Boston Pride Parade 2025 FAQs

When is Pride this year?

Boston Pride for the People 2025 is Saturday, June 14. Keshet is leading a contingent in the Pride Parade and will also have a booth at the Pride Festival on the Boston Common. The Parade and Festival will take place rain or shine.

When and where is the Parade?

Parade participants are expected to gather in Copley Square between 9:00am-10:30am (specific meetup logistics to follow upon registration). The parade itself begins at 11:00am on Boylston Street in Copley Square and ends at the Boston Common (1.7 miles). A map of the parade route is available online.

Who can participate in the Parade?

Anyone who wants to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride, LGBTQ+ history, and LGBTQ+ Jewish identity is welcome to participate. *Every person who wants to march in the Keshet contingent of the Parade must register separately by May 12 if they want a free Keshet t-shirt.* All registrants must be able to manage the 1.7 mile Parade, which is entirely on paved roads. Keshet will not have a vehicle or float to ride.

What does Keshet expect of people who participate in our Parade contingent?

Pride is historically both a celebration and a demonstration of joyful resistance. Behavior, signage, and language at the Parade should focus on affirming community members. We ask that all statements and messages focus on uplifting and celebrating the people and identities being spoken of, rather than highlighting divisions or denigrating any group. No drugs or alcohol are permitted in the Parade or at the Festival on Boston Common. More behavioral guidelines and safety information can be found on the BP4TP website.

What should I wear?

You may request a free Keshet t-shirt via the registration form, which we would mail to your home in advance of the parade. Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing/sunblock to protect you from the sun. Check the weather forecast and dress appropriately!

What should I bring?



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We cannot stress enough the importance of using sun protection, staying hydrated, and eating as needed. Bring a refillable water bottle, and ideally also electrolytes! There will be water bottle-refilling stations at Boston Common, at the end of the route, but we do not expect water to be provided during the parade itself. Please prepare in advance and bring any water, sunblock, snacks, or other supplies that you may need. You are welcome to bring earplugs to minimize the noise of the parade.

Can I bring a sign or banner?

Keshet will provide printed signs with messages of solidarity with LGBTQ+ equality and belonging, for those who wish to carry one. If you would like to make or print your own sign, feel free to pull inspiration from these printable LGBTQ+ Jewish Pride Signs. Carrying a sign is not required. Important note: we are excited to celebrate local Pride! With this in mind, please do not bring any national symbols to the parade (such as American, Israeli, or Palestinian flags). If you have questions about the design of a sign, banner, or flag you wish to bring, please contact Keshet's Greater Boston Education & Training Manager, Eli Lurie Sobel, at eli.lurie.sobel@keshetonline.org.

Where will the restrooms be?

Accessible porta potties will be available in multiple locations near the parade start (in the Copley Square area) and at the Festival on Boston Common. We cannot guarantee availability of restrooms along the parade route itself. For additional restroom access, we recommend the online resource Refuge Restrooms, a web application that seeks to help trans, nonbinary, gender non-conforming, and intersex people access safe bathrooms in public environments.

I have concerns related to accessibility.

All paths are paved. There is a quiet tent available far from the stage at Boston Common. There are designated accessible viewing areas at both the Parade and the Festival, including a designated area for members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community that includes ASL and Deaf interpreters. While face masks are not required at the Parade or Festival, there is a designated masked-only socialization space at the Festival on Boston Common. Participants are welcome and encouraged to bring any accessibility-related items that they may need, such as mobility aids, fans, etc. Keshet will have on hand a limited supply of face masks and earplugs. More accessibility information is available on the BP4TP website. If you have accessibility questions not answered on that page, we encourage you to reach out to the Parade organizers directly



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