

Guide for Advocacy and Action by the Women of Reform Judaism National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods Implementing Resolutions Adopted In 1991 at the NFTS 38th Biennial Assembly

The Rights of Gay Men and Lesbian Women

Supports civil rights protection for gay men and lesbian women and full inclusion of gay and lesbian Jews in all areas of synagogue life.

Sisterhood's interest in including gay and lesbian Jews as individuals and families in all aspects of congregational life is not a social justice issue alone. Many Jewish gay and lesbian families include children and need Jewish community and educational resources.

- Invite gay and lesbian Jews and temple fami-

lies that include gay and lesbian members to speak.

- Hold focus groups to sensitize congregants to full gay and lesbian family participation in the congregation.
- Speak with the rabbi and religious school director about including curricula on diversity of families and life styles.
- Ask for Sisterhood representation on congregational search committees for professionals and other staff so that Sisterhood can advance selection policies unlimited by sexual orientation.