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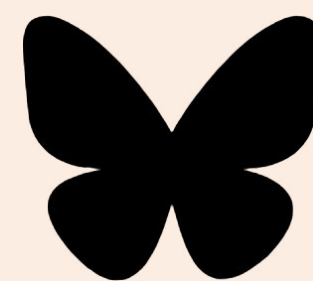
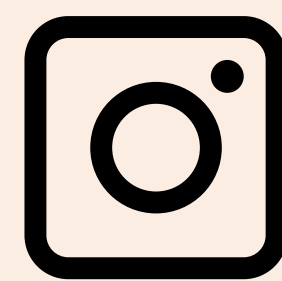
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Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ+ Jews and our families in Jewish life. We strengthen Jewish communities. We equip Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ+ affirming communities; create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued; and advance LGBTQ+ rights nationwide.



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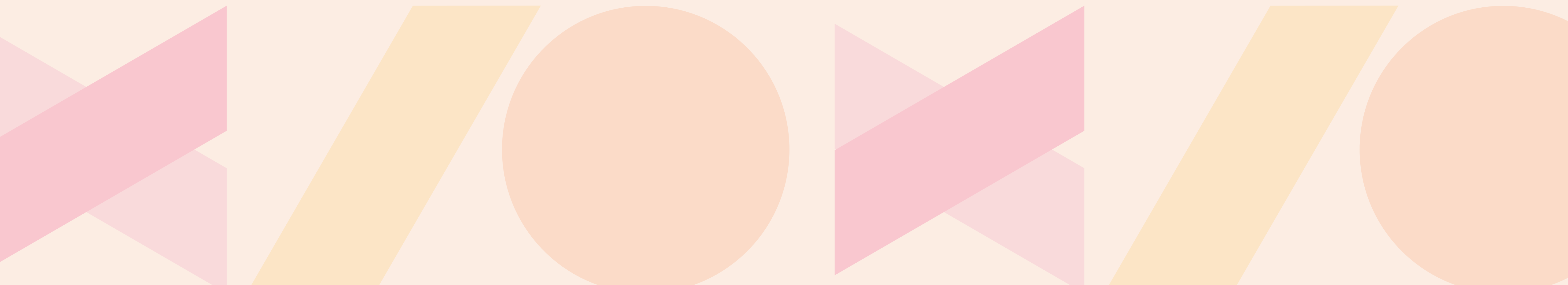
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2001

Supported the creation
of the first Gay-Straight
Alliance at a Jewish high
school

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2005



Produced “Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School” inspiring tens of thousands of Jewish educators and students across the country

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2004-2007

Keshet mobilized widespread Jewish community support to preserve the first-in-the-nation marriage equality in Massachusetts



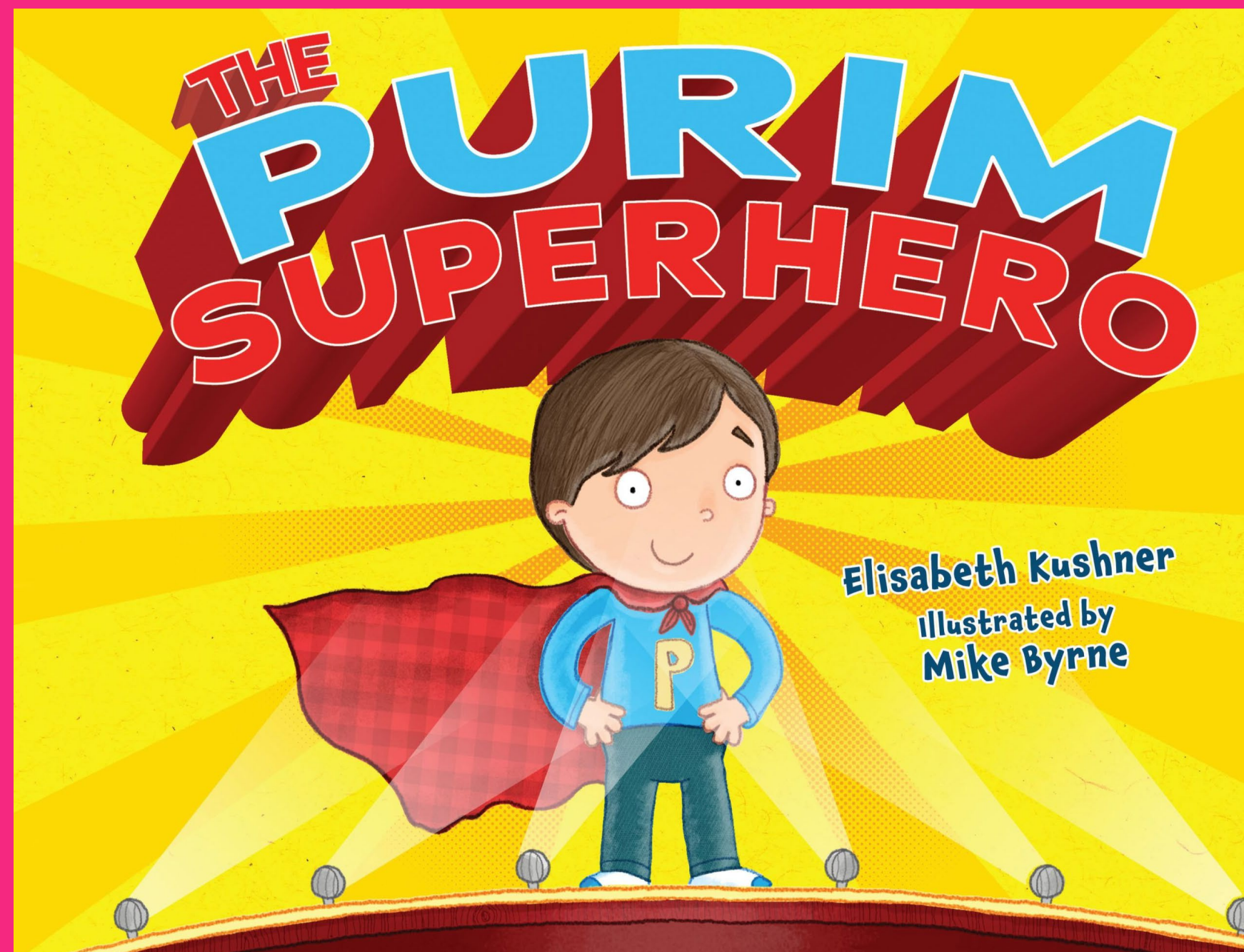
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2012

Launched the first-ever
life-changing Keshet
Shabbaton for LGBTQ+ and
Ally Jewish Teens

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2013

Partnered with Kar-Ben Publishing to publish *The Purim Superhero*, the first Jewish children's book to feature gay characters

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2018

Mobilized over 70% of
all Jewish communities
in Massachusetts to
successfully defend
transgender rights statewide



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2021-2024

Established new Keshet offices in Florida and Texas to join teams in Boston, New York, Chicago, and the Bay Area

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2022

Thrive: the Coalition to Defend
Trans and LGBTQ+ Youth,
now with over 240 Jewish
organizational partners

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2024

Hosted first-ever Shabbaton
for LGBTQ+ Jews of Color

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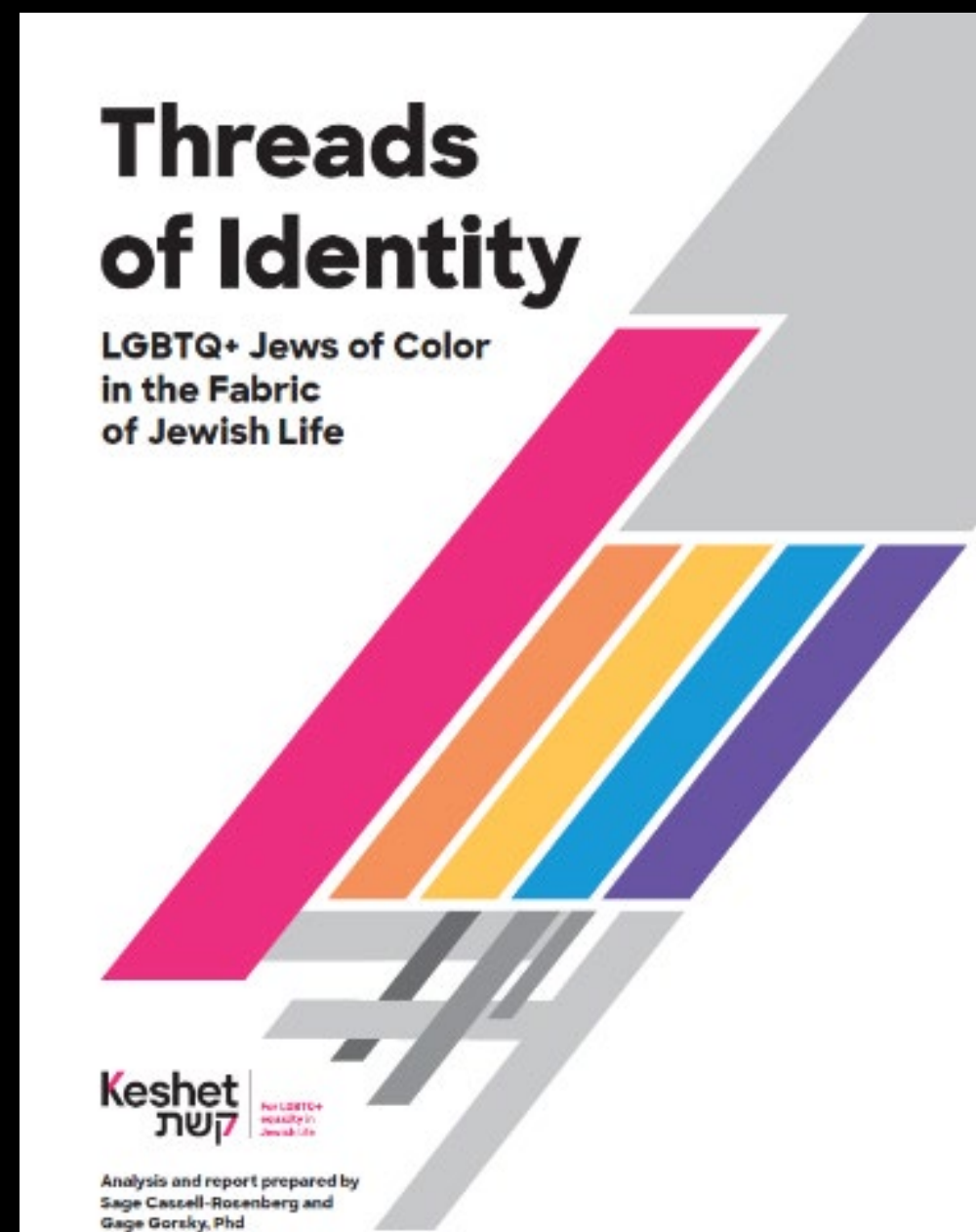


2024

Successfully defeated 21 of
22 anti-LGBTQ+ state bills in
coalition with our partners in
Florida

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2025



Released *Threads of Identity: LGBTQ+ Jews of Color in the Fabric of Jewish Life*, the first-ever report to explore the unique experiences of LGBTQ+ Jews of Color in Jewish spaces

Idit, You, and Keshet Changed American Jewish Life

2025



Initiated *Move to Thrive*, a partnership with the Hebrew Free Loan Society to establish the first-ever Jewish loan fund for LGBTQ+ people needing to relocate to safer states



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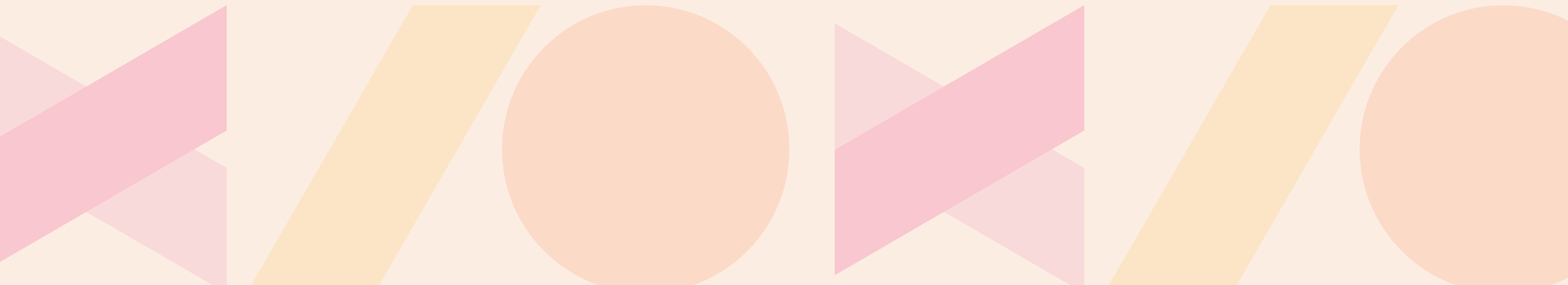
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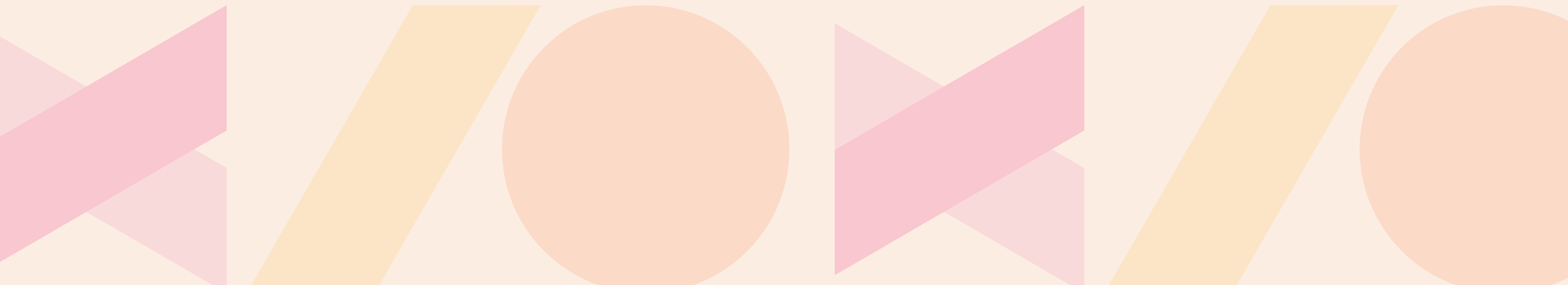
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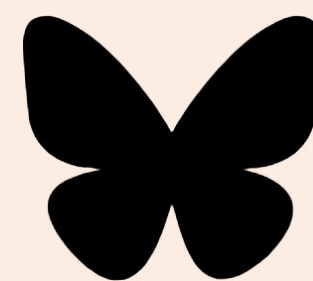
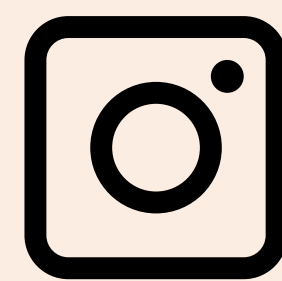
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“Idit Klein is a leader’s leader. It has been an honor for me to work closely with her and watch her transform the world. Idit understands the power and possibilities in community and in struggle. Idit is dedicated to Jewish values, texts, and traditions. She is unfazed by challenges and insists on facing them as opportunities. Idit inspires, motivates, and does the hard work to redeem our broken world, one relationship, one conversation, one meeting, one donation, one speech at a time. I am so grateful to call Idit, a beloved colleague and a dear friend.”

**– Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Senior Rabbi Emerita,
Congregation Beit Simchat Torah**



“Idit is a powerful voice for the forgotten, the outlier and the maligned; the personification of the still, small voice. Because of her leadership young queer Jews, their allies, and beyond have a way to safe spaces, to wholeness and peace, and because of her strength and compassion we are all the better for it.”

– Michael W. Twitty, Author and Culinary Historian



“ Idit Klein’s groundbreaking work has permanently transformed the Jewish American world, inspiring and enabling hundreds of Jewish communities and institutions to move toward full inclusion of LGBTQ+ Jews and improving the lives of countless Jews who, without her contributions, would have no Jewish place to safely, joyfully be fully themselves. As Keshet continues to thrive and grow under Idit’s successor, so will Idit’s legacy and impact. ”

**– Joy Ladin, Trans Author and Speaker,
Once Out of Nature (2024), Family (2024)**



“ Under Idit’s leadership, Keshet became a powerful force for mobilizing American Jews in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights. In my time as executive director of the National LGBTQ Task Force Idit was a key thought partner to me, a leader who connected leaders when we’ve needed it most, and an extraordinary and respected bridge builder in challenging times. ”

**- Rea Carey, Former Executive Director,
National LGBTQ Task Force**



“Idit Klein has been an extraordinary leader over many years — with the vision to do something that needed doing, the determination to see it through, and the endurance to help it grow. She has the all-too-rare ability to lead in smooth and challenging times. More than most, she knows when and how to take risks, to exercise moral courage, and when to step back to let others organize themselves. Most importantly, under Idit’s brilliant leadership, Keshet has helped thousands of LGBTQ+ Jews live more meaningful and integrated lives.”

– Ruth Messinger, Social Justice Consultant



“Over the past 24 years, under Idit’s steadfast leadership, Keshet has shaped a more welcoming and inclusive Jewish community, centering Jewish values to ensure everyone feels they belong. Keshet has become a beacon of hope for the LGBTQ community and a powerful voice for the Jewish community in the national movement for equality. Idit leaves a strong, thriving organization, and I know she will continue to inspire future generations to lead with compassion and a commitment to justice.”

**– Stacy Schusterman, Chair,
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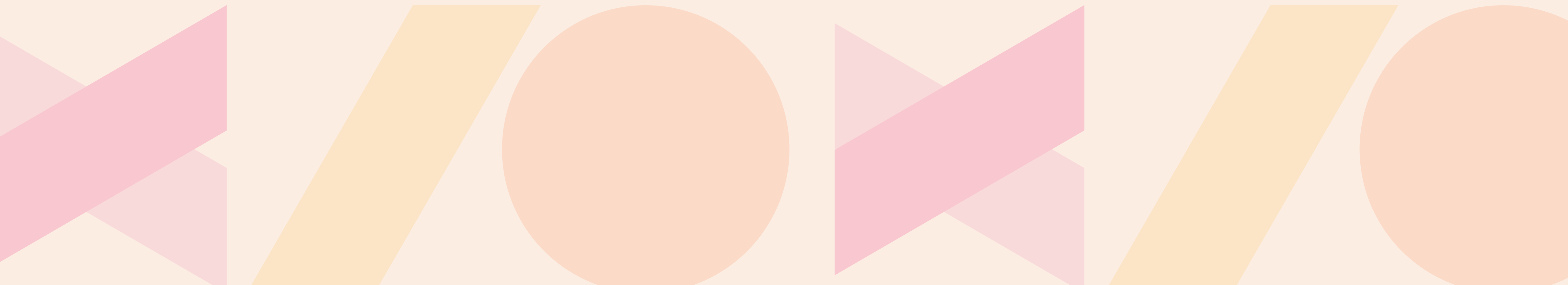
“ When I was 16, I reached out to Idit at 10pm on a Sunday. It was the night before I would meet with the dean of my school to pitch the idea of a GSA. Idit’s guidance helped us start the first GSA at a Modern Orthodox day school. I then attended Keshet’s first LGBTQ Youth Shabbaton in 2012. It was the first time I was in a space that was both Jewish and queer.

Now, on staff at Keshet, I get to lead those same Shabbatonim. Through Idit’s vision, leadership, and deep commitment to young people, year after year we host the largest overnight gatherings of LGBTQ+ Jewish teens in the Western Hemisphere. Because of Idit and Keshet, I carry a deep feeling of unconditional belonging — that the Jewish community is mine and always will be. ”

– Amram Altzman, Keshet Shabbaton Alum & Associate Director Youth Programs



**MAZAL TOV,
IDIT!**



“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

We salute you, and can't wait to see
where you will lead next!

With love and gratitude,

CARSON & JOE GLEBERMAN



Idit: thank you for all you have created, nurtured, and stewarded at keshet over these many years. Our world is a better place for your vision, tireless efforts and sacred determination. Wishing you glorious success and fulfillment in your next chapter.

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&

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To Idit,

Your leadership has been transformational. Your work has changed lives and saved lives. It has been a blessing to be part of your journey from the beginning.

With love and gratitude,

BETTY MORNINGSTAR & JEANETTE KRUGER

Congratulations to

Idit Klein

for your vision, leadership, and dedication
to changing so many lives.

Jeff Schoenfeld & Matt Holbein



YASHER KOACH, IDIT, FOR AN INCREDIBLE 24 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND VISION FOR KESHET!

You have changed American Jewish life, creating and supporting spaces for LGBTQ+ Jews and their families to live proudly and joyfully, and inspiring communities toward action. Your legacy will live on in all that you have achieved, and we are proud to have been your partners and allies.

May you go from strength to strength!



CHARLES AND LYNN
Schusterman
FAMILY PHILANTHROPIES

Thank you, Idit, for 24 years of dedicated, visionary leadership. You have helped countless LGBTQ+ Jews and their families find their place in Jewish community through meaningful experiences—and made them feel supported, nurtured, and loved.

Your tireless efforts urged our communal organizations and leaders to work more diligently toward the sacred value that all are created in b'tzelem Elohim. Mazal tov for all the lives you have positively influenced and for the Jewish communities you have enabled to thrive. You have left an incredible legacy for which we are deeply grateful.





Idit, our friend and leader -

You inspire all of us to continue the work to
create a world where we can all thrive.

Thank you for your strength, wisdom, and vision.
You have created an organization that not only has
changed lives but has changed our world.

We're grateful for your leadership to ensure Keshet
can continue to make real change for years to come.

The Keshet Board and Emeritus Board

**Mazal tov, yasher koach,
shkoyach, and mabrouk, Idit!**

We're so proud to be a part of your vision for a world where we all belong as LGBTQ+ Jews. Your dedication, and leadership continue to inspire us, and we promise to keep up the good work!

We wish you plenty of rest and blessings as you prepare for the next chapter and can't wait to see what you do next.

The Keshet Staff



Trans Jews belong here

and our families
in Jewish life.

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*“Hope will never be silent...I know you can’t live on hope alone;
but without hope, life is not worth living.*

So you, and you and you: you got to give them hope.”

-Harvey Milk z”l

To the Staff and Board of Keshet (past and present),

Thank you for 24 years of finding hope together!

I am so grateful to each of you for being on this journey
of persistence, struggle, and change with me.

Your partnership has made this work a joy.

I can’t wait to see how you continue to bring hope into
our world and take Keshet from strength to strength.

With love and gratitude,
Idit

A light in our lives and a light for the world. Idit/Ima, thank you for modeling joy, hope, courage, and love each and every day. We love you so much and we are so proud of you! Mazal tov!

XOXO,

JORDAN, LIOR, AND NURI





Thank you, Idit, for 24 years of extraordinary service. You have been a true trailblazer in ensuring that all who identify as LGBTQ+ feel seen, valued, and at home within the Jewish community.

You have always led with impact over ego — empowering your team, articulating a clear and bold vision, holding Keshet to high standards of accountability, and keeping the mission at the heart of every decision.

Because of your leadership, Keshet stands strong. May it go from strength to strength on the remarkable foundation you have built.

We can't wait to see what you do next.

With immense gratitude,

JON HORNSTEIN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR
THE HARRY AND JEANETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION

Dear Idit,

With deep respect and overflowing gratitude, we honor the extraordinary impact of your leadership.

You built Keshet with brilliance, strategic vision, boundless compassion, integrity, and the courage to lead with your whole, authentic self. You have made space for so many to belong, to be seen, and to thrive.

Your work has not only transformed institutions—it has transformed lives. You have been a moral compass, a steadfast voice for justice, and a source of light in moments of challenge.

It has been a privilege to walk this path alongside you, to witness your tenacity and grace, and to learn from your example.

Yasher koach, and mazel tov on this next chapter. May it be filled with the same purpose, possibility, and joy that you have brought to so many.

With admiration and affection, Your cohort of CEOs and Jewish Communal Professionals

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Dear Idit -

The Jewish Life Department of UJA-Federation of New York honors you for 24 years of bold leadership and the transformative impact you have had for LGBTQ+ people and our communities. We are all stronger for your vision and commitment.

With gratitude and admiration -

**GEULA SOLOMON, HANA GRUENBERG AND
THE JEWISH LIFE LEADERSHIP AND TEAM**



Thank you for being our visionary and courageous leader.

Thank you for being my friend and teacher.

Thank you for being you, Idit.

JEREMY BURTON



Idit, we are in awe of your extraordinary accomplishment
of founding and building Keshet!
It took vision, commitment and exceptional leadership.
You should be so proud of your legacy.

LINDA & MICHAEL FRIEZE

Congratulations Idit and thank you to you and Keshet
for your work recognizing the rights of all!



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Mazal Tov, Idit!

Brava for all that you have envisioned and built through Keshet. May you go from strength to strength in all that lies ahead, and may Keshet continue to thrive and grow!

With gratitude,

RABBI MYRIAM KLOTZ & RABBI MARGOT STEIN

A lot of people have ideas...but only a few are able to make
a dream a reality.

Thank you for your guidance and leadership.

ANN AND MYRON FALCHUK & FAMILY



Idit, your visionary leadership has shaped Keshet and the broader Jewish community in lasting and meaningful ways. Thank you for the impact you've made, the justice you've pursued, and the space you've helped create for so many. B'hatzlacha in all that comes next.

RABBI BECKY SILVERSTEIN, NAOMI SOBEL & FAMILY

Mazal Tov, Idit.

On your extraordinary vision, unending compassion, and
momentous career!

With love, gratitude, and admiration,

RABBI SUZANNE & ANDY OFFIT



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Mazel Tov, Idit.

We're so grateful for the incredible work you've done
with Keshet.

Love,

THE BORENSTEINS

Mazel tov, Idit!

Under your leadership, Keshet has transformed both Jewish communities and queer communities across the country. You have built an organization bigger than yourself. Keshet is a trusted leader and has mobilized the broader Jewish community to stand up for LGBTQ rights.

All of us have been the beneficiaries of your unwavering principles, your tireless energy, and your infinite optimism. You have fortified Keshet for the future, tended it carefully, so that it will not only survive, but continue to flourish.

חזק חזק ונתחזק

With love and respect,

SETH & ZEHAVA

Idit:

Because of you and your ability to dream the impossible;
imagine a bigger and brighter future; Keshet has impacted
thousands of lives and changed our world for the better.

We still have a long way to go, but you have laid the
groundwork and that is what is most important.

We wish you luck and love in your next adventure.

We will be rooting for your success!

JANE E & ARI

Practice



Dear Idit,

We could not be more proud of you!

Our love and friendship always,

THE RAUCHERS



WOW, JUST WOW!

Dear Idit,

Thank you for making the world better.

We are blessed to have you in our lives. We can't wait to see your next big adventure. And we hope you include us in it.

Love,

DAN, ANDREW, ISAAC & JULIA

P.S. And thank you for the many things that you taught me such as: how to be a zealous advocate while being a good listener, how to meet people where they are and then move them forward, what a text message is, how to lead with kindness and wisdom, and how to see the value in icebreakers.

Love, **ANDREW**

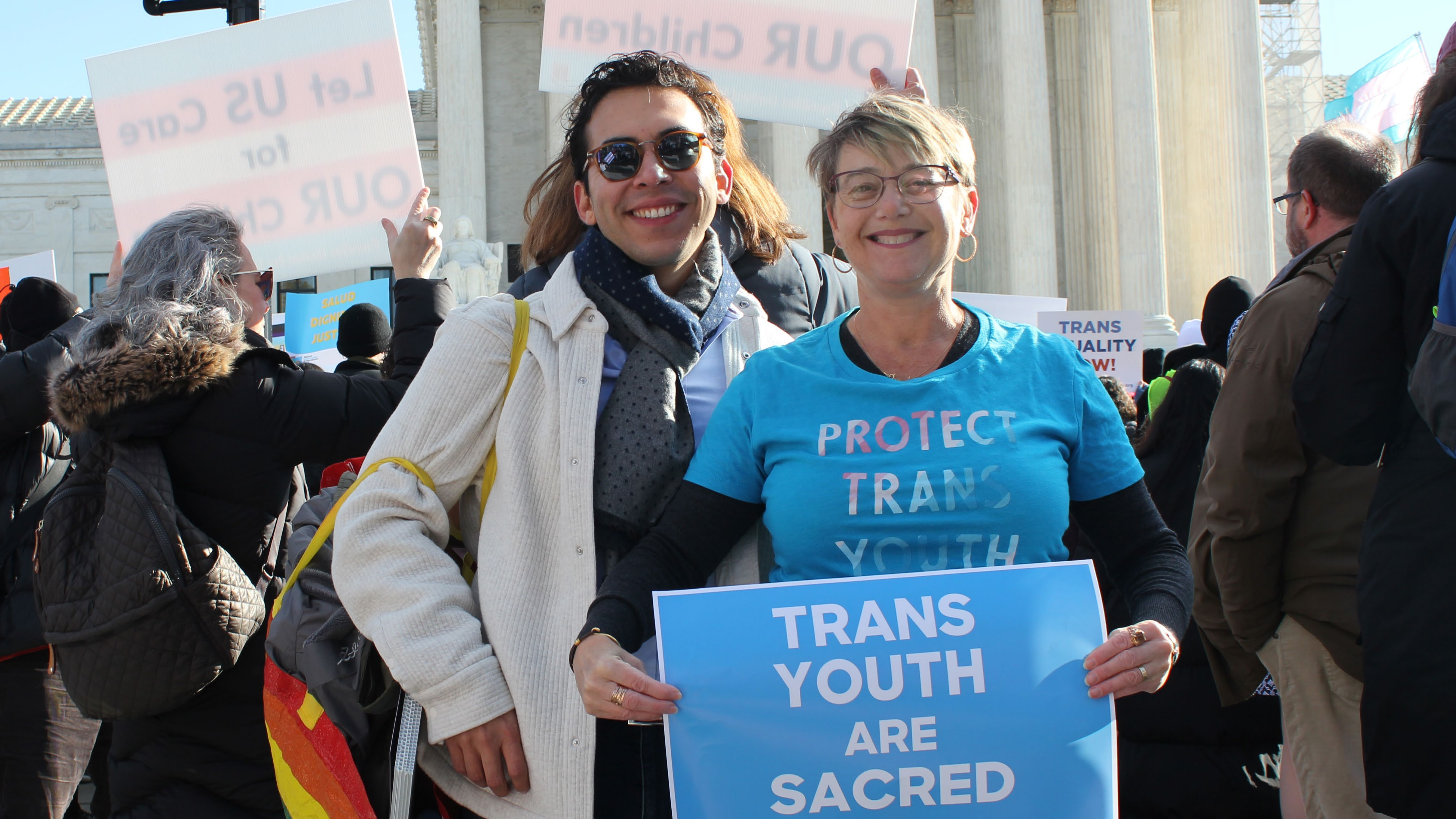
Dear Idit,

LGBTQ Jews live in a world today that might not have existed, but for your extraordinary leadership. We are honored to have been part of this journey with you over so many years.

Mazal Tov!

With love,

STUART KURLANDER & DAVID MARTIN



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With deep gratitude to Idit Klein.

For your powerful vision of a just and caring Jewish community.

For your wise and compassionate leadership.

For your life-giving friendship and companionship along the way.

Thank you and kol hakavod!

With love,

RABBI SHARON & SHIMI COHEN ANISFELD

במקום שאין איש תשתדל להיות איש

In a place where no one else is stepping up, strive to be that person.

Thank you for always standing up and stepping up, leading the way for all of us, and challenging us be our best selves, and to honor the dignity and humanity of everyone.

RABBI MARC & JILL BAKER



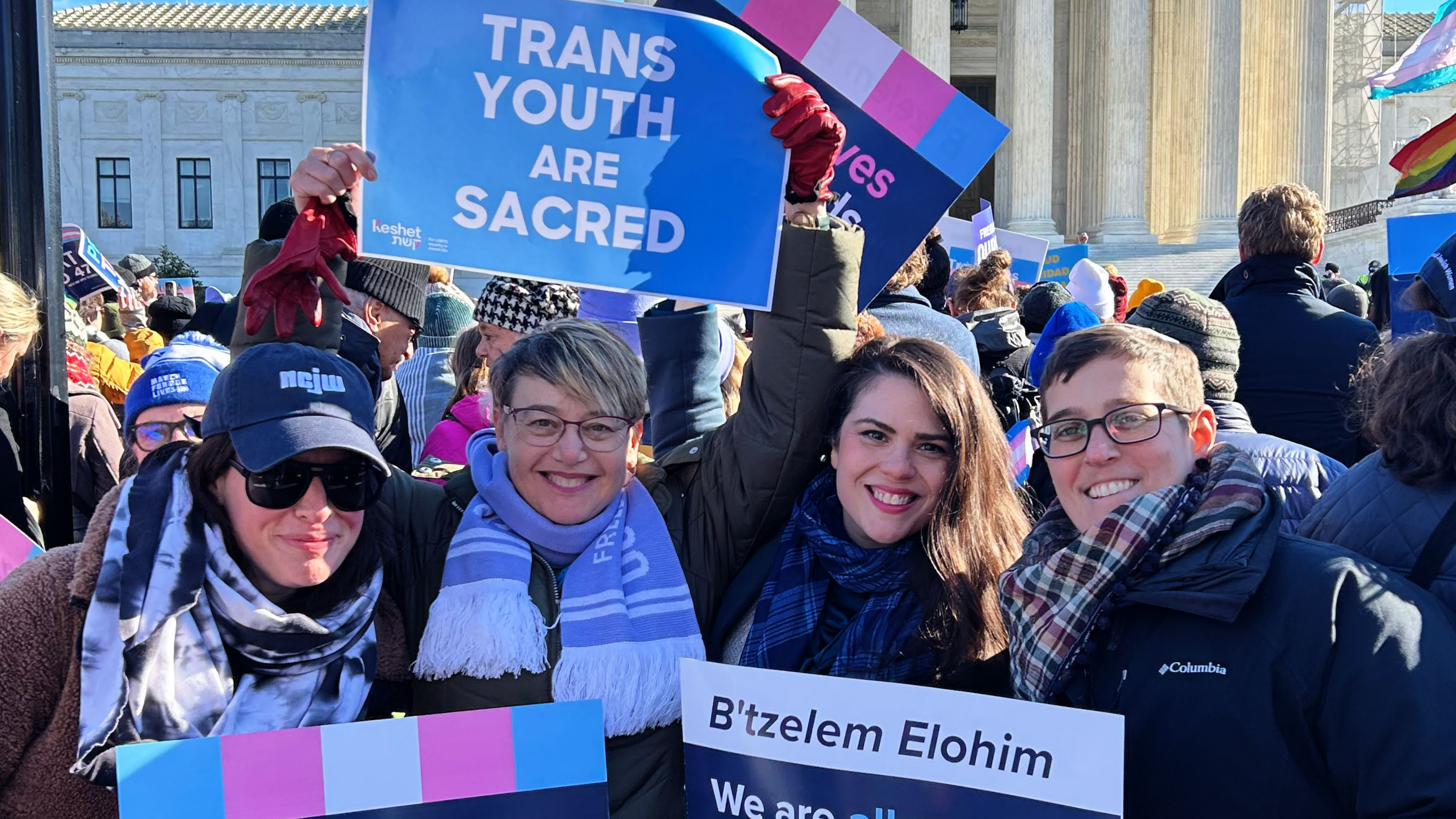
Idit,

It's hard to express appreciation for a person and an organization that have so fundamentally changed my life, so I'll just say THANK YOU. Thank you for making my Jewish community more inclusive, thank you for helping me find my voice as an agent of change, thank you for training Jewish organizations so that I can show up to work as my most authentic self, and thank you for giving me a queer, Jewish community that is filled with friends and colleagues that have become my chosen family.

So on behalf of me, my husband Jacob (thanks to Keshet), my family and friends, I thank you for making our Jewish communities more inclusive, vibrant, and diverse spaces for ALL Jews and our loved ones.

With appreciation for your years of dedication to Keshet,

STEVEN DAVIS



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Idit, thank you for your impact and the countless lives your
vision and leadership have changed.
Mazel Tov, and wishing you all the best in your next endeavor.

LORI & DAVID SCHECHNER

Mazal tov, Idit, on 24 years of inspiration and impact.

We are so proud to support your leadership and the enduring legacy you have created at Keshet, which has made such a difference for our family, for our community and for our country.

Thank you and here's to your next great chapter,

LISA & MITCH EISEN



In honor of our remarkable friend Idit Klein. Across three decades, a fearless advocate, bold trailblazer for civil rights and warrior for social justice.

Thanks,

ADAM BERGER AND STEVE FRANK

To Dear Idit:

Thank you for all the years you have put into Keshet. You made a difference in the lives of so many. We are lucky to have been part of Keshet and watch you nurture and make a difference for so many, including us.

May you go from strength to strength.

DEBBIE, JAMIE & DANIEL HELLER



Idit, thank you for your exceptional leadership!
May you continue to embody Rabbi Nachman of Breslov's words:

“Let the good in (you) connect with the good in others, until the world is transformed through the compelling power of love.”

MARTIN TANNENBAUM & ALEX INGERSOLL

Dear Idit,

Your leadership has made life brighter for so many LGBTQ Jews and their families, including ours! You have helped us envision wholeness and inspired us to work together in ways big and small to repair what is broken in our world. Mazal Tov!

Gratefully,

SHOSHANA DWECK AND FAMILY

To Idit

Who saw what was needed

And created a space that will continue to change lives

For so many people, now and in generations to come

With great admiration from

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Thank you for all of your years
of service, Idit. You've made the
world a better place and the work
will continue.

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With gratitude and love,
NEHAMA & FAMILY

Congratulations, Idit!
Your leadership, legacy, and the
example you set for all of us is
remarkable.

Warmly,
SUZI & LENNY FULD

Mazel tov, Idit, on 24 years of
service to Keshet and to the
LGBTQ+ Jewish community!

And thank you for all of the ways
that you've loved and led so many
for so long!!

**TIM &
KESHIRA HALEV FIFE ♥**

Thank you for your vision and
leadership, Idit!

We are proud to be partners
with you and Keshet

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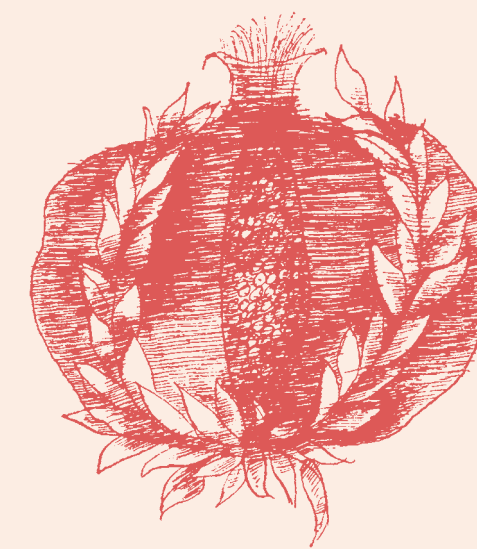
Thank you, Idit, for your vision
and leadership all of these years,
transforming the Jewish world
for the better.

We are grateful.

**JULIE SISSMAN &
PHIL RICHTER**

Mazal Tov, Idit, on more than
two decades of ground-breaking
work raising awareness, fighting
for inclusivity & creating positive
social change in the Jewish
community.

May you go from strength to
strength!



The Covenant Foundation

Mazal tov, Idit!

We are grateful for your vision, leadership, indefatigable hope, and friendship. Here's to many more years of deep conversation, shabbat dinners, and laughter.

Much love,

**JUDITH ROSENBAUM &
OR ROSE**

Mazal tov, Idit, for the enormous impact you and Keshet have had on the Jewish community. Your leadership and dedication to ensuring LGBTQ+ inclusion in Jewish life are inspiring!

Much love,

**EVAN, JUSTIN, NOA &
SASHA**



Idit, congratulations for leading
Keshet so successfully all these
years!

SUSAN ANSIN

HBT proudly joins in celebrating
Idit Klein for 24 years of
extraordinary leadership and
honoring Keshet's tremendous
impact in creating a more
inclusive and just Jewish
community.

Mazal Tov and heartfelt thanks
for your unwavering commitment
to belonging, and dignity for all!

BENITA BLOCK

Dear Idit,

Your extraordinary leadership was as clear to me back in the days of Jewish Organizing Initiative as it is today, one generation and a sea change later for Jewish life. May you go from strength to strength.

Mazal tov!

With love,

RABBI LAUREN GRABELLE HERRMANN



Mazal Tov, Idit!

With gratitude and admiration, we celebrate 24 incredible years of visionary leadership at Keshet.

Thank you, Idit, for your unwavering courage, compassion, and brilliance. You've transformed our community and inspired a generation of LGBTQ+ youth to live proudly and authentically.

Our world—and our family—is better because of you.

With love and thanks to Jordan and Lior, whose love and support made your extraordinary impact possible.

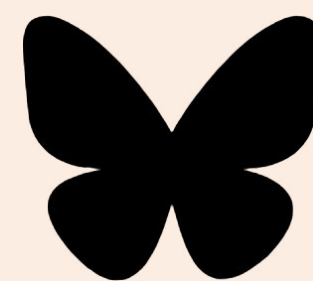
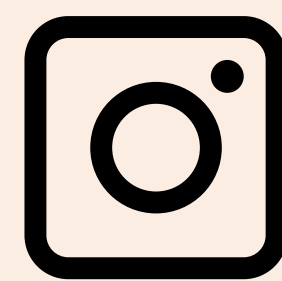
With all our love,

LISA, PAUL, ALYX & ANA



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MAZAL TOV Idit!

24 years ago you and Keshet
were ahead of your time!

Now? Keshet is RIGHT ON TIME, and more
needed than ever! Yashar Koach for 25 years
of supporting LGBTQ Jews everywhere.

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Mazal Tov, Idit!

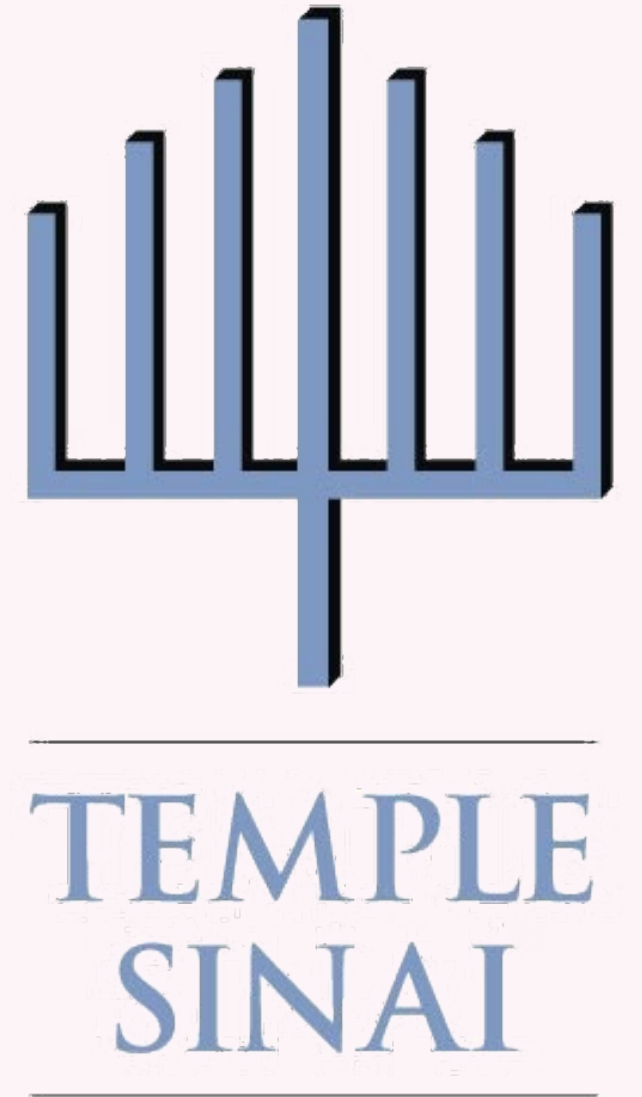
Your remarkable accomplishments at
Keshet inspire us all!

We are beaming with pride at your
outstanding success and achievements.
We eagerly anticipate witnessing your
continued growth in future endeavors!

All our love, **IMA ABA**

Thank you to Keshet for
your work recognizing
the rights and dignity
of us all!

**TEMPLE SINAI OF
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ANSCHÉ CHESED
salutes Keshet for years of great work!

Your unceasing hope and unwavering commitment to equality will forever inspire the Jewish social justice movement. You will always have a seat at the Roundtable.

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With much gratitude to Idit whose vision, creativity, wisdom and heart has ensured that Keshet will continue to be a source of light for the LGBTQ community.

NANCY & HOWARD SMITH

With appreciation to Idit Klein for creating and building Keshet into the awesome organization it is today.

Wishing you the best!

WENDY & ROSS BORN

Thank you Idit for building a strong organization for all of us.

**MARION, STAN &
RAFFI FREEDMAN-GURSPAN**



With profound appreciation to Idit and Keshet for all you have done for our family, and for thousands of others.

ADAM, LORI, NOAH & ARYEH SIMON

Wishing you much mazel as you start your next adventure!

Best,

NEIL BERENSON & JASON ARCHAMBAULT

Idit, kol hakavod on your remarkable tenure at Keshet. Thank you for changing the world for the better by fighting for the members of our community who need us most. We admire you.

With love,

AMIR SHAVIV & BETH BRODSKY

Idit, I'm so deeply grateful for all you've built and made possible through Keshet. Your vision, brilliance, courage, and tenacity have created space for countless LGBTQ Jews—including so many people I love—to feel seen, valued, and truly at home in Jewish life. I can't wait to see what you do next.

With love and so much gratitude,

MOLLY SILVER

In honor of Idit Klein,
The woman who changed history for
the better!

by

AVRAM & RHODA FREEDBERG

Congratulations to Idit on her tenure at
Keshet and thank you to the amazing
team at Keshet for continuing to work
so hard on behalf of Jewish LGBTQIA
communities.

XIOMARA

Chizki Chizki V'Nit'chazek
You've transformed our community and
strengthened us all. I love you, admire
you and hope to be you when I grow up.

NOMMI NADICH

Idit-
We celebrate the transformative impact
you have made on the Jewish world with
Keshet! Thank you for making the
rainbow of our community brighter
and more inclusive.

With admiration-

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Mazel tov, Idit, on your decades of
leadership and impact!
You've made our community more
welcoming and whole.
May you go from strength to strength!

GALI & KEREN COOKS

Thank you Idit for your vision and service.
We are indebted to you, especially for
your efforts in our State of Florida.

THE ROSNER FAMILY

Twelve million five hundred forty-six thousand seven
hundred twenty minutes, how do you measure Idit's
leadership with no fear?

In trainings, in speeches, curricula, team building,
small changes and revolutions, and Torah so bright,
and so much love: Ninety-six seasons of love.

From a kleiner Klein to one great Klein,
mazel tov, Idit!

Warmly, **RABBI JASON KLEIN**

Thank You, Idit, for your visionary
leadership and tireless advocacy,
you have helped make the world a
better place!

DARA PAPO

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF BOSTON
celebrates Idit Klein and
the Keshet community

Idit! Your courage and vision will endure
— you have transformed the Jewish
world through Keshet!
We are forever proud of you and of our
friendship with you!
Love,

RABBI ANDY VOGEL & MARTHA HAUSMAN

“It’s not rebels that make trouble,
but trouble that makes rebels.”
Ruth Messinger

Idit, you make good trouble.
Thank you for your leadership, your vision, your
friendship, and your impact.
How blessed our world is by you.
With love and gratitude,

JILL GOLDENBERG & SIDNEY KRIGER

A huge Mazal Tov and Todah Rabah to Idit Klein.
You have, for decades, been a beacon of light for
the Jewish community, transforming the lives of
queer young Jews and their families. May you go
from strength to strength!

Love, **MIMI, ELI, JAY & LUCIA LEMAY**





Mazal Tov to Idit and the entire
Keshet community!

RON KAPLAN & YONI BOCK

Congratulations Idit!

We are excited for your 2.0!

JACK & DOUGLAS GILAD

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groundbreaking work and remarkable
leadership advancing the cause of
LGBTQ+ equality within Jewish life.

כל הכבוד

ARNEE R. & WALTER A. WINSHALL

בהוקרה עמוקה, ברכות חמות לאידית קליין
על עבודתה פורצת הדרך והחזון שהובילה
למען קהילת הלהט"ב היהודית. את מקור
השראה אמיתי.

JAMES & ANDRES COHEN-NIETO

Idit, You have changed the world
for all of us.

So proud to know you!

Dor L'Dor.

**RABBI SHOSHANAH TORNBERG &
DR. DAVID FRYER**

Congratulations Idit on your exceptional visionary
leadership! The world spins with more love and
light because of you.

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

Thank you for everything.

With love and gratitude,

TAMAR AND ARIELLE

Idit, It's been an honor
(a lot of fun!) to be
with you on parts of
your Keshet journey.
Now let's go shatter
some glass, shall we?

AMY & ALEX



Idit, Your visionary leadership, fierce commitment
to justice, and devotion to Klal Yisroel have shaped
Keshet into the powerful force it is today. You have
led with chesed and courage, modeling what it
means to build a world where all of us belong.
With profound gratitude—kol
hakavod and yasher koach as you
begin your next chapter.

**LENNY GOLDSTEIN &
TOM FORMICOLA**





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Congratulations Idit.
Your journey has empowered
your leadership.
Your leadership inspires
communities across the world.

In gratitude and with respect,

RENEE & STEVEN FINN

Mazal tov and thank you, Idit, for your
vision and your leadership. You have
made the Jewish world more welcoming
and dignified. We are proud to help
perpetuate your legacy and wish you
success in your next endeavor.

RABBI ADINA & ANDI LEWITTES

Dear Idit,

It has been our honor to help keep
Keshet strong under your leadership and
into the future. We are so inspired by the
generous, philanthropic support that our
community has provided in your honor.
Thank you for making it possible for us
all to dream big.

THE KESHET DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Thank you for making this a safer, brighter, more caring world.
- Rabbi Mark Kaiserman & The Reform Temple of Forest Hills, NY

Celebrating Idit: Your powerful leadership and generous spirit enriches Jewish communities while teaching us to lead with both vision and heart.
- Catherine Bell

In darkness, you shine. Idit, your vision turns hope into action, makes justice tangible, hope resilient. Proud to call you a friend. You are a light in our TBZ home.
**- Your friends (and rabbi), Rabbi Claudia Kreiman & Ebn Leader,
on behalf of the entire TBZ community**

Thanks to Idit and all those who have worked so hard to make the extraordinary ordinary.
Mazel tov from your friends at Oreg Foundation, Boulder, Colorado



Idit, thank you for being a role model and for all that you have done for our Jewish LGBTQ teens. You are a visionary!

Love, Beth & Dan Marx



In honor of Idit Klein for her groundbreaking leadership in making LGBTQ inclusion in Jewish life a reality -

Meryl & David Gordon

Idit, in your honor, we uplift vibrant LGBTQ+ Latin-Jewish voices this Pride.
Your light moves us to lead with love, courage, and joy.

- Jewtina y Co.

Idit - We are so grateful for all that you do! Your vision, commitment, and care have helped to create more inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ Jews.

Jessica Keimowitz & Polly Crozier

Mazal tov, Idit, on your 24 years of inspired and powerful leadership of this critically important organization. Thank you for your sacred work.

Rabbi Audrey Berkman, Cantor Maayan Silverman & the Temple Ohabei Shalom team

With deep gratitude for your decades of leadership and blessings for your next chapter. You have enriched our queer and Jewish communities immeasurably.

Rabbi Toba Spitzer & Miriam Messinger

Mazal tov, Idit on your extraordinary work transforming the Jewish world. I am so grateful for your friendship and partnership over the years.

Rabbi Jill Jacobs

Thank you to the Harold and Marion Charitable Fund for their continuing Keshet support.

Caren Bobroff



Idit, Thank you for visioning the Jewish community as it should be and then working tirelessly towards making it true. You have moved mountains.

Love, Dove

Idit, working and dreaming with you in the early days was a gift. Your vision and leadership stewarded Keshet into powerful change agent. Mazel Tov!

B'ahava, Andrea Jacobs

In honor of our sons Oren and David and our grandchildren Maya and Levi.

With great love, Savta & Saba

Thank you, Idit, for all the work you've done to make the world a better place. I celebrate you with pride, joy, admiration, and gratitude!

Lesléa Newman

The Jewish Communal Leadership Program at the University of Michigan
joins Keshet in celebrating the **inspiring** and **courageous**

leadership of
Idit Klein



May she continue to carry us forward from strength to strength.



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in celebrating the extraordinary achievements
and contributions of their founding
President and CEO

**Idit Klein at the Making the
Extraordinary Ordinary Gala**

Idit, you have truly accomplished something extraordinary. Congratulations on 24 years of building inclusion. CJP is proud to support Keshet's work in our community, fostering Jewish life and making our world a better place for all.

May you go from strength to strength.



Idit,

**Your contributions to building a better, more inclusive Jewish world have no bounds,
and we share the gratitude of so many that you and Keshet have opened doors we
otherwise could not have seen.**

**Here's to your next chapter of leadership, heart, and steadfast dedication to Tikkun
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With love,

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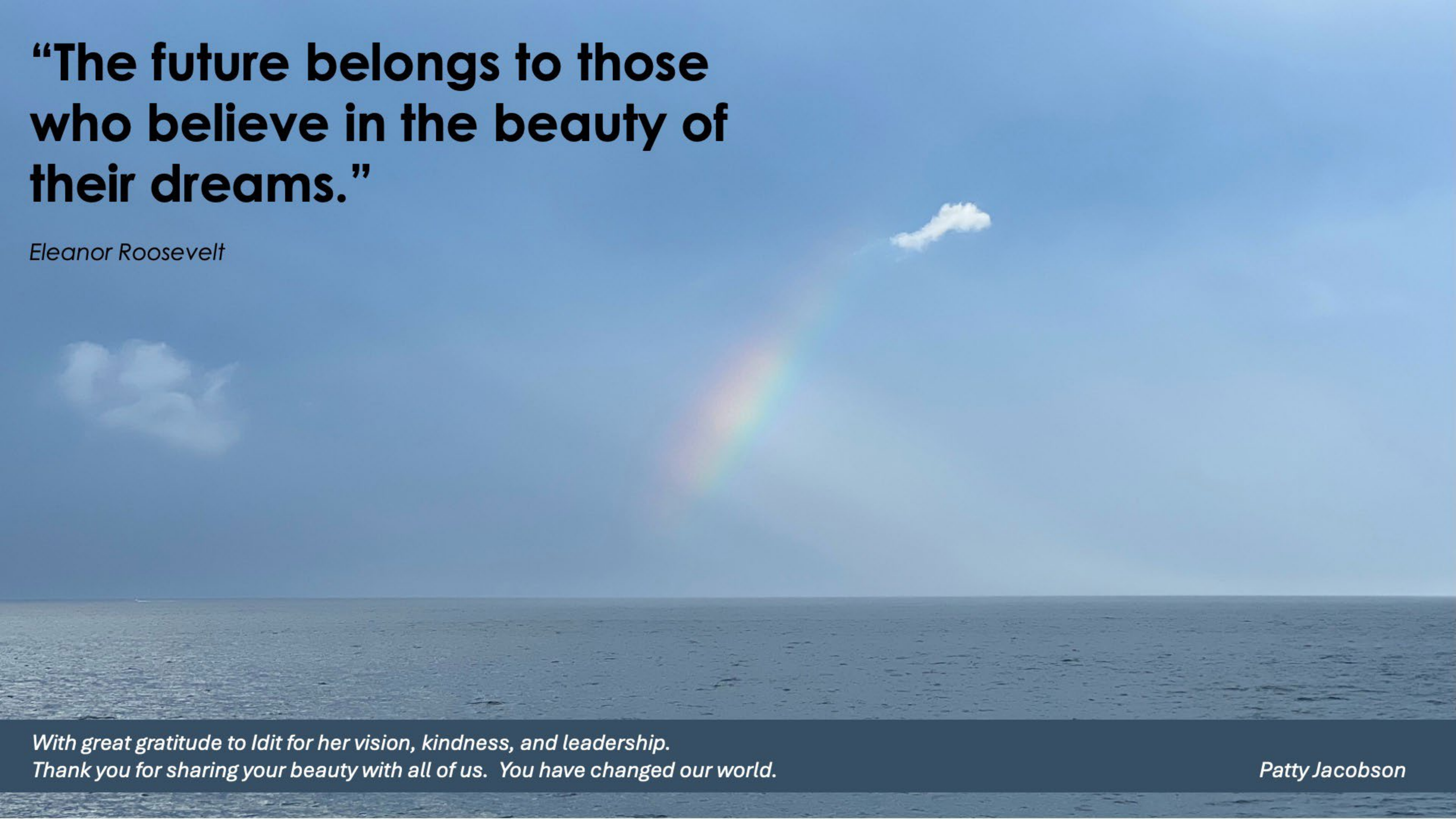
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**“The future belongs to those
who believe in the beauty of
their dreams.”**

Eleanor Roosevelt

*With great gratitude to Idit for her vision, kindness, and leadership.
Thank you for sharing your beauty with all of us. You have changed our world.*

Patty Jacobson



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JCRC is honored to celebrate Idit Klein's years of visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to building an inclusive Jewish community for all.

We're grateful for our longstanding partnership with Keshet and their continued work in advancing equality and justice for LGBTQ+ Jews across Greater Boston.



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Idit

YOUR VISION AND ACTION ON BEHALF OF LGBTQ+ JEWS HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIONAL. YOU ARE LEAVING A LEGACY OF DIGNIFIED, VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP AND TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR LASTING CHANGE. MAZEL TOV, AND MAY KESHET GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

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Just as my ancestors planted for me, so too
I plant for those who will come after me.

– Talmud, Ta'anit 23a

Mazal Tov, Idit!

With gratitude for 24 years of visionary
leadership, courage, and compassion. Your
impact will flourish for generations to come.

With deepest admiration,
Robert Bank & Alan Cohen



Celebrating Idit, a beloved leader whose decades of passionate leadership inspired lasting impact throughout the Jewish community.

With deep gratitude for your unwavering commitment to building open, welcoming Jewish communities.



Adam R. Bronfman

Dana Raucher



Eshel salutes Idit for her many years
of service to the Jewish people.

Idit, your generosity of spirit, time, partnership, and wisdom has helped Eshel grow to serve the needs of the Orthodox LGBTQ+ community. We thank you for everything you have done and we will miss you immensely!

With love from the Eshel Team





National Council of Jewish Women New York is proud to partner with Keshet in the fight for a more just world.

We salute Idit Klein for her leadership over the past 24 years.

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קהל קדושה בית שמחת תורה

The CBST clergy, staff, Board,
and community celebrate
Keshet and Idit Klein!



May we all move from
strength to strength, building
our queer Jewish communities
with foundations of love,
respect, and justice.



2Life Communities proudly honors

Idit Klein

for her visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to building a more just and inclusive world.

Like Keshet, we believe in the power of community to create belonging, dignity, and hope for all. Mazel tov to Idit and to Keshet on this extraordinary milestone.

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Mazel Tov!

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JCDS is honored to celebrate Idit Klein for her 24 years of extraordinary leadership and celebrate Keshet's tremendous impact.

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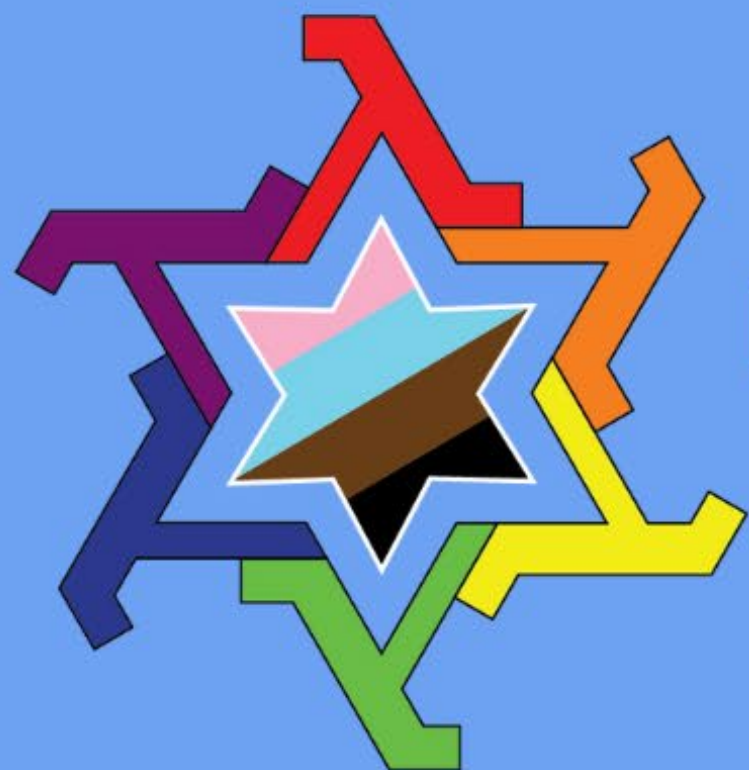
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*With deep gratitude, we celebrate
your 24 years of visionary
leadership at Keshet. Your courage,
dedication, and transformative
impact have shaped a more inclusive
world.*

~Bet Mishpachah



**Mazal tov to
Idit Klein and Keshet
on your extraordinary
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on the *Making the Extraordinary Ordinary Gala*.
With deep admiration, we honor
Idit Klein
for 24 years of visionary
leadership and advocacy.

Your work has shaped a more inclusive Jewish
community — one where everyone can feel seen,
valued, and celebrated.

Mazal tov!

The Matan Team



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MAZEL TOV *Idit*

on your transformative leadership
and thank you to the Keshet team
for all of your amazing work!

Your friends at T'ruah



Idit,

thank you for everything
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Thank you for making the impossible possible - over the rainbow and beyond - for so many years, for so many of us, with **dignity and justice, love and pride**, loud and proud.

We celebrate Keshet's vision and leaders - past, present & future.

With hope to keep working together for a better world,

Rabbi Amichai & Lab/Shul

Mazel tov

Idit Klein on 24 incredible years of service to the queer Jewish community.

We wish you lots of success in the future.

THE JQY TEAM



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to Idit Klein for her 24 years
of inspiring, courageous, wise, and loving leadership!

We are honored to share our campus and our vision
for a more just and inclusive world
with you and all of our friends at Keshet!

*Thank you for making the tent of our community
bigger, more vibrant, and more beautiful!*

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**Congratulations to Idit Klein
on celebrating 24 years of leadership
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**Gateways is proud to partner with Keshet
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Mazel tov, Idit!

You have changed what's possible.

Because of your vision and leadership,
a generation of LGBTQ+ Jews has
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You have made the world more inclusive,
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Thank you for making
all of us braver.

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IDIT KLEIN
for 24 years of
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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE.



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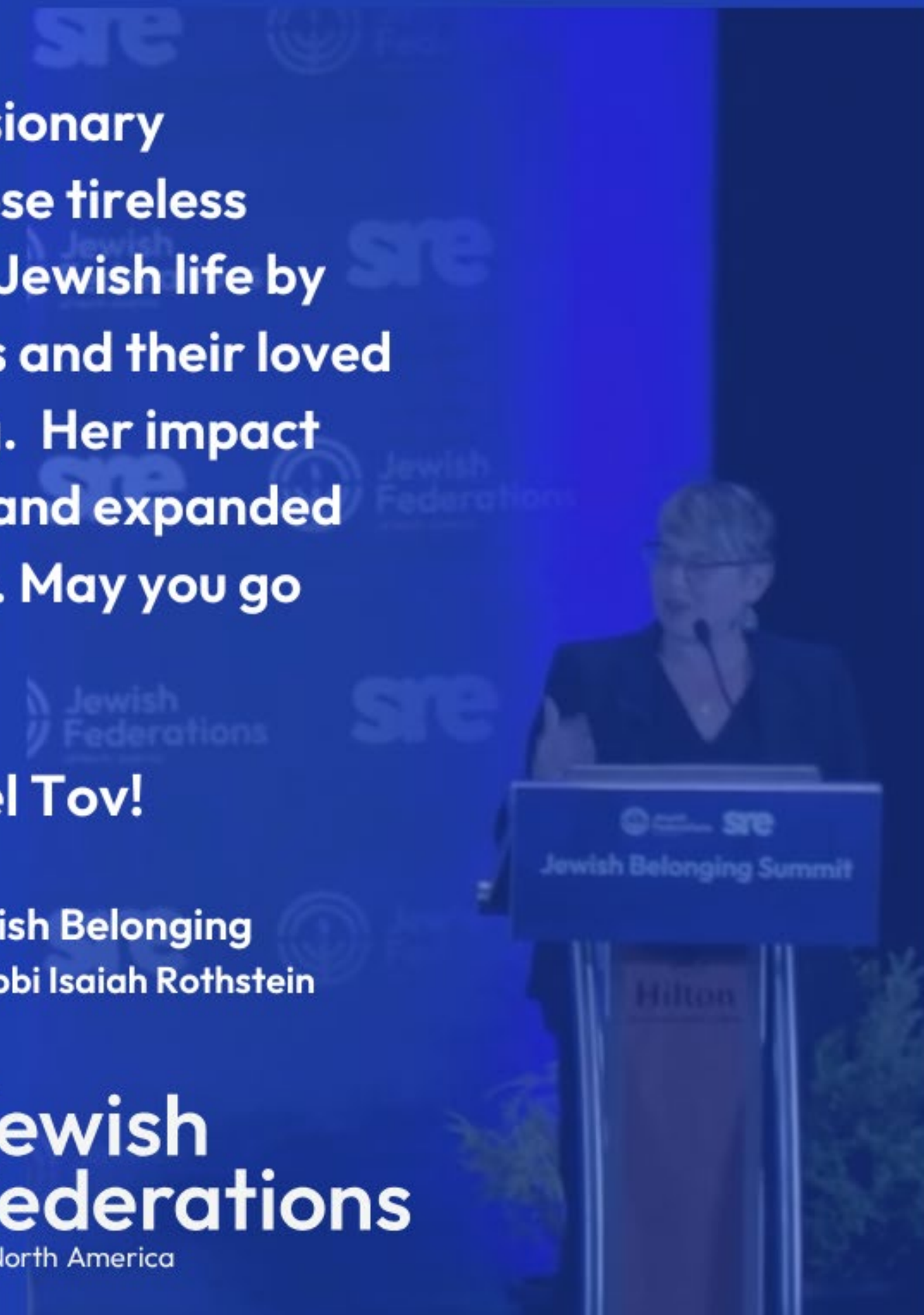
Join us in celebrating the visionary leadership of Idit Klein, whose tireless advocacy has transformed Jewish life by ensuring that LGBTQ+ Jews and their loved ones know they truly belong. Her impact has touched countless lives and expanded the heart of our community. May you go from strength to strength!

Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov!

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Stacey Aviva Clark, Nate Looney, and Rabbi Isaiah Rothstein



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In your work to create full equality of
LGBTQ+ Jews and our families in Jewish life

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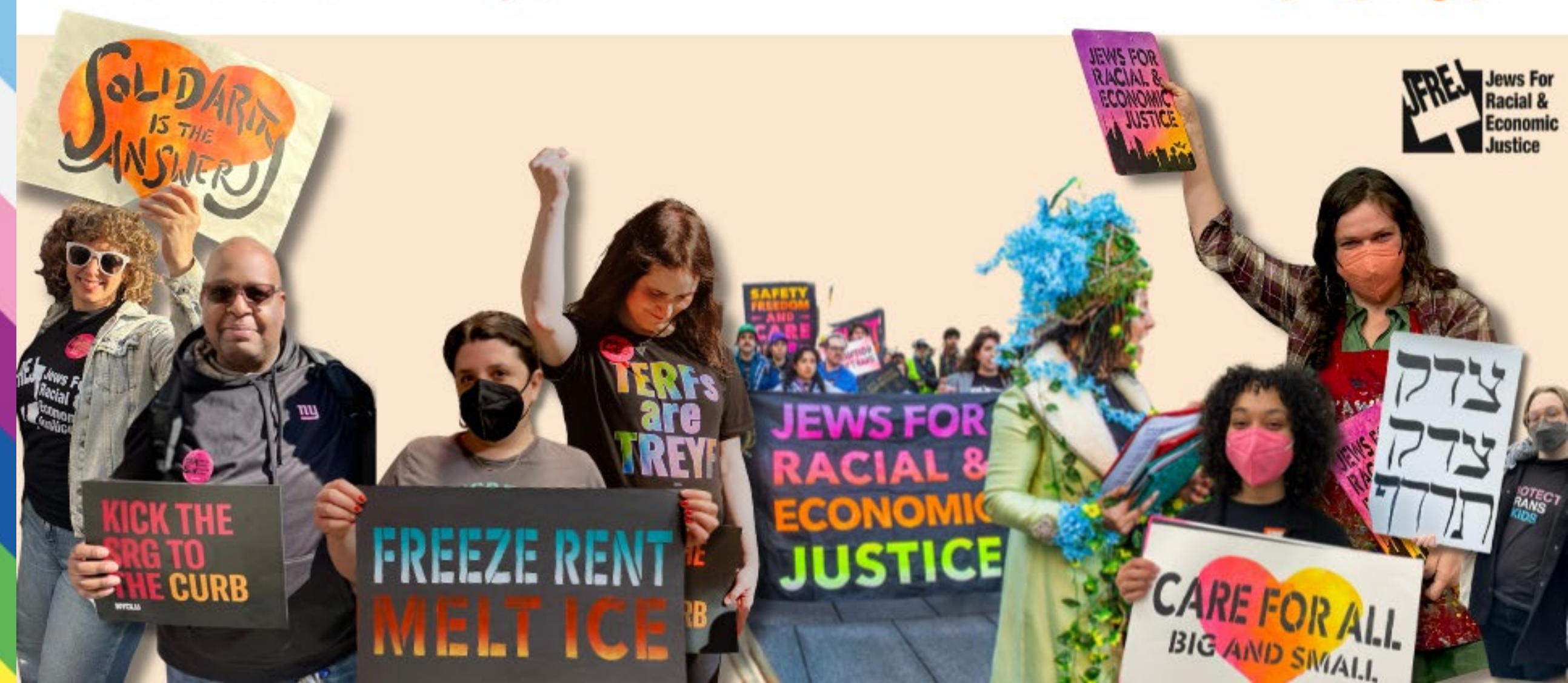
Idit Klein, President & CEO, Keshet



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**Thank you, Idit, for charting a path for
so many in our Jewish communities.**

**Rabbi Rachel Gurevitz &
Congregation B'nai Shalom,
Westborough, MA**

Idit, your impact on Jewish life—most visibly through your visionary work at Keshet—has been nothing short of transformative.

In our own Encounter community, you've consistently engaged with curiosity, courage, and authenticity.

Your leadership is a testament to showing up with integrity across differences and affirming the dignity of all people. Thank you for paving the way in our community to shape a more hopeful, inclusive present and future for Jewish life and for the ways you bring that integrity and inclusiveness to our shared issue, Israeli-Palestinian reality.

With admiration,

On behalf of the entire Encounter team,
Yona Shem-Tov (CEO) & Leah Solomon (Chief Education Officer)

“Make yourself a heart of many rooms”

-Tosefta Sotah 7:12

**Idit, your compassionate leadership has been expanding the room
in Jewish hearts for more than three decades.**

We'll continue your legacy as the IJS and Keshet communities come together for our LGBTQ+ Monthly Sit—a space where our hearts are spacious enough to hold our many voices, many truths, and many paths.

**With love, gratitude, and our blessings for your next chapter—
Your friends at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality**



We've believed
in you ever since
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office was your
bedroom desk.

May you keep
bending the arc.



- *The Honeys*

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**Gratefully celebrating Idit's invaluable
contributions to Jewish life, and special
efforts serving **Jewish Queers of Color**.**

May you go from strength to strength!

-The JoCI Team & Board



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Mazel tov, Idit!

Your vital work at Keshet has had a profound and lasting impact on our world—a **bright and guiding light in these times.**

Kirva is honored to count you among the alumni of our inaugural Ovdim cohort and deeply grateful for your early enthusiastic support for bringing Jewish **spirituality together with the work of social justice.**

With care and gratitude,
The Kirva Team: Rabbi David Jaffe,
Yehudah Webster, Dan Gelbtuch, and Sam Fine



MAZEL TOV, IDIT!

Your vision, courage, and relentless dedication have transformed the Jewish community—making it more inclusive, welcoming, and true to the core Jewish value of *b'tzelem Elohim*, recognizing the divine image in every person.

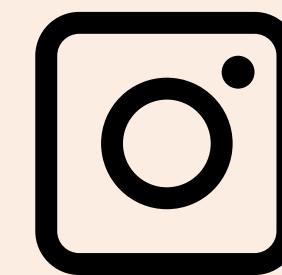
Thank you for everything you have built over the past 24 years, and for inspiring so many of us to carry this sacred work forward. Wishing you continued strength and joy as you celebrate this momentous anniversary!

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