

# Respect for Marriage Act

## Love is Love

When a couple stands together under the *chuppah* / wedding canopy, the traditional words they say to each other are “you are sacred to me.”

No one should be forbidden from making a sacred commitment to the person they love - or have their marriage and family ripped apart - because of their gender or race. And no religious group in America should claim their “religious freedom” allows them to deny our sacred rights or impose their faith on the rest of us.

The rights to LGBTQ+ marriage equality and interracial marriage depend solely on three Supreme Court decisions: *Obergefell* (2015), *Windsor* (2013), and *Loving* (1967). Today’s Supreme Court majority has already overturned dozens of past rulings, including the right to abortion, and signaled their intent to “reconsider” these three.

LGBTQ+ Jews and our communities call upon our judges and politicians to protect our marriages and families. We must pass the Respect for Marriage Act (RMFA), a bipartisan bill that would affirmatively protect both same-sex and interracial marriages, even in states that still lack explicit laws protecting couples from discrimination.

The RMFA recently passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support, and awaits a vote in the Senate. We need your help to make this a priority for the Senate, no matter who your Senators are!

## What Can You Do

**Take action right now.** Find ways to get in contact with your representatives and sample language.

**Sign up to phone bank in target states** with our partners at the HRC.

**Share with your networks.** Use the following social media post to encourage folks to take action. Or share your own message, why you believe in marriage equality.

“No one should be forbidden from making a sacred commitment to the person they love. Defend LGBTQ+ and interracial couples and families: pass the Respect for Marriage Act. Sign up to phone bank with @HRC mobilize.us/hrc/event/482839/”