on behalf of GLBT American, mobilizes grassroots actions in diverse communities, invests strategically to elect fair-minded individuals to office and educates the public about GLBT issues.

Immigration Equality

<http://www.immigrationequality.org/>

Immigration Equality is a national organization that works to end discrimination in U.S. immigration law, to reduce the negative impact of that law on the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV- positive people, and to help obtain asylum for those persecuted in their home country based on their sexual orientation, transgender identity or HIV-status.

IN THE LIFE

www.itlmedia.org

IN THE LIFE produces media that produces change for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. In an era of sound bite news, inch-deep celebrity profiles and reality shows.

International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission

<http://www.iglhrc.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home/index.html>

The mission of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) is to secure the full enjoyment of the human rights of all people and communities subject to discrimination or abuse on the basis of sexual orientation or expression, gender identity or expression, and/or HIV status.

Keshet

<http://www.keshetonline.org/>

Keshet is a national grassroots organization with offices in Boston, Denver, and the Bay Area that works for the full inclusion and equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Jews in all facets of Jewish life-- synagogues, Hebrew schools, day schools, youth groups, summer camps, social service organizations, and other communal agencies. Led and supported by LGBT Jews and straight allies, Keshet offers resources, trainings, and technical assistance to create inclusive Jewish communities nationwide.

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

<http://www.lambdalegal.org/>

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

Log Cabin Republicans

<http://www.logcabin.org/site/c.nsKSL7PMLpF/b.5468093/k.BE4C/Home.htm>

Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's only organization of Republicans who support fairness, freedom, and equality for gay and lesbian Americans.

Mautner Project

<http://www.mautnerproject.org/>

The Mautner Project improves the health of lesbians, bisexual, and transgender women who partner with women, and their families, through advocacy, education, research, and direct service. We envision a healthcare system that is guided by social justice and responsive to the needs of all people.

National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities

www.naesm.org

National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities was created in an effort to counteract the ever increasing spread of HIV/AIDS in communities of color.

National Black Justice Coalition

www.nbjc.org

The National Black Justice Coalition is a civil rights organization dedicated to empowering Black same-gender-loving, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. The Coalition works with our communities and our allies to for social justice, equality, and an end to racism and homophobia.

National Center for Lesbian Rights

<http://www.nclrights.org/site/PageServer>

The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education.

National Center for LGBT Health

<http://lgbthealth.webolutionary.com/>

The National Center for LGBT Health is committed to improving the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and communities through public education, coalition building and advocacy that focus on research, policy, education and training.

National Center for Transgender Equality

www.nctequality.org

The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) is a 501(c) 3 social justice organization dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment.

National Gay & Lesbian Cancer Network

www.cancer-network.org

The National LGBT Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBT cancer survivors and those at risk.

National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Congress

www.nglcc.org

The NGLCC is committed to forming a broad-based coalition, representative of the various interests of LGBT owned and friendly businesses, professionals, and students of business for the purpose of promoting economic growth and prosperity of its members.

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

www.thetaskforce.org

The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the grassroots power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

National Lesbian & Gay Law Association

The National LGBT Bar Association is a national association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, law students, activists, and affiliates lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender legal organizations. The LGBT Bar promotes justice in and through the legal profession for the LGBT community in all its diversity.

National Minority AIDS Council

www.nmac.org

The National Minority AIDS Council has helped develop leadership in communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS since 1987.

National Organization for Lesbians of Size (NOLOSE);

PO Box 5475, Oakland, CA 94805; 888-831-2139; info@nolose.org; www.nolose.org.

National Resource Center on LGBT Aging

The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging is the country's first and only technical assistance resource center aimed at improving the quality of services and supports offered to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. Established in 2010 through a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging provides training, technical assistance and educational resources to aging providers, LGBT organizations and LGBT older adults. The center is led by Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) in partnership with 10 leading organizations from around the country.

National Stonewall Democrats

www.stonewalldemocrats.org

The National Stonewall Democrats is a grassroots network connecting LGBT Democratic activists.

The Nine Line for Homeless Runaway Teens

24 Hours a Day / 7 Days a Week
1-800-999-9999
<http://nineline.org/>

Out & Equal Workplace Advocates

www.outandequal.org

Out & Equal Workplace Advocates™ educates and empowers organizations, human resources professionals, employee resource groups, and individual employees through programs and services that result in equal policies, opportunities, practices, and benefits in the workplace regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, expression, or characteristics.

Out for Work

Outforwork.org

Out for Work is the only national nonprofit organization dedicated to educating, preparing and empowering LGBT college students and their allies for the workplace.

PFLAG

www.pflag.org

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

Point Foundation

www.pointfoundation.org

Point Foundation provides financial support, leadership training, mentoring and hope to meritorious students who are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression.

Pride at Work

www.prideatwork.org

The purpose of Pride at Work is to mobilize mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBT Community around organizing for social and economic justice.

Pride Community Libraries

Pride Community Libraries is a networking page for community based LGBT libraries - both those in LGBT Community Centers and independent LGBT libraries so that we can share information, resources, ideas, and generally connect to each other.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

www.sldn.org

SLDN is a national, non-profit legal services, watchdog and policy organization dedicated to ending discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and related forms of intolerance.

Soulforce

www.soulforce.org

The purpose of Soulforce is freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance.

The AIDS Institute

www.theaidsinstitute.org
Promotes action for social change through public policy research, advocacy, and education.

The International Federation of Black Prides

www.ifbpride.org

The International Federation of Black Prides is a coalition of Black Pride organizations formed to promote a multinational network of LGBT/SGL (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender/Same Gender Loving) Prides and community-based organizations.

The Trevor Project

www.thetrevorproject.org

The Trevor Project operates the only nationwide, around-the-clock suicide prevention helpline for gay and questioning youth.

Transgender Law Center

www.transgenderlaw.org

The Transgender Law Center (TLC) is a civil rights organization advocating for transgender communities.

Victory Fund

www.victoryfund.org

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund endorses qualified, committed openly LGBT candidates who can win at the ballot box.

Woodhull Freedom Foundation

www.woodhullalliance.org

The Woodhull Freedom Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that works to advance sexual freedom as a fundamental human right by protecting and advancing freedom of speech and sexual expression.

World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10th.

STATEWIDE:



Garden State Equality

500 Bloomfield Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042; 973-GSE-LGBT (473-5428); Contact@GardenStateEquality.org; www.gardenstateequality.org; Jersey Shore office, 658 Cookman Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712; South Jersey office, 583 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108; Legislative Office; 110 West State St, Trenton, NJ 08608; Statewide organization for LGBTI civil rights, with an advocacy arm that works to pass pro-LGBTI legislation and to fight for those facing discrimination and a political arm that works to elect pro-LGBTI candidates.

Gender Rights Advocacy Association of New Jersey

(GRAANJ); c/o 119 Manor Dr, Red Bank, NJ 07701; 732-603-0514; njgender@aol.com; A statewide membership organization committed to securing full civil rights for transgendered and intersexed people, and individuals of nonstereotypical gender identity and expression, without regard to race, religion, or sexual orientation. Call or e-mail for further information.

Human Rights Campaign

Greater NY/NJ Steering Committee; www.hrc.org/contactus; http://greaterny.hrc.org; HRC envisions an

America where lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are ensured equality and embraced as full members of the American family at home, at work, and in every community.

Jersey Lyfe Inc.

1729 S. Dorrance St, Philadelphia, PA 19145; 877-428-5438; info@jerseylyfe.org; www.jerseylyfe.org; Jersey Lyfe is a non-profit organization geared towards uplifting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, interested, and queer community in New Jersey and surrounding areas, including, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and Delaware. Jersey Lyfe was established in an effort of offset some of these devastating statistics. With nearly 65% of the total population of the City of Camden being at-risk youth, we felt it paramount to contribute toward rebuilding these areas to include self-sustaining communities and businesses through donations, education and volunteerism. Jersey Lyfe also keeps its members in touch with events going on in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and Delaware. We are the founders and co-hosts of Southern New Jersey Gay Pride Celebration established in 2007.

Jersey Pride, Inc

PO Box 10796, New Brunswick, NJ 08906; 732-21 GAY NJ (732-214-2965); info@jerseypride.org; www.jerseypride.org; the all volunteer organization that produces NJ's Annual Statewide Gay, Lesbian,

Bisexual, Transgendered, and Intersexed Pride Celebration the 1st weekend in June in Asbury Park (Saturday and Sunday, June 4 & 5, 2011). JPI is committed to increasing the visibility of, and promoting the well being of NJ's GLBTI community through annual pride events, year-round fundraising efforts, and production of the critically acclaimed magazine, The Jersey Gaze.

New Jersey Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf

plt311@comcast.net;
www.njrad.org; NJRAD a non-profit organization for Deaf LGBTIQ in NJ and its vicinities.

New Jersey Teen Prevention Education Program (TEEN PEP)

Teen Pep is a statewide sexual health promotion and peer education initiative that enables high school students to make healthy decisions.
www.state.nj.us/health/aids/teenpep.html

Teen PEP goals:

To provide school communities with increased support and resources for promoting sexual health among their student populations; To equip school personnel with the knowledge and skills to effectively teach sexual health to peer educators; To create an atmosphere of positive peer pressure where responsible sexual decisions are valued; To provide students with formal and informal opportunities to discuss sexual health issues with adults and peers in an atmosphere of mutual respect and factual discussion; To ensure that students have the knowledge and skills to avoid sexually transmitted infections (STIs), HIV and unintended pregnancy; To support students in the development and maintenance of attitudes that support safer sex practices and responsible decision-making; To motivate students to engage in behaviors associated with avoiding STIs, HIV and unintended pregnancy; Students will increase their use of sexual health resources in the community; To provide parents with the knowledge and skills necessary to communicate with their children about sex and sexuality.

American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey

PO Box 32159, Newark,
NJ 07102; 973-642-2084; info@aclu-nj.org;
www.aclu-nj.org; A non-profit, non-partisan organization working to fight civil liberties violations and to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

ADVOCACY



African American Office of Gay Concerns

Phone:

973-639-0700

Email

brother@aaogc.org

Website:

<http://www.aaogc.org>

Gender Rights Advocacy Association of New Jersey (GRAANJ)

GRAANJ is the state's civil rights organization that works for full equality for gender nonconforming people, including those who identify as transgender and intersex.

Email:

info@graanj.org

Website:

www.graanj.org

Hudson Pride Connections (HPC)

Hudson Pride Connections (HPC) is a non-profit organization bridging the gap in services and responding to the unmet needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender community, as well as HIV positive people of any orientation / identity, through supportive social services, prevention, outreach,

advocacy and development trainings for other service providers, to educate, empower, and unite all of our communities.

Address:

The Pride Connections Center of New Jersey and Hudson Pride Connections
32 Jones Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Phone:

201.963.4779

201.963.7983 (fax)

Website:

<http://hudsonpride.org>

NASW-NJ GLBT Issues Committee

National Association of Social Workers (NJ Chapter) — Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues Committee

The mission of the NASW-NJ LGBT Issues Committee is to educate and sensitize the professional social work community about issues related to sexual orientation and gender expression and to positively advocate on behalf of such issues. We are committed to providing resources and referrals to the social work community to ensure that LGBT clients receive the best possible information and services.

Website:

<http://www.naswnj.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=4>

MENTAL HEALTH



Allen Wells Center

Allen Wells, BA, BD, Director; 102 Ogden Pl, Morristown, NJ 07960; 973-539-0301; Specializing in whole person, contemplative psychotherapy of mind/body/heart/spirit.

BN Counseling, LLC, Brian Nandy

147 Columbia Tpk, Suite 307, Florham Park, NJ 07932; 908-419-5712; brian.nandy@bncounseling.com; www.bncounseling.com
Breaking the Ritual. NJ Lic. 37PC00350300.

Center for Identity Development

31 Trinity Pl, Montclair, NJ 07042; 973-744-6386; www.centeridentity.qpg.com
Individual, group, family, and couples therapy, plus other services. James Mahon, LCSW, ACSW, NJ Lic. SC00984. Robert Reese, PsyD, NJ Lic. 2925.

Joseph A. Chan, MSW, LCSW

85 Park St, Montclair, NJ 07042; 973-202-1421; josephlcsw@comcast.net;
Lesbian, gay, and bisexual affirming psychotherapist.
Culturally-sensitive individual therapy. Strict confidentiality. NJ Lic. 44SC05184400.

Ann Cutillo, LCSW

LCSW; 51 Upper Montclair Plaza, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043; 973-509-9440; anncutillo@comcast.net;
Solution-based

counseling utilizing an active, reality-based approach and treatment plan.
Caring and concerned gay therapist providing help in a safe and supportive environment. NJ Lic. 44SC00172700.

Howard C. Cutler, LCSW

215 Ridgedale Ave, Florham Park, NJ 07932; 201-207-1534; hcraigc@verizon.net;
Wise and compassionate psychotherapy for individuals, couples and families. Specializing in depression, anxiety, relationship problems, and eating disorders. NJ Lic. 44SC04565400.

Brenda G. Forte, MSW, LCSW

44 Elm St, Morristown, NJ 07960; 973-538-2818; bfortelcsw@verizon.net;
www.theinstituteforchange.com
Treating Individuals and couples within a supportive & holistic approach.
Specialties include: Anxiety, fears, depression, substance abuse and trauma. EMDR Certified. NJ Lic. 44SC00077600.

Russell W. Healy, MSW, LCSW

4 East Cliff St, Somerville, NJ 08876; 2999 Princeton Pike, Suite 5, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648; 908-526-5784;
Consultation and psychotherapy for sexual identity and gender identity issues, sexual behavior problems, depression, and relationship concerns.
NJ Lic. 44SC00039400.

Institute for Personal Growth

8 South Third Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904; 800-379-9220 or 732-246-8439; ipgcounseling@gmail.com; www.ipgcounseling.com; Providing psychotherapy, relationship counseling and sex therapy to our community since 1983, with offices in Jersey City, Highland Park, Freehold and New York City. We accept most insurance and have affordable fees.

Rosemarie Kopacsi, PhD, LCSW

460 Bloomfield Ave, Suite 209, Montclair, NJ 07042; 973-509-0574; 973-868-4533; rkopacsi@comcast.net; Individual, couples, and family therapy. NJ Lic. 02029.

Lisa LaBrunda

LCSW; 170 Changebridge Rd, Bldg. B3-4, Montville, NJ 07045; 973-951-0297; llabrunda@yahoo.com; therapist.psychologytoday.com/48227; NJ Lic. 44SC05329200.

Lesbians in Transition, Catherine Roland

Montclair, NJ 07043; 973-655-7184; nj_buff@yahoo.com; Short-term (6 weeks) group beginning in August for mid-life or older lesbians. Are you going through a change in your life, such as a relationship break-up, a loss, and family issues? Thursdays at 5:30pm. Cost: \$60/week for 6 weeks. Time limited, spaces limited, earliest contact best.

Lesbians with Cancer Support Group

C/o The Cancer Institute of NJ, 195 Little Albany St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 732-235-6781; slirzero@umdnj.edu; www.cinj.org; Support for lesbians with cancer and

their partners held the 3rd Monday of each month at CINJ from 6:30-8pm.
Rose Slirzewski, LCSW, facilitator.

Diana Lunt, LCSW

296 Amboy Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840; 732-548-4145; Licensed, caring, experienced psychotherapist specializing in depression, relationship issues, and sexual abuse issues. In-network provider for many insurances. NJ Lic. SC01741.

Cheryl Ann Notari, PhD

Licensed Psychologist; 332 Springfield Ave, Suite 204, Summit, NJ 07901; 908-608-1114; Providing psychotherapy to children, adolescents, and adults in a supportive environment. NJ Lic. 35S100426900.

Michele Rabinowitz, PsyD

225 Highway 35, Red Bank, NJ 07704; 732-741-2202; Licensed psychologist offering individual and couples therapy. Experienced in gay and lesbian issues. NJ Lic. 1386.

Ridgewood Psychotherapy Associates

Susan Donnelly, LCSW; 115 Pine St, Ridgewood, NJ 07450; 201-447-0346; susandlcsw@gmail.com; www.ridgewoodtherapy.com; Trauma, spirituality, families, cultural awareness. NJ Lic. 44SC00206800.

Dr. Catherine Roland, LPC

51 Upper Montclair Plaza, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043; 973-655-7184; nj_buff@yahoo.com; Relationship counseling for GLBT couples and families, sexual identity issues, Life Coaching. Licensed therapist with 24 years experience. Saturday and weekday hours, women's groups. NJ Lic. 37PC00314000.

Marsha N. Shapiro, ACSW, LCSW, BCD, LLC

1626 Route 130 N, Suite K,
North Brunswick, NJ 08902; and 554 East
Commons Way, Toms River, NJ
08755; 732-422-9400; mashkalah@aol.com;
Affirmative Therapy in a relaxed, comfortable
environment. Specialize in Coming Out, Being Gay
and in a Straight Marriage, Relationships,
Parenting, Family of Origin Issues, Addictions, and
Survivors of Childhood Abuse. Trained in the use of
EMDR and self-hypnosis. NJ License Number SL-
00046.

Deborah S. Smith, MS, LCADC

47 Maple St, L-21, Summit, NJ 07901;
Affirming, confidential counseling for individuals
and couples. More than 30 years experience in
GLBT issues and addictions. NJ Lic.
37LC00099200.

Women's Therapy Services of Montclair, LLC

Barbara Reese, LCSW, Clinical Director
Vanessa Matos, LAC
460 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 307
Montclair, New Jersey 07042
(973) 783-2292

Debbie S. Frank, LCSW

Counseling for individuals, couples, families.
Specializing in the GLBT community
130 Pompton Avenue
Verona, NJ 07044
(973) 571-2120
Fax: (973) 571-2130

Center for Identity Development

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973-744-6386 Psychotherapy & counseling
(individual, couple, group, family) serving
gay/lesbian community since 1980.

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973-202-1421

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Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
201-214-3623

Jacob Gershoni, LCSW, CGP, TEP

19 West 34th Street, PH floor
New York, NY 10001-3006
212-795-1192
212-947-7111
LGBT Specific Experiential Group Psychotherapy,
trainings, & workshops
www.GrouPsychodrama.com

Jennifer Whitlock

Licensed Professional Counselor **#37PC00021200**
93 Main Street, Newton NJ 07860
973-222-3750
www.JenWhitlock.com

Eric Sherman, LCSW

12 Garfield Pl, Montclair, NJ 07043
973-655-1534
Individuals and couples. Author of book and
numerous articles on LGBT issues.

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT



Hyacinth AIDS Foundation

<http://www.hyacinth.org>

New Jersey's first and largest AIDS service organization. We help those living with HIV, work to slow the spread of the epidemic, and serve as a critical voice in the public debate surrounding AIDS in New Jersey. Phone: 732-246-0204 Hotline: 800-433-0254

AIDS Memorial Quilt – NAMES Project Foundation, New Jersey Chapter

329 Klagg Ave, Trenton, NJ 08638; 732-991-3479; NAMESPCNJ@aol.com; The AIDS Memorial Quilt is now a National Treasure. It is displayed in various venues by request as an educational tool to help bring AIDS and HIV awareness in the public eye of the young and old. We will help you to make individual Panels for The Quilt to commemorate those who passed away and to keep the love and their NAMES Alive. The Quilt helps promote healing and understanding. Panel making workshops are by request and can be scheduled at your location. Our services areas are Central and Southern New Jersey. All honoraria are the main means of support.

AIDS Memorial Quilt – NAMES Project Foundation, Northern New Jersey Chapter

PO Box 85, Paramus, NJ 07653; 201-265-0600;

info@namesnj.org; www.namesnj.org; A supporting organization of the National Foundation of the NAMES Project, promoting awareness of HIV/AIDS; serving as a local AIDS service organization; building alliances with other local AIDS service organizations; and helping people remember and grieve for those who have died from AIDS related diseases. Serving Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties.

Broadway House for Continuing Care

Deborah Freisinger, Program & Special Events Coordinator; 298 Broadway, Newark, NJ 07104; 973-268-9797; freiside@umdnj.edu; www.broadwayhouse.org; A special care, residential 24-hour nursing facility providing services exclusively to people with HIV/AIDS.

Buddies of New Jersey, Inc

149 Hudson St, Hackensack, NJ 07601; 201-489-2900; Helpline: 800-508-7577; njbuddies@aol.com; www.njbuddies.org; Mission: to provide support, education, and services for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Services include: case management, both medical and community, substance abuse treatment and counseling, housing assistance, support groups, transportation, food pantry, and HIV/AIDS education. Now licensed for Substance Abuse Treatment.

New Jersey Women & AIDS Network (NJWAN)

103 Bayard St, 3rd FL, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; and 7 Glenwood St, Suite. 401, East Orange, NJ 7017; Warmline: 800-747-1108, NB: 732-846-4462, EO: 973-395-0060;office@njwan.org; www.njwan.org; NJWAN was founded in May 1988 out of the recognition that an independent voice was needed to express the needs of women in the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

North Jersey Community Research Initiative

393 Central Ave, 3rd Floor, Newark, NJ 07103; 973-483-3444; njcri@njcri.org; www.njcri.org; Education; prevention programs for youth, HIV positives, and substance users; HIV Counseling/Testing/Referral; STD testing; clinical trials on HPV and HIV medications; syringe exchange; care/treatment/support services: primary care, psychiatry, substance abuse, nutrition, adherence, case management, food pantry, transportation, referrals, and support groups; technical assistance for minority-based HIV organizations; behavioral surveillance/research; pre- and post-discharge correction services; Greater Newark multi-agency outreach; and collaborative project with other disease group organizations.

Ryan White Mental Health Program

Christ Hospital-CRC, 179 Palisade Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07306; 201-418-7037; hgolden@christhospital.org; Bilingual counseling for HIV+ Hudson County residents at Christ Hospital.

South Jersey AIDS Alliance

19 Gordon's Alley, Atlantic City, NJ 08401; 609-347-1085, Hotline: 800-281-AIDS (2437); info@sjaids.org; www.southjerseyaidsalliance.org; Founded in 1985, offering AIDS and HIV support, info, and services. Covering Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland counties, the alliance operates regional support centers to assist clients and their families. All services are free and confidential.

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey

HIV/AIDS Resource Center; 176 Riverside Ave, Red Bank, NJ 07701; 800-947-0020; www.vnacj.org/community/hivaids.html; This referral phone line is a service of Monmouth-Ocean HIV Care Consortium and community organizations in Monmouth and Ocean counties. Assistance is offered daily from 8:30am-4:30pm. After-hours messages will be returned on the next business day. All calls are confidential.

LEGAL REFERENCES



Lambda Legal

www.lambdalegal.org/

Serving Our LGBT Service members since 1973

National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)

ORGANIZATIONS



Asexual Visibility and Education Network

314-210-7659;
info@asexuality.org; www.asexuality.org; AVEN is a supportive community of asexual people and our allies. We seek to create open, honest public dialogue about asexuality.

The Center – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center

208 West 13th St, New York, NY 10011-7702;
212-620-7310;
rgreen@gaycenter.org; www.gaycenter.org; New York City's gay community center. Via subway: Take 1, 2, 3, A, C, F, V trains to 14th St.

Central Jersey Lesbian Alliance

centraljerseyla@aol.com;
groups.yahoo.com/group/CJLA; The mission of the Central Jersey Lesbian Alliance is to enrich the lives of our members and exhibit a positive lesbian community example. We accomplish this through arranging supportive and comfortable venues to socialize, providing information and resources regarding lesbian events and issues, participating in community volunteer activities, encouraging communication with other lesbian organizations, and keeping abreast of political issues that affect the lesbian community.

Ford Gay Lesbian or Bisexual Employees

(GLOBE); PMB #187, 26300
Ford Rd, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127;
info@FordGLOBE.org;
www.FordGLOBE.org; Ford GLOBE is an ever-expanding grassroots network of employees, retirees, and contractors at Ford Motor Company, its subsidiaries, and affiliates. We welcome new members.

Gay & Lesbian Political Action & Support Groups

PO Box 11406, New Brunswick, NJ 08906-1406; 732-744-1370;
email@gaypasg.org;
www.gaypasg.org; Supporting basic Civil Rights, Same-Sex Civil Marriage, and Safe Schools as major projects.

Gay Pride Business Network

PO Box 255, Cranford, NJ 07016; 908-276-2006; info@gpbn.org; www.gpbn.org; GPBN is a business networking community dedicated to educating and motivating you to help you build relationships to grow your business. We connect to build business. All business people are welcome to join and network. We meet at

Moonstruck Restaurant in Asbury Park (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) and at Catherine Lombardi's Restaurant in New Brunswick (1st Tuesdays).

Heritage of Pride, Inc

154 Christopher St, Suite 1D, New York, NY10014; 212-80-PRIDE (212-807-7433); www.nycpride.org; Heritage of Pride organizes Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride events in New York City to commemorate and celebrate the Stonewall Riots.

Log Cabin Republicans of NJ

1901 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 902, Washington, DC 20006; 973-635-5373; membership@logcabin.org; coffeelen@att.net; www.logcabin.org; Log Cabin Republicans courageously stand on the front lines of today's most important battleground for gay and lesbian civil rights. We are the nation's leading voice for fairness, inclusion, and tolerance in the GOP. The nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization, with local chapters at the state level.

Magnus Hirschfeld Center for Human Rights

Crosswicks House, PO Box 1974, Bloomfield, NJ 07003; 862-823-1767; wacourson@hotmail.com; www.geocities.com/mhc_humanrights/index3.html; A non-governmental, non-profit organization engaged in the promotion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender human rights and civil liberties under international law. Bill Courson, executive director.

New Jersey Stonewall Democrats

PO Box 8221, New Market Station, Piscataway, NJ 08855; 732-603-0514;

bcasbarsiperstein@stonewalldemocrats.org; www.njstonewalldemocrats.org; Founded in January 2000 to bring together Democrats: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed, and heterosexual, to influence the leaders of New Jersey's Democratic Party to understand and support equal rights for our community. From within the party itself, we maintain an ongoing dialog with leaders, helping them fight for the ideals of the Democratic Party and holding them accountable, while embracing equality for all Americans: in our party, our state, and our country. Join us now! Meets 4th Tuesday at Monmouth County Democrats HQ, 64 E Main St, Freehold, NJ 07728.

New Jersey Support Group

206-600-7860; www.njsg.org; New Jersey Support Group provides a cultural medium for all identifying as transgender, transsexual, or cross dresser in NJ & East PA through which we can give & receive support by sharing our diverse life experiences as gifted individuals. We provide a relaxed, noncompetitive, informal, & safe atmosphere for all members of the transgender community regardless of their age, race, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation.

Rainbow Families of New Jersey

PO Box 1385, Maplewood, NJ 07040; 973-763-8511; info@rainbowfamiliesnj.org; www.rainbowfamiliesnj.org; Provides a means for GLBT parents in New Jersey to form a community, supports other GLBT individuals in their efforts to become parents, fosters awareness of and respect for GLBT-headed households to the general public, and advocates for the issues and concerns that face GLBT families.

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Website:

<http://www.rainbowfamiliesnj.org/>

PRINT/RADIO/WEB



Gayellow Pages

PO Box 533-GAA, Village Station, New York, NY 10014;
646-213-0263; gypages@gmail.com;
www.gayellowpages.com; The ORIGINAL LGBT yellow pages: since 1973.

GenderTalk!

nancy@gendertalk.com; www.gendertalk.com; We're the leading radio program advocating for transgender rights and dignity, while also exploring related issues that affect us all, like gender, sex, race, class, and more. So enjoy yourself. Poke around a bit. Listen to a program or two. Take your time. We'll leave the server on for you.

Generation Q

732-932-7800 x913; wrsu@wrsu.rutgers.edu; wrsu.rutgers.edu; Queer Radio from New Brunswick with Pedro Serrano. Wednesdays 2-4pm on WRSU-FM 88.7.

Out QRadio

On XM

Out IN Jersey magazine; 743 Hamilton Ave, Trenton, NJ 08629; 609-213-9310; peterfrycki@outinjersey.net; www.outinjersey.net; New Jersey's free an independent source for GLBTI news and views.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Directory of Services and

Resources

New York City Office of the Comptroller, 1 Centre St, New York, NY 10007-2341; 212-669-2697; action@comptroller.nyc.gov; www.comptroller.nyc.gov/bureaus/cac/faq.shtm#seven. The directory includes information from New York City and the metropolitan area, including New Jersey. The directory also is available online in PDF.

New Jersey Southern Shores Rainbow Directory

PO Box 812, Cape May, NJ 08204; 609-861-1848; rainbowdirectory@gmail.com; www.njrainbowdirectory.com; Published by GABLES of Cape May County, Inc. An annual directory of businesses and organizations that proudly serve the LGBTQI Community of New Jersey. Winner of the NJ Governor's Award for Excellence in Tourism.

NJGayLife.com

c/o Pressing Issues Inc, PO Box 224, Metuchen, NJ 08840; 732-549-9054; info@njgaylife.com; www.njgaylife.com; Experience the new NJGayLife.com! Keeping the community connected since 1997.

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY



Bound Brook Presbyterian Church

409 Mountain Ave, Bound Brook, NJ 08805; 732-356-3575; info@bbpc.org; www.bbpc.org; People of all sexual orientations will find a safe and affirming place here. Services Sat. at 5pm and Sun. at 9 & 11am. Father's Day through Labor Day: one Sun. service at 9:30am.

Central Unitarian Church of Bergen County

156 Forest Ave, Paramus, NJ 07652; 201-262-6300; www.cucparamus.org. We are a church without creed or dogma. Our faith emphasizes the inherent worth and dignity of all people, personal religious integrity, moral commitment, and a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We welcome all people of good faith and, as a Welcoming Congregation, make a special effort to be inclusive of LGBTQI people. Sunday services are at 10:30am.

Christ Episcopal Church

74 Park Ave, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028; 973-743-5911; ccinbgnj@verizon.net; www.christchurchepiscopal.org; Christ Church is a diverse, inclusive Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Newark. We welcome all of God's people with open arms. Our building is wheelchair-accessible.

Church of the Incarnation

(Episcopal); 68 Storms Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07306-3316; 201-434-4810; Lyric440@gmail.com; www.visitcinarnation.com; Church of the Incarnation is a diverse and inclusive Anglican/Episcopal congregation offering radical hospitality and radical welcome through enthusiastic worship, engaging community outreach and empowering spiritual learning. We invite our LGBTI sisters and brothers to share their faith journey with ours. Sundays at 10:30am. All are welcome!

Church of the Messiah

50 Route 24 West, Chester, NJ 07930-2410; 908-879-5736; info@messiahchester.org; www.messiahchester.org.

Church of the Redeemer

36 South St, Morristown, NJ 07960; 973-539-0703; webmaster@redeemermorristown.org; www.redeemermorristown.org; We Are One Family. Sunday services: 8 and 10:30am (9:30 in summer). All are welcome!

Dharmachakra Buddhist Center

2933 Vauxhall Rd, in Milburn Mall, Vauxhall, NJ 07088; 973-847-5471; info@meditatenj.org; www.meditatenj.org; Dharmachakra Buddhist Center is a Buddhist meditation center in northern New Jersey. We offer instruction in meditation and Buddhist spiritual practice through meditation

classes, meditation retreats and special meditation events. Meditation is for everyone, from those who seek relaxation to those who wish to follow the Buddhist spiritual path. We promote the teachings and ideals of Kadampa Buddhism in northern New Jersey.

Dignity Metro NJ

c/o St George's Episcopal Church, 550 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood, NJ 07040; 973-509-0118; dignitymetronj@msn.com; www.metronj.dignityusa.org; A Haven for GLBT Catholics in Northern New Jersey.

Dignity New Brunswick

109 Nichol Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08906; 732-968-9263; dignitynb@earthlink.net; home.earthlink.net/~dignitynb; For GLBT Catholics and friends, we meet at the New Brunswick Quaker Meeting House twice monthly for liturgies and social events.

Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

New & Kirkpatrick Streets, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 732-545-2673; emanuelnb.org@gmail.com; www.emanuelnb.org; Emanuel is a warm, friendly, gay welcoming church. Regular services are Sunday mornings at 10:30; summer services (June – August) are at 9:30. Large gay/lesbian membership. The pastor is Jeffrey Eaton.

First Presbyterian & Trinity Church

111 Irvington Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079; 973-762-7879; www.diversechurch.com; Sunday worship 10:30AM. A More Light Church, welcoming GLBTI people.

First Presbyterian Church

112 Washington Pl, Passaic, NJ 07055; 973-473-4107; info@passaicpresbyterian.org; www.passaicpresbyterian.org.

Grace Church in Newark

(Episcopal); 950 Broad St, Newark, NJ 07102; 973-484-3003; rector@gracechurchinnewark.org; www.gracechurchinnewark.org; Beautiful and reverent Catholic worship.

Traditional liturgical music led by professional choir. A thoughtful approach to scripture and tradition. A welcoming and affirming congregation. Sunday Masses: 8am (Said) and 10am (Sung). Weekday Masses: 12:10pm Monday-Friday.

Integrity NYC Metro

newark@integrityusa.org;

www.integritynycmetro.org; Integrity NYC Metro is the local presence of the national organization for LGBT Episcopalians. We organize the Episcopal presence at area pride events and provide social, spiritual, educational and advocacy programs.

Latter Rain Temple

40 S. Fullerton Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042; 973-874-3209; Come experience the radically inclusive love of Jesus Christ. Worship service: 3:00pm Sundays. A place where all God's children are welcome.

Liberation in Truth Unity Fellowship Church

11 Halsey St, Newark, NJ 07102; 973-621-2100 or 973-424-9555; JanyceLJ@aol.com; www.litufc.org; LITUFC is a member of the Unity Fellowship Movement.

Our Social Justice Ministry proclaims the sacredness of all life and focuses on empowering those who have been oppressed. We believe that God's Love is for everyone regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. Founded in 1995 to provide a safe and spiritual worship space for the LGBTI community. Service held Sundays at 1:30pm.

Metropolitan Community Church of Christ the Liberator

PO Box 7422, North Brunswick, NJ 08902; 732-846-8227; info@mccctl.com; www.mccctl.com; MCC-CTL—Helping All People Believe that God Believes in Them!

Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

21 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960; 973-540-1177; amiller@muuf.org; www.muuf.org; Unitarian Universalism has a long-standing commitment to the full inclusion and affirmation of all persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We Stand on the Side of Love.

New Jersey's Lesbian and Gay Havurah

PO Box 2576, Edison, NJ 08818-2576; 732-650-1010; info@njhav.org; www.njhav.org. A circle of friends celebrating our Jewish heritage. NJLGH is a state-wide organization serving the needs of the GLBTI Jewish community since 1991 by providing social, religious, cultural, and education activities every month.

The OASIS in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

732-591-9210 (Trinity Church, Matawan); 973-783-9533 (St. John's Church, Elizabeth); oasisnj@comcast.net; http://oasisnj.home.comcast.net; Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey with lesbian, gay, bisexual,

The OASIS - Diocese of Newark

31 Mulberry St, Newark, NJ 07102; 973-615-6377; admin@oasisnewark.org; www.oasisnewark.org; The OASIS is the ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark to LGBT persons. We provide a variety of social, educational advocacy services and represent over 50 welcoming congregations in northern NJ.

Rainbow Revs

rainbowrevs@yahoo.com.

Rev. Mitzi & Tabby Ministry

172 Jefferson Ave, North Plainfield, NJ 07060-3926; 908-279-4792; rev.mitzi.tabby@comcast.net; www.mitzitabbyministry.net; The Mitzi & Tabby Ministry is neither a gay religion nor a church. We are a gay spiritual movement. We are a non-

denominational, non-Christian ministry, open to all. Rev. Mitzi is a spiritual consultant and an ordained minister who can perform nuptials, baptisms, transitions and memorial services.

St. Francis of Assisi Church

195 Ridgewood Ave, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028; 973-506-8174; stfrancisnj@gmail.com; www.stfrancisnj.org.

St. James' Episcopal Church

214 Washington St, Hackettstown, NJ 07840; 908-852-3968; stjames214@comcast.net; www.stjameshackettstown.org.

St. John's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican); 215 Lafayette Ave, Passaic, NJ 07055-4711; 973-779-0966; frthiele@gmail.com; www.stjohnschurchpassaicnj.org; Sunday Masses: Low Mass at 8:00am. Sung Mass at 10:30am. Holy Days as announced. Thrift Shop: hours 11:00am - 4:00pm, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Diverse congregation—all are welcome!

St. John's Episcopal Church

226 Cornelia St, Corner of Cedar St, Boonton, NJ 07005; 973-334-3655; admin@stjohnsboonton.com; www.stjohnsboonton.com.

St. John's Episcopal Church

55 Montclair Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042; 973-746-2474; andrewbutler@saintjohnsmontclair.org; www.saintjohnsmontclair.org; St. John's is an open and affirming parish located in Montclair, NJ. Our diverse congregation includes several lesbian and gay couples, many with children. We've also conducted several same gender blessings in our church. Our priest is gay and understands the needs of LGBT folks searching for a progressive spiritual community. Sunday worship services are at 8am and 10am during the school year and 9:30am during the summer. Consult our website for additional information about outreach and faith formation opportunities.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

118 Chadwick Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666 ;973-615-6377; office@stmarksteaneck.org; www.stmarksteaneck.org; St. Mark's "Celebrates God's Inclusive Love" with Sunday services at 8, 9, 11 and 6:30pm every Sunday and a variety of programs. We welcome people and families of every kind to our fully-accessible faith community!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sparta, NJ

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

50 Edgemere Ave, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856; Mail: PO Box 403, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856; 973-398-1890; StPetersMtArlington@gmail.com; www.stpetersmtarlington.weebly.com; An open and welcoming family of faith. Visit us and see for yourself! Sunday Services at 10am, 9am in summer.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

380 Clifton Ave, Clifton, NJ 07011; 973-546-5020; revpdefranco@optonline.net; www.stpetersclifton.org; Sunday services: 8:00am and 10:15am.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462; 973-764-7506; clergy-st-thomas-vernon@earthlink.net; www.st-thomasvernon.org. We're the Episcopal Church in the Vernon area and we welcome Absolutely Everybody! No need to leave your brain at the door. If you've been missing God or simply want to know more, come check us out.

Skylands Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

1811 Route 57, Hackettstown, NJ 07840; Mail: PO Box 7110, Hackettstown, NJ 07840; 908-684-4040; www.skylandsuu.org. We celebrate the inherent worth and dignity of every person and family, and welcome GLBTI people into all aspects of congregational life. Sunday Services, 10:15 to 11:30am. For more information, contact Maureen Bonner at 908-875-8839.

Stanley Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

94 Fairmount Ave, Chatham, NJ 07928; 973-635-7723; office@stanleychurch.org; www.stanleychurch.org; Wherever you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. We are an Open & Affirming congregation. Join us for worship on Sundays at 10am. Please visit our website to learn more about us.

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

60 Temple Dr, Springfield, NJ 07081; 973-376-0539; execdirector@templebethahmyisrael.com; www.templebethahmyisrael.com. A Conservative Egalitarian synagogue in Union County. We are an inclusive congregation, welcoming the broader community of mature couples, singles, "traditional" Jewish families, interfaith families, and gay, lesbian, and transgendered Jews. We are dedicated to enriching the lives of our congregational family by providing an inviting environment for spiritual, educational, and social interaction and growth. Our Jewish Gay and Lesbian Education and Outreach Committee sponsors meetings and events throughout the year.

Unitarian Church in Summit

4 Waldron Ave, Summit, NJ 07901; 908-273-3245; uucs@ucsummit.org; www.ucsummit.org; Like other Unitarian-Universalist congregations, we embrace a set of guiding principles but do not have a creed, or fixed set of beliefs, that members are expected to adopt. We are a Welcoming Congregation.

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

113 Cottage Pl, Ridgewood, NJ 07450; 201-444-6225; usr.administrator@verizon.net; www.uuridgewood.org; A place where you will find inspiration in the richness of diverse beliefs and the power of community. Services during the school year are held at 9:00am and 10:30am. Summer services are held at 10:00. We welcome and affirm GLBTQ people. The Living the Welcoming committee works to enhance the understanding of GLBTI issues. Join us!

Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing

268 Washington Crossing-Pennington Rd,
Titusville, NJ 08560; 609-737-0515;
uucwc@uucwc.org; www.uucwc.org; unanimously
affirms the right of
same gender couples to be married.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills

123 East Cliff St, Somerville, NJ 08876; 908-927-
0601; uucsh@uucsh.org; www.uucsh.org.

Unitarian Universalist Ocean County Congregation;
PO Box 5184, Toms River, NJ 08754; 732-244
3455; uuocc_nj@yahoo.com; www.uuocc.org; A
Welcoming Congregation. Services are on Sundays
at 2pm at UCC of Toms River, 1681 Ridgeway Rd,
(Route 571). Directions at www.tomsriverucc.org.

United Church of Christ of Toms River

1681 Ridgeway Rd. (Route 571), Toms River, NJ
08757; 732-244-4014;
Pastor_Linda@tomsriverucc.org;
www.tomsriverucc.org; No matter who you are or
where you are on life's journey, you are welcome
here. Regular Services are Sundays at 11am. Call
for wheelchair access information.

RESOURCES: LGBTQI BOOKS & VIDEOS



**This list was borrowed from Alex Sanchez's website. Alex is the author of *Rainbow Boys*, *Boyfriends with Girlfriends*, and other novels about love and friendship - for teens and adults
<http://www.alexsanchez.com>**

***Bait*, Alex Sanchez, Simon & Schuster.**

Diego keeps getting into trouble because of his explosive temper until he finally finds a probation officer who helps him get to the root of his anger so that he can stop running from his past. Winner, 2009 Florida Book Award and 2010 Tomas Rivera Mexican-American Children's Book Award.

***Boyfriends with Girlfriends*, Alex Sanchez.**

After meeting online, Sergio and Lance make a date to get together in person, bringing along their respective best friends, Kimiko and Allie. The first meeting is sweetly awkward, and while the boys hit it off all right, there's a problem. Sergio is bisexual, and Lance isn't sure he can handle that or whether he even believes it is possible to be attracted to both boys and girls. Actually, there are two problems. Kimiko is a lesbian and crushes on Allie who, though she has a devoted boyfriend, is questioning and finds herself increasingly attracted to her new friend. How will these four engaging kids resolve the mixed messages their hearts are sending to their brains?

***Bullied*, Jeff Erno.**

Closeted Bryan wonders why Christian Michaelson doesn't just try to blend in if he hates being bullied so much. Star athlete Davis isn't a Homophobe –

after all he isn't afraid of anything. Jonathan, a Christian fundamentalist, must weigh the Bible against peer pressure & what he knows is right, when discovers his childhood friend is gay. Bully victim Chase Devereaux finds an unexpected ally in a brave fellow. A single mom struggles to accept the reality that her only son is gay. Two tough gay teens are forced to confront their own inner demons when tragedy befalls a classmate they failed to help. And overweight Kirby finds the strength of character to make a friend, which leads to a lifestyle change and a chance at love. Each character grows as an individual as he or she comes to terms with what it means to be a gay teenager in America.

***Down to the Bone*,**

Mayra Lazara Dole, HarperTeen. "When a nun at her Catholic school confiscates and reads aloud in class a note to Laura Amores from another girl, declaring her love, the teen is kicked out of her school and her home. Soon after, Laura's devoted girlfriend yields to family pressure and accepts a marriage proposal. Abandoned, heartbroken, and confused, Laura takes refuge with another friend and struggles to find a home and identity in both the straight and the gay world. Her story isn't uncommon in the queer-teen-lit canon, but Dole's infusion of lively, spicy Cuban-American culture set against a hot Miami setting makes it rise above other titles in the genre." (School Library Journal)

***Dumb Jock*, Jeff Erno.**

Afforded the opportunity to assist the town's high school football hero Brett Willson, Jeff embarks upon the challenge of educating the world's dumbest jock. The ensuing relationship that develops between the two young men proves far more challenging, however, than any tutoring session. Their budding friendship helps bring Jeff out of his shell and reveals a much deeper side of the dumb jock.

Hit the Road, Manny: A Manny Files Novel

Christian Burch, Simon and Schuster (sequel to *The Manny Files*)

When Dad parks a rented RV in the Dalinger's driveway, Keats piles in with the rest of his family -- and the Manny, of course -- bound for the open road. From the big skies of farm country to the bright lights of Las Vegas, this, in typical Manny fabulousness, is an all-American adventure filled with more Glamour-dos than Glamour-don'ts. But a stopover at the manny's childhood home is making the Manny feel not so fabulous. Why can't his parents ever accept him for who he is? And Keats, at first, sees their point. Why does the many always have to be so interesting?

How They Met & Other Stories, David Levithan, Knopf

18 stories, all about love, and about all kinds of love. From the aching for the one you pine for, to standing up and speaking up for the one you love, to pure joy and happiness, these love stories run the gamut of that emotion that at some point has turned every one of us inside out and upside down. What is love? With this original story collection David Levithan proves that love is a many splendedored thing, a varied, complicated, addictive, wonderful thing.

***I am J*, Cris Beam.**

Growing up, J (born as Jennifer) always thought of himself as a boy stuck in the body of a girl.

My Invented Life

Lauren Bjorkman, Henry Holt
With Roz and Eva everything becomes a contest—who can snag the best role in the school play, have the cutest boyfriend, pull off the

craziest prank. Still, they're as close as sisters can be. Until Eva deletes Roz from her life like so much junk e-mail for no reason that Roz understands. She has a suspicion about Eva. In turn, Eva taunts Roz with a dare, which leads to an act of total insanity in Lauren Bjorkman's hilarious debut novel.

Mousetraps

Pat Schmetz, Carolrhoda Books

Back in grade school, Maxie and Rick were best friends. Rick would design crazy inventions, and Maxie, the artistic one, would draw them. Then something terrible happened to Rick, and he vanished from her school and her life. Years later, he shows up at Maxie's high school. In some ways he's the same person she once knew. But in other ways - frightening ones - he's very, very different.

Nothing Pink Mark Hardy,

A tender story of first love set in late-1970s Virginia. Short yet forceful, moving and heartwarming.

Love & Lies: Marisol's Story, Ellen Wittlinger, Simon and Schuster

In this long-anticipated companion novel to the Printz Honor Book *Hard Love*, which critics called "A bittersweet tale of self-expression and the struggle to achieve self-love," Ellen Wittlinger offers a novel just as emotionally honest and deeply felt.

***Out of the Pocket*, Bill Konigsberg**

Dutton Star quarterback Bobby Framingham, one of the most talented high school football players in California, knows he's different from his teammates. They're like brothers, but they don't know one essential thing: Bobby is gay. Can he still be one of the guys and be honest about who he is? When he's outed against his will by a student reporter, Bobby must find a way to earn back his teammates' trust and accept that his path to success might be more public, and more difficult, than he'd hoped. An affecting novel about identity that also delivers great sports writing.

***Sprout*, Dale Peck.**

Sprout Bradford has a secret. It's not what you think—he'll tell you he's gay. He'll tell you about his

dad's drinking and his mother's death. The green fingerprints everywhere tell you when he last dyed his hair. But neither the reader nor Sprout are prepared for what happens when Sprout suddenly finds he's had a more profound effect on the lives around him than he ever thought possible.

The Vast Fields of Ordinary, Nick Burd.

The story of Dade, a gay Midwestern teenager, whose journey of self-acceptance takes place during the summer before his first year of college. Dade grapples with coming out, his parents impending divorce, and his nascent sexual relationships.

What They Always Tell Us, Martin Wilson,

James and Alex have barely anything in common anymore—least of all their experiences in high school, where James is a popular senior and Alex is suddenly an outcast. But at home, there is Henry, the precocious 10-year-old across the street, who eagerly befriends them both. And when Alex takes up running, there is James's friend Nathen, who unites the brothers in moving and unexpected ways.

Will Grayson, Will Grayson, John Green & David Levithan.

Will Grayson's best friend since fifth grade, nicknamed Tiny Cooper, is bigger than life in terms of his physical stature and his personality—the "world's largest person who is really, really gay." Tiny, while seeking the boy of his dreams, has been through the trauma of myriad short-lived romantic relationships and Will has supported him each time his heart is broken. Now, Tiny decides it's Will's turn.

FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Absolutely Positively Not by David LaRochelle

Steve is a 16 year old with two things on his mind: sex and getting his driving license. However, he's not thinking about girls when he's thinking about sex. Could he be gay?

Alt Ed by Catherine Atkins

Participating in a special after-school counseling class with other troubled students, including a sensitive gay classmate, helps Susan, an overweight tenth grader, develop a better sense of herself.

Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence, edited by Marion Dane Bauer (Harper)

A collection of short stories written by 16 respected young adult authors, this is an essential book to put in the hands of any teenager dealing with his or her own sexuality or having a gay parent or friend. The stories cover the gamut of "takes" on gayness. The title story by Bruce Coville tells of a gay teenage boy who receives a gift from Melvin, his "fairy godfather": For the boy's eyes only, Melvin turns every gay person blue for a day so that the boy can see he's not alone. What the boy discovers is that there are an amazing variety of shades of blue.

The Arizona Kid, by Ron Koertge

A straight teenage boy spends the summer living with his gay uncle in Arizona while working at a horse ranch and experiencing his first love relationship. The uncle's story is a backdrop to the boy's story, but it's very well handled, and the uncle is extremely likeable. At times, the messages about being gay, while strongly positive, are a little didactic. Koertge is an interesting writer who uses humor effectively.

Ash by Malinda Lo (Little, Brown and Company, 2009)

A new telling of the Cinderella story, Ash is left with her wicked stepmother and absorbed in grief over her father's death. The king's huntress takes the place of prince charming.

Athletic Shorts, by Chris Crutcher (Dell)

A short story collection, including two wonderful stories with gay themes and characters: "A Brief Moment in the Life of Angus Bethune," which tells the story of a fat teenage boy, the brunt of jokes in school, whose divorced parents are remarried – his father to a man and his mother to a woman; and, "In the Time I Get," the story of a high school athlete who must confront his own bigotry toward a gay man who is dying of AIDS. Many of Crutcher's novels and stories are sports-related, and are incredibly deep and insightful about the lives of teens. A must-read novel is *Staying Fat* for Sarah Byrnes.

Baby Be-Bop, by Francesca Lia Block (Harper) Dirk McDonald, a 16-year-old boy living in Los Angeles, comes to terms with being gay after he receives surreal storytelling visitations. Like most of Block's works, this book combines gritty realism with fairy-tale elements; the ultimate messages are self-acceptance and finding love and family in your own way and in your own time. Other books in this series (overlapping characters) are *Weetzie Bat*, *Witch Baby*, *Cherokee Bat and the Goat Guys*, and *Missing Angel Juan*. All five books have been published in one trade paperback volume called *Dangerous Angels*. A collection of short stories by Block, *Girl Goddess #9*, has a wonderful story about a teenage boy telling his girlfriend he is gay called "Winnie and Cubby," originally published in *Am I Blue* as "Winnie and Tommy." All of this author's books are highly recommended.

Bend, Don't Shatter: Poets on the Beginning of Desire

by T. Cole Rachel (Editor), Rita D. Costello (Editor) (Soft Skull)

This anthology navigates the rocky waters of teenage sexuality and confusion with insight, clarity, and understanding. The poems were written by adults who keenly remember the turmoil and excitement of their own adolescent sexual explorations but now have the perspective and sense of self that come with growing up.

The Bermudez Triangle, by Maureen Johnson (Razorbill)

Mel, Avery, and Nina--the Bermudez Triangle--have been inseparable girlfriends since childhood. Then, the summer before senior year, while Nina is at Stanford for a leadership institute, Mel and Avery realize that their feelings for each other may be more than friendship. Johnson deftly portrays Mel's struggle to come to grips with her homosexuality, Avery's confusion and uncertainty about hers, and Nina's hurt and frustration at being left out and losing the comfort of old routines. (from Booklist)

Between Mom and Jo by Julie Anne Peters (Little Brown & Co., 2006)

Nick's life spins into turmoil when his mother and her wife announce that they are separating.

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan (Alfred A. Knopf)

A hilarious and delightful story about one teenager's sophomore year in a kind of utopia, where tolerance reigns and shame is banished. The world in which Paul lives is utterly devoid of

homophobia. It's Paul's love life that's complicated.

Damned Strong Love by Lutz Van Dijk (Henry Holt)

Intense and heartbreaking, this novel is based on the true story of a love affair between a 16-year-old Polish boy whose brother is active in the resistance and a Nazi soldier.

Deliver Us From Evie, by M.E. Kerr (Harper)

16-year-old Parr Burrman and his family face some difficult times when word spreads through their rural Missouri town that his older sister is a lesbian, and she leaves the family farm to live with the daughter of the town's banker. 18-year-old Evie Burrman is one of the most inspiring lesbian characters in young adult fiction.

The Eagle Kite, by Paula Fox (Orchard)

The father of 13-year-old Liam Cormac has AIDS, and Liam's family cannot talk about it until Liam reveals a secret he has tried to deny ever since he saw his father embracing another man at the beach. *The Eagle Kite* has been praised for its perceptive, transcendent prose, honest portrayal of tangled emotional issues, and palpable dramatic tension. Fox is an outstanding writer for children and young adults. This is the only book of hers that deals with gay-related issues.

Earthshine, by Theresa Nelson (Orchard)

12-year-old Slim McGranahan watches over her father, a disarmingly charismatic man, as his struggles with AIDS reaches its climax. Slim lives with her father, Mack, and Mack's devoted companion and lover, Larry. One of the book's most important contributions to literature is the way it portrays the love and tenderness among the three members of the McGranahan household.

Empress of the World, by Sara Ryan (Puffin)

Nicola Lancaster is spending eight weeks at the Siegel Institute Summer Program for Gifted Youth, a hothouse of smart, articulate, intense teenagers. She soon falls in with Katrina, Isaac, Kevin . . . and Battle, a beautiful blonde dancer, and everything Nic isn't. The two become friends--and then, startlingly, more than friends. What do you do when you think you're attracted to guys, and then you meet a girl who steals your heart?

Fade to Black by Alex Flinn (HarperCollins, 2005)

Alex Crusan faces harassment and prejudice when it is discovered that he is HIV-positive.

From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun, by Jacqueline Woodson (Scholastic)

13-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman. Adding even greater dimension to this story is the fact that Melanin and his mother are black, while the woman his mother has fallen in love with is white. Wonderfully written, as are all of Woodson's books. While only a few of the author's books deal with gay or lesbian characters, almost all deal with issues of race.

Geography Club, by Brent Hartinger (Harper)

The novel is a fast paced, funny, and trenchant portrait of contemporary teenagers who may not learn any actual geography in their latest school club, but who learn plenty about the treacherous social terrain of a typical American high school and the even more dangerous landscape of the human heart. Also, check out the sequels, ***The Order of the Poison Oak***, and ***Split Screen***.

Getting It, by Alex Sanchez (Simon & Schuster)

It's embarrassing enough that Carlos Amoroso is fifteen and the only virgin among his friends, but he's never even really kissed a girl. The object of Carlos's desire, Roxy Rodriguez, is popular and hot--and has no idea that Carlos is alive. But watching a TV show one night gives Carlos an idea: What if he got a makeover from Sal, the guy at school everyone thinks is gay? Asking Sal to do him a favor is harder than it seems, because Carlos is worried that if any of his friends see him with Sal, they'll think that he's gay too.

The God Box, by Alex Sanchez (Simon & Schuster)

High-school senior Paul has dated Angie since middle school, and they're good together: they have a lot of the same interests, like singing in their church choir, and being active in Bible club. But when a new boy, Manuel, transfers to their school, Paul has to rethink his life. Manuel is the first openly gay teen anyone in their small town has ever met, and yet he says he's also a committed Christian. Talking to Manuel makes Paul reconsider thoughts he has kept hidden and listening to Manuel's interpretation of Biblical passages on homosexuality causes Paul to re-evaluate everything he believed. Manuel's outspokenness triggers dramatic consequences at school, culminating in a terrifying situation that leads Paul to take a stand.

Gravel Queen, by Tea Benduhn (Simon &

Schuster)

There is a carefully constructed balance between Aurin and her friends Kenney and Fred. But when Neila joins their circle, Aurin realizes that she and Neila are becoming more than friends. Tea Benduhn looks at teen making decisions about her future while trying not to lose her past.

Hard Love, by Ellen Wittlinger (Simon & Schuster)

This very hip, very contemporary novel set in the world of homemade zines (magazines) finds 16-year-old John "Gio" Galardi, Jr., falling in love with the amazing Marisol Guzman, a self-proclaimed Puerto Rican Cuban Yankee Lesbian. The two form an unlikely friendship based on zines, alienation, and dreams of escape. John questions his own sexuality as he struggles with his unrequited love for Marisol, who has no doubts at all about who she is. *Hard Love* is an absorbing book about loss, love, trust, family, transformation, and, interestingly, authorship.

"Hello, I Lied", by M.E. Kerr (Harper)

Summering in the Hamptons on the estate of a famous rock star, 17-year-old Lang tries to decide how to tell his longtime friends that he is gay, while struggling with an unexpected infatuation with a girl from France.

Hero, by Perry Moore (Hyperion)

A gay teen hero in a high-concept fantasy marks a significant expansion of GLBTQ literature into genres that reflect teens' diverse reading interests; given the mainstream popularity of comics-inspired tales, the average, ordinary, gay teen superhero who comes out and saves the world will raise cheers from within the GLBTQ community and beyond. (From Booklist)

The House You Pass on the Way, by Jacqueline Woodson (Delacorte Press)

When 14-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout (a girl), she finds herself attracted to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self. This story of questioning one's sexual identity is sensitively told and extremely moving.

If You Believe in Mermaids... Don't Tell by A.A. Philips

A deft portrayal of a pre-teen boy trying to keep secret his love of dolls, mermaids, and dressing in girl's clothes because of his father's stern wish for him to be "manly." Check out: <http://www.believeinmermaids.net>

Jack, by A.M. Homes (Random House/Vintage)
15-year-old Jack's confused feelings for his father, who left him and his mother four years earlier, are further complicated when he finds that his father is gay. Critics have described the protagonist as a doggedly funny, endearing, and attractive human being. Each of the gay characters is portrayed as an individual, and Jack's father is a multidimensional person who is trying to do his best to be a good parent.

Keeping You a Secret, by Julie Anne Peters (Little Brown)

"Not just a gay love story, this book transcends barriers, allowing readers of all persuasions to revel in its universal truths about self-knowledge, acceptance, pride, and the hardships of wrestling with the perceptions and comfort of others..." - Voice of Youth Advocates - Also, check out her novel about a transgender teen, **Luna**, a National Book Award finalist!

Kissing Kate, by Lauren Myracle (Dutton)
Lissa thought that she and Kate, her beautiful and charismatic best friend, would always be close. Then one summer night Kate kissed Lissa and Lissa kissed her back. With a keen sense of humor, a flaky new friend, and a book on lucid dreams, Lissa finds the bravery to examine her own desires and discovers that falling in love can be one way of finding your footing.

Night Kites, by M.E. Kerr (Harper)
Night Kites is the first young adult novel about AIDS, written in 1985 before there was much information available about the disease. Interestingly, it is still one of the best books available. 17-year-old Erick Rudd tells the story of how his family reacts when they find out about his older brother Pete's homosexuality and debilitating illness at the same time.

Love and Sex, Ten Stories of Truth, edited by Michael Cart (Simon & Schuster)
A groundbreaking volume in which some of the finest writers for adults and teens have contributed original stories on the various aspects of love and sexuality. Three of the stories are gay-related.

The Man Without a Face, by Isabelle Holland (Harper)
A fatherless 14-year-old boy develops an unusual relationship with the man living near his summer home who helps him prepare his entrance exams to boarding school. This is a wrenching story,

beautifully written. The man, who is badly scarred, reveals a secret to the boy – a secret that was completely disregarded in the otherwise excellent movie adaptation starring Mel Gibson.

The Misfits, by James Howe (Atheneum/Simon & Schuster)

Set in the seventh grade, this novel is for older elementary as well as middle school and early high school age readers. Among the four misfits of the title is Joe Bunch, who at twelve knows he's gay and figures it's up to the rest of the world to deal. Having always been somewhat outrageous, he's used to being called "faggot" and "fairy." What he isn't used to is his growing desire to have a boyfriend at a time when others around him are beginning to date. With the three other "misfits", Joe forms a political party to end name-calling in his school.

My Father's Scar, by Michael Cart (Simon & Schuster)

During his freshman year of college, as he enters into his first relationship as a gay man, Andy Logan reflects on his early years with an abusive, alcoholic father, an ineffectual mother, and a cruel grandmother in a bigoted community in the 1960s. The important theme of healing from unforgivable humiliation and pain is handled beautifully. A heartrending book.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky (MTV/Pocket Books)

15-year-old Charlie talks about his life in a series of letters to an unnamed recipient. An outcast, Charlie finds refuge in a group of older teens who take him under their wing. Included in the group is a boy who is gay and having his first love relationship with a closeted fellow student. Charlie's story is wonderfully told and incredibly compelling. This book is a "crossover" book for the adult and young adult market.

On the Fringe, edited by Donald R. Gallo (Dial)
"Standing on the Roof Naked" by Frances Lantz, the story of a gender-different teenage girl, is a standout in this excellent collection by eleven critically acclaimed young adult writers dealing with the outsider experience.

Out of the Shadows, by Sue Hines (Avon)
In this first novel by Australian author Sue Hines, two teenagers struggle to maintain their friendship while hiding secrets they fear will destroy their connection. Rowanna Preston, whose mother was

recently killed by a drunken driver, is living with Deb, her mother's lover. Jodie Waters, a new student, is not only in the closet about her sexual identity but also hiding her attraction to Ro. A fascinating book in that one of its main characters must come to terms not only with her feelings about her mother's sexual identity but her best friend's as well.

Parrotfish, by Ellen Wittlinger (Simon & Schuster) Angela Katz-McNair has never felt quite right as a girl. Her whole life is leading up to the day she decides to become Grady, a guy. While coming out as transgendered feels right to Grady, he isn't prepared for the reaction he gets from everyone else. His mother is upset, his younger sister is mortified, and his best friend, Eve, won't acknowledge him in public. Why can't people just let Grady be himself?

Peter, by Kate Walker (Houghton Mifflin) Peter is a 15-year-old Australian boy, aspiring photographer and avid dirt-bike rider, with the usual hang-ups about 'fitting in', sex, and what he wants to do with his life. Then he meets David, who is gay. Peter's never met anyone like him before. Peter, whose experience with girls is minimal, feels increasingly drawn to the 20-year-old David.

Prejudice: Stories about Hate, Ignorance, Revelation, and Transformation, edited by Daphne Muse (Hyperion)

This is an uneven collection of stories and excerpts from longer works, but it contains two outstanding short stories:

"A Brief Moment in the Life of Angus Bethune," by Chris Crutcher (See: Athletic Shorts, above), and "X: A Fabulous Child's Story," by Lois Gould, a fable about a child whose gender is unknown. The child is simply referred to as "X".

"Queer"

A book for LGBTQ teens

Rainbow Boys, by Alex Sanchez (Simon and Schuster)

A love triangle between three teenage boys, each at a different stage of coming out. 17-year-old basketball player Jason Carillo has a girlfriend, but he dreams about guys. When he finally musters enough courage to attend a local meeting for gay teens, he is shocked to find two of his classmates there – the flamboyant Nelson "Nelly" Glassman (who everyone at school knows is gay) and quiet, shy Kyle Meeks, who looks too "normal" to be gay.

This novel is very contemporary with its references to GSAs, safe sex, and teen support groups. Dealing frankly with the sex lives (or lack thereof) of its characters, this book will appeal to kids who want an honest look at what it is to be a gay teen today.

Rainbow High, by Alex Sanchez (Simon and Schuster)

Second book of the Rainbow trilogy. As their high school days draw to a close, three friends move toward one of life's most defining crossroads, each will be compelled to choose his own direction -- and prepare for the consequences.

Rainbow Road, by Alex Sanchez (Simon and Schuster)

Conclusion of the Rainbow trilogy. During an eye-opening post-graduation summer road trip, Jason, Kyle, and Nelson, each also embarks on a personal journey across a landscape of love, sexuality, homophobia, and above all, friendship.

Razzle, by Ellen Wittlinger (Simon & Schuster)

Razzle Penney, an oddball teen who works at the town dump, befriends Ken Baker when he and his parents first move to Cape Cod. While none of the adolescent characters are gay, there are gay secondary adult characters.

A Secret Edge by Robin Reardon (Kensington)

In many ways, Jason Peele is like any other teenager. He hits the books, hangs with his friends, flirts with girls, and omits the full truth of his life from his Aunt Audrey and Uncle Steve, who've raised him since his parents died. But there's one way that Jason is very different: when he dreams at night, it isn't about girls; it's about David Bowie. At sixteen years old, Jason is just beginning to understand that he might be gay.

So Hard to Say, by Alex Sanchez (Simon and Schuster)

Frederick is the shy new boy and Xio is the bubbly chica who lends him a pen on the first day of class. They become fast friends-but when Xio decides she wants to be more than friends, Frederick isn't so sure. He loves hanging out with Xio and her crew, but he doesn't like her *that way*.

"A Tale of Two Mommies" and "A Tale of Two Daddies"

By: Vanita Oelschlager

A cartoon book for children

Thinking Straight by Robin Reardon (Kensington)
Taylor Adams is shipped off to Straight to God, an institution devoted to “deprogramming” troubled teenagers of their vices—whether those vices are drugs, violence, or, in Taylor’s case, other boys. Every movement is monitored, privacy is impossible, and no one is quite who they first appear to be. Here, Taylor will learn more than he ever dreamed about love, courage, rebellion, and betrayal. But the most surprising lessons will be the truths he uncovers about himself.

Totally Joe by James Howe (Simon & Schuster)
As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alpha biography--life from A to Z--and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager. (An awesome sequel to James Howe's *The Misfits*.)

Unlived Affections, by George Shannon (Alyson)
At his grandmother’s death, 18-year-old Willie finds a box of old letters that explain many family secrets – including the truth about the father, presumed dead, he has never known. Publishers Weekly said, “Shannon explores how two young men of different generations struggle to find their identities.”

Unfinished Dreams, by Jane Breskin Zalben (Simon & Schuster)
Jason Glass, a sixth-grader, deals with his feelings

of being different because of his musical talent, while contending with the revelation that his school principal and mentor, Mr. Carr, has AIDS. As some in the community turn against the much-loved principal, Jason finds his own strength – and learns to hold on to unfinished dreams. A beautifully written book appropriate to younger readers as well as older teens. (The publisher has it aged 10 and up.)

What the Bible Really Say’s About Homosexuality, by Daniel A. Helminiak

What’s in a Name, by Ellen Wittlinger (Simon & Schuster)

In ten interlocking stories, the author addresses the rarely discussed issues of class and identity that inform so much of teenage life. As the citizens of Scrub Harbor struggle with whether or not to change the name of their town, the high schoolers whose stories make up *What’s in a Name* struggle with their own lives and the ways in which they see themselves and are seen. In two of the stories, O’Neill and his older football-playing brother Quincy must deal with O’Neill’s decision to out himself in a poem published in the school newspaper.

Film

Boys Don't Cry (Video)

A 1999 American independent romantic drama film directed by Kimberly Peirce and co-written by Andy Bienen. The film is a dramatization of the real-life story of Brandon Teena, a biologically born female who identified as a man and as intersexed, played by Hilary Swank, who pursues a relationship with a young woman, played by Chloë Sevigny, and is beaten, raped and murdered by his male acquaintances after they discover he is anatomically female. The picture explores the themes of freedom, courage, identity and empowerment. The film was distributed by Fox Searchlight Pictures and was released theatrically in October 1999.

Bully (video)

Before Stonewall (video)

After Stonewall (video)

For the Bible Tells Me So (video)

Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt (video)

Transgeneration (video)

SPORTS, RECREATION, & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Garden State Gay Bowling Organization

(GSGBO); info@GSGBO.com;
www.gsgbo.com. A fun social, mixed bowling league open to all bowlers, regardless of sex, race, religion, or sexual orientation, meeting at Nationwide Hudson Lanes (1 Garfield Ave, Jersey City, NJ) Tuesday nights at 8pm. Season runs from September to May.

GayOutdoors.org; www.gayoutdoors.org; Gay Outdoors (G.O.) is a network of GLBTIs that plans outdoor events and adventures through the US. Ed, from GAAMC's Board of Trustees, organizes events throughout NJ and neighboring states using G.O. to coordinate and communicate with participants. Most events are free and easy, and all are fun! All participants are responsible for their own transportation, safety and

expenses. Send e-mail to sche357@aol.com to get on the invitation list.

June: Delaware Water Gap Hike; July: Craftsman Farms & Stickley Museum; August: Tubing Down the Delaware; September: Spruce Run Park Hike & Potluck Picnic; October: Unionville Vineyards; November: Edison Museum; February: Snow Tubing in the Poconos; March: Great Swamp Hike.

Gay New Jersey

<http://www.gaynewjersey.us/>

Outbike NJ; OutbikeNJ@yahoo.com; www.outbikenewjersey.org; GLBT Bicycle club located in Northern NJ. Beginner to advance. Road and off-road rides.

LGBTQI MERCHANDISE



Store.BarackObama.com

LGBT for Obama Collection

President Barack Obama's reelection campaign store offers a variety of LGBTQ merchandise, including items such as the "My Two Dads Support Obama," and the "I'm Out For Obama"

Cafepress.com

Shop.hrc.org

Lambdalegal.org

Overtherainbowshop.com

RESOURCES BY COUNTY



BERGEN COUNTY

PFLAG-Bergen County; PO Box 1330, Ridgewood, NJ 07450; 201-287-0318; info@BergenPFLAG.org; www.BergenPFLAG.org. We provide a safe, friendly space where parents and loved ones can voice their concerns about GLBT issues. Meets at Temple Beth-Or, 56 Ridgewood Rd, Washington Township, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 8-10pm; Newcomers, 7:30pm.

Feminine Connection; PO Box 855, Oakland, NJ 07436; 201-337-6943; feminineconnect@aol.com; www.feminineconnect.org; Events for women: Dances, networking, scholarship awards.

Multiple Sclerosis Lambda Essential Group for Support (MS LEGS); 201-788-3663; MSLEGS@Juno.com; Self-directed by GLBT people with MS and sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, NJ Metro Chapter. MS LEGS meet monthly in Nutley, NJ, and at other Bergen & Passaic County locations for various activities. Care- and/or life-partners are welcome.

CAMDEN COUNTY

South Jersey NOW-Alice Paul Chapter; PO Box 2801, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; 856-778-8320; outreach@southjerseynow.org; www.southjerseynow.org. This chapter of NOW is involved in so many different activities that there is usually something for everyone. Whether your key issue is equal pay for equal work, ending violence against women, reproductive rights, child care, divorce law, women in politics, or ending racism, this chapter is doing something about it. Two free chapter newsletters sent on request (leave message on our answering machine or E-mail your request).

CAPE MAY COUNTY

GABLES of Cape May County; PO Box 641, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210; 609-861-1848; gables00@email.com; www.gablescapemay.com; Social and outreach organization whose purpose is to promote, secure, enhance, and protect the human dignity, integrity, and legal and political rights of lesbians, gays, and bisexual persons. Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm at the Church of the Advent, Cape May.

ESSEX COUNTY

SPECTRUMS

(Sexuality, Pride, Education, Community, Truth, Respect, Unity at Montclair State)

The LGBT Center serves as a co-advisor for Montclair State University's student Gay-Straight-Alliance SPECTRUMS. SPECTRUMS is a student organization dedicated to educating the community to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. They work to help end bigotry on the Montclair State University campus, to create a safe, supportive, and fun environment for GLBT students and allies, and to celebrate diversity.

SPECTRUMS meetings
Every Monday
8:00pm-9:00pm
SC 411-412

For more information email
spectrums.msu@gmail.com

Montclair State University GLBTQ Safe Space Program

The GLBTQ Safe Space Program identifies faculty, staff and students that have attended a Safe Space Program session. Participants in the GLBTQ Safe Space Program work to end homophobia and heterosexism on campus and create a visible network of support for the GLBTQ community. Some of the people who display the sticker or button identify as part of the GLBTQ community, while others are allies to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning individuals.

Montclair State University LGBT Center:

The LGBT Center is now hosting a "*Messages of Hope*" campaign in which members of the MSU community will be able to leave anonymous and positive message to those going through the coming out process.

Montclair State University: Gay & Lesbian Faculty & Staff Association;

Montclair State University, 1 Normal Ave, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043; 973-655-4168; GLFSA@mail.montclair.edu. We represent the diverse community of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender faculty and staff of Montclair State University.

Alternate Thursdays; First Lutheran Church of Montclair, 153 Park St, Montclair, NJ 07043; 973-325-6809; kjdinkin@comcast.net; Social group for women. A great place to make new friends, find support or meet someone special. We offer a comfortable, safe and friendly atmosphere for you to discuss a variety of topics with like-minded women. We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month from 7:30-9:00pm. We request a \$3 donation for the Church. Any questions? Contact Kerry at kjdinkin@comcast.net.

PFLAG-North Jersey; PO Box 4585, Wayne, NJ 07470; 908-789-7489; pflagwaver@aol.com; www.pflagnorthjersey.org; Meeting is located in South Orange, NJ. (Contact us by helpline or e-mail for exact location.) We now meet the 2nd THURSDAY of the month, from 7:30 to 9pm.

Gay and Lesbian Youth in New Jersey (GALY-NJ)

*South Orange Chapter
First Presbyterian & Trinity Church
111 Irvington Ave,
South Orange, New Jersey 07079*

Meets from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

HMI – Newark (Hetrick-Martin Institute)

Located in the Rutgers T.E.E.M. Gateway/YES Center
200 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07101
Juan Williams, LSW, Supervising Counselor
jwilliams@hmi.org - www.hmi.org
*Provides a safe and supportive environment for
Newark's LGBTQ youth to reach their full potential*

HUDSON COUNTY

Hudson Pride Connections Center; 32 Jones St, Jersey City, NJ 07306; 201-963-4779; info@hudsonpride.org; www.hudsonpride.org; Hudson Pride Connections Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit Community Center located in Hudson County, NJ, serving the GLBT Community and everyone living with HIV/AIDS. Activities, groups and programs active at HPCC include Coffee House, Out of the Box Open Mic Night, 32 Jones Art Gallery, The David Bohnett Cyber Center, Anthony Salandra Library, BLITZ, GLITZ, Jersey City Lesbian + Gay Outreach, Living Beyond Spirituality Group, Rainbow Book Group, Rainbow Recovery NA, YouthConnect, C.R.A.V.E. (Creating Relationship and Visions of Empowerment, Youth Program), Emergency Assists (Financial Assistance Program), Buddy Program (Treatment

Adherence & Support Program), HIV Outreach Program, HIV Testing, and LEAP (Legal Education & Advocacy). Key events throughout the year include our LGBT Youth Prom, LGBT Annual Health Fair, World Aids Day Observance, HPC Annual Gala, and Hudson Pride's Next Top Model.

Jersey City Lesbian and Gay Outreach (JCLGO)

An all-volunteer group based in Jersey City, founded in 2001. The group has held two Pride events, and seeks to reach out, support, and unite those who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered.

Website:
<http://www.jclgo.org>

HUNTERDON COUNTY

PFLAG-Hunterdon; 908-752-1370; pflaghc@yahoo.com; Meetings are held at Flemington Presbyterian Church, 10 East Main St, Flemington, NJ. On the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

MERCER COUNTY

PFLAG-Princeton; c/o HiTOPS Inc, 21 Wiggins St, Princeton, NJ 08540; 609-683-5155 x217; corrine@hitops.org; www.pflagprinceton.org; Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at Trinity Church, 33 Mercer St, Princeton, in the George Thomas Room at 7:30pm.

Trenton Gay and Lesbian Civic Association; PO Box 33209, 986 South Broad St, Trenton, NJ 08629-0209; 609-396-9788; info@tglca.com;

www.tglca.com; Fosters greater participation of Trenton's gays and lesbians in civic life, promotes the positive aspects of Trenton to gays and lesbians from other communities, and acts as a liaison between the gay and lesbian community and government. Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Mill Hill Saloon, 300 S. Broad St. at Market St, Trenton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Pride Center of New Jersey; 85 Raritan Ave, Suite 100, Highland Park, NJ 08904-2430; 732-846-2232; info@pridecenter.org; www.pridecenter.org; A fast-growing community center, The Pride Center provides a "safe space" for the LGBTIQ community: a place to learn about our community from a vast array of resources, a place to socialize and meet new friends, and a place to gain acceptance and understanding of your gender or sexual identity in comfortable setting. The Pride Center offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere and a knowledgeable and helpful staff. Whether New Jersey's LGBTIQ community is new or familiar to you, the Pride Center is a place to call home and return again and again. Our many groups include: Arts Adventures, Bisexual Social Support, Booked for Lunch, ComeOUT and Play (20's/30's men and women), Educational Forum, Games Night, Gay Dad's Support, Gay Men's Guild, Gay Men's Living Out, Karaoke Party, Lesbians and Gay Men of New Brunswick, LGBT Activist Forum, Meditation Group, Men's Coming Out Support, Movie Social, Overeater's Anonymous, Rock Hero Night, Stitch n'Bitch, Strategy Game,

Parents of GLBTIQ Youth/Young Adults Support, Torah Queeries, Trueselves (transgender support), Women Coming Out Support, Writer's Group, Yoga for Men, Youth Drop In, "Out of the Box" Open Mic Night, and much more...Open Week nights 7-10PM and some weekends.

Bisexual, Bi-curious and Allies Support Group

The purpose of this group is to provide a safe place to discuss different aspects of the bi experience: bisexuals in the work place, family, community. Coming out stories can be shared, etc. By 'allies' we mean friends of bi folks who show support for the group. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM. On the 2nd Tuesday in Room 3, on the 4th Tuesday, Room 2. For info, contact Donald Taylor at dtmadness778@yahoo.com

<http://www.pridecenter.org/group/bisexual-bi-curious-and-allies-support-group/>

The After School HangOUT

Support and Social Group for LGBTIQ youth 17 and younger and their straight allies! Come hang out with us at a safe place to talk, meet new people, and have fun! It's an extension of our current Youth Drop-In that happens the Second and Fourth Saturdays of the month!

<http://www.pridecenter.org/group/the-after-school-hangout/>

Women Coming Out Support Group

This group provides a supportive environment for women who are at any stage of the coming out process. Women of all ages who consider themselves gay, lesbian, bisexual, or questioning are welcome. Ages 18 and over. Meets on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of every month, 7:30PM to 9:00PM. For more information contact leighpafford@yahoo.com or pegs76@gmail.com.

<http://www.pridecenter.org/group/women-coming-out-support/>

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Jersey Shore Q-Spot; Jersey Shore Community Center Project, PO Box 855, Belmar, NJ 07719; info@jsqspot.org; www.jsqspot.org; Offers specific programs and services to the GLBTI Community in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, which include 4 initiatives focused on Health, Seniors, Family, and Youth. Meetings held on Monday nights in Asbury Park and a once-a-month Tuesday program with speakers and other events.

PFLAG-Jersey Shore (Monmouth County); Church House of the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702; 908-814-2155; jspflag@gmail.com; www.jerseyshorepflag.org; Meeting

monthly on 2nd Monday, from 7-9pm. Not affiliated with any religion.

PFLAG-Jersey Shore (Transgender & Trans Family); Monmouth County Area; 908-814-2155; jspflag@gmail.com; www.jerseyshorepflag.org. If you are transgender, or have a family member that is transgender, this group is here to support you. Please check our website for meeting times and location.

The Pride Network; Asbury Park, NJ; 516-463-6047; Question@ThePrideNetwork.org; www.ThePrideNetwork.org

MORRIS COUNTY

PFLAG-Morris County; PO Box 490, Brookside, NJ 07926; 973-543-7229; craig.bcc@verizon.net; pflag.morris@verizon.net; Meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at Brookside Community Church, 8 E. Main St, Brookside. Directions at www.brooksidechurch.org.

Gay Activist Alliance in Morris County; PO Box 137, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0137; Voice mail: 973-285-1595; info@gaamc.org; www.gaamc.org; Office and meeting place: Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960. Meetings on Monday evenings. Doors open at 6:30. Building is partially wheelchair accessible.

OCEAN COUNTY

Jersey Shore Q-Spot; Jersey Shore Community Center Project, PO Box 855, Belmar, NJ 07719; info@jsqspot.org; www.jsqspot.org; Offers specific programs and services to the GLBTI Community in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, which include 4 initiatives focused on Health, Seniors, Family, and Youth. Meetings held on Monday nights in Asbury Park and a once-a-month Quesday program with speakers and other events.

PFLAG-Jersey Shore (Ocean County); 1681 Ridgeway Rd. (Route 571), Toms River, NJ 08757; 908-814-2155; jspflag@gmail.com; www.jerseyshorepflag.org. The group meets at 7pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the United Church of Christ of Toms River. Not affiliated with any religion.

PASSAIC COUNTY

Multiple Sclerosis Lambda Essential Group for Support (MS LEGS); 201-788-3663; MSLEGS@Juno.com; Self-directed by GLBT people with MS and sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, NJ Metro Chapter. MS LEGS meet monthly in Nutley, NJ, and at other Bergen & Passaic County locations for various activities. Care- and/or life-partners are welcome.

SOMERSET COUNTY

Central NJ Gay Men's Opera Club; New Brunswick Area; 732-249-9034; hagol@msn.com. We meet the 1st Sunday each month at 6 pm in Somerset, NJ, to share favorite opera recordings and videos and to socialize.

Tuesday Night Lesbian Connection (TLC); 500 Mountain Ave, Bound Brook, NJ 08805; 732-371-3466; info4tnlc@yahoo.com;

groups.yahoo.com/group/info4tnlc; Meets every Tuesday at 8pm in Freeman Chapel. Established in 1994 as a safe place for lesbians to socialize and support each other, we have helped create many lasting friendships and continue to provide the opportunity to meet and get to know others through a variety of discussion topics and activities. Send an e-mail to get on our e-mail list for a current schedule.

SUSSEX COUNTY

PFLAG-Sparta/Northwestern New Jersey; Sparta United Methodist Church,
71 Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ 07871; 973-670-7228; goodag@embarqmail.com.

UNION COUNTY

Union County College: Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA)
www.straightandgayalliance.org