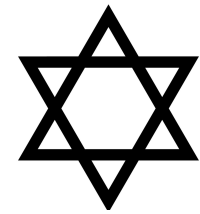


# Conflicting Identities: The LGBTQ-Jewish Identity Conflict and How the Jewish Community is Working to Fix It

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## Research Question

- How is the Jewish community working to integrate its LGBTQ members into the community?
- How do Jewish LGBTQ identify themselves and how are they working to invest themselves into the Jewish community?

## Purpose of Study

The purpose of this study is to examine the identity conflict that LGBTQ Jews feel between their Jewish and LGBTQ identities and how the Jewish community is working to fix this identity conflict.

## Conclusion

From the research findings, it can be concluded that LGBTQ Jews feel a conflict between their Jewish identity and their LGBTQ identity. They also lag in involvement in the Jewish community comparably. From the other side, the Jewish community has become more open to LGBTQ members but has not involved them greatly.

## Findings

### LGBTQ-Jewish Identities and Involvement

- Many LGBTQ Jews feel a pull between their Jewish identity and their LGBTQ identity, creating an identity conflict because they feel neither fully gay nor fully Jewish.
- Identity conflict leads to many LGBTQ Jews feeling lost, depressed, and confused about their place in society
- Lack of involvement in the Jewish community
  - Due to involvement in LGBTQ communities, out-marriage, and lack of support in Jewish community

### Jewish Communities Effort to Involve LGBTQ-Jews

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## Focus of Studies

The focus of the studies we researched and analyzed was mainly on the identities of LGBTQ Jews and how they relate themselves to the Jewish community and being Jewish. They analyzed their mental health and their involvement within the community

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