

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF SECULAR AND HUMANISTIC JEWS
Position Statement In Support of Same-Sex Marriage

The Leadership Conference of Secular and Humanistic Jews, whose members are Certified to perform marriage ceremonies and other life cycle events, affirms the right and responsibility of its members to serve the needs of all couples seeking to solemnize their commitment to each other.

Specifically, we have previously declared our obligation “to serve the needs of couples with different cultural and religious backgrounds” and “to co-officiate with civil or religious officiants in any wedding ceremony that respects the cultures of both partners...”

At this time, the Leadership conference of Secular and Humanistic Jews declares the right and responsibility of its members to perform marriages of same-sex couples in states and provinces where such marriages are recognized, and to officiate at same-sex commitment ceremonies in those jurisdictions which have not yet adopted fully inclusive, democratic laws.

We call upon the Secular and Humanistic Jewish communities which we serve to welcome all men, women and children, regardless of cultural heritage or sexual orientation, who identify with the history, culture, and fate of the Jewish people.

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