RESOLUTION

GAY AND LESBIAN JEWS

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE EDUCATORS

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PREAMBLE:

In 1977, the UAHC General Assembly called for an end to discrimination against homosexuals, and expanded upon this in 1987 by calling for the full Inclusion of gay and lesbian Jews in all aspects of synagogue life. The UAHC urged its congregations and affiliates to "encourage lesbian and gay Jews to share and participate in the worship, general congregational life, **employment**, and leadership of all synagogues; implement programs supportive of Jewish lesbians and gays; and, continue to develop educational programs in the synagogue and the community which promote understanding and respect for lesbians and gays."

THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE EDUCATORS:

1. Accept all Jewish educators who meet eligibility requirements for membership in NATE regardless of sexual orientation;

2. Welcome openly gay and lesbian educators to serve in positions of leadership In NATE;

3. Afford to all members of NATE, regardless of sexual orientation, all the benefits of membership, including those related to placement and leadership responsibilities within the Jewish community;

4. Support the rights of all individuals within our profession to equal consideration and equal opportunities regardless of sexual orientation;

5. Consider all applicants for positions in our congregational schools, regardless of sexual orientation;

6. Act as educational leaders in the Jewish community by developing curricula and outreach programs to help gay and lesbian Jews become fully integrated members of the Jewish community;

7. Encourage our members to create educational experiences, curricula, and materials which will promote positive attitudes toward all Jews, regardless of sexual orientation.