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Enriching Our Jewish Community Through LGBTQ Inclusion

## Guiding Questions for “Purim: Inside Out” by Rabbi Steven Greenberg

1. **Concealment.** What does it mean to conceal? Is it the same as hiding? Why or why not? What are the pros and cons of concealing one’s identity?
2. Why does each of the main characters in the story of Purim conceal aspects of their identities? What, if anything, might they give up as a result?
3. For LGBTQ individuals, why might they conceal their identities? What are the risks/consequence for revealing?
4. What does it mean for Mordechai to “turn his secret inside out”? How does someone “bear witness to the[ir] inner truths”?
5. How can we reconcile our inner and outer selves? What did Mordechai and Esther need to do? What would others who are concealing their identities need to do in order to reconcile their selves?
6. Rabbi Greenberg states: “Each of these full identities was achieved by reconciling the inner and outer persons.” Is it realistic to apply this notion to everyone? Are there any dangers?
7. For LGBTQ individuals, when is the right time to come out?
8. How do Jews in modern times reconcile their inner and outer selves?

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