GLBT and Religion

The following article is one of a series exploring what resources are available to our local GLBT community for religious or spiritual worship. If you know of a resource we should share in this series, please let us know at editornorthview@gmail.com.

GLBT and Judaism

By Rabbi Michael Oblath

Within the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible) there is a particular commandment that is stated on multiple occasions. The clearest expression is in Leviticus (19:33-34):

“When a stranger lives with you in your land, you shall not oppress the stranger. The stranger that resides with you shall be to you as the native born among you; you shall love the stranger as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

The stranger is the person that is different from you. It is a different category from the neighbor that is mentioned earlier in this same chapter in Leviticus (“you shall love your neighbor as yourself”). The ‘neighbor’ is the person that is just like you…whereas the stranger is the one that is different.

It is a simple enough concept: love the stranger as one loves oneself…not an easy task though, not continued on page 5
Day of Silence/Night of Noise

Pride Prom

For years the Annual Pride Prom has succeeded in giving GLBTQ youth & their friends/supporters a chance to celebrate Prom in a safe environment. The theme for this year’s event was Black & White. The Lidia Selkgregg Chalet inside the Russian Jack Park once again provided an ideal location for this years dance.

A series of artists including Spoken Word and DJs EXP provided music. A unique UV Reactive Performance appearance by Blackbody Radiation and the Ultraviolet Catastrophe rounded out the evening for over 150 youth.

Pride Prom was hosted by Pflag, Identity, the GLCCA and the ICOAA with the assistance of entertainment, sound, & lighting from A Dose of Know-How. Dress to Impress! helped set the mood for a jubilant ‘Night of Noise’ immediately following the Day of Silence observed in schools nation-wide April 17th.

Admission was $5 or, as a service project, 5 cans of food for Alaska Food Bank.
Get Involved!

GLBT Exercise

Do you want company for your run, walk, jog, rollerblade, or other on the move exercise? Join Frontrunners, a GLBT group that meets each week to enjoy exercise, each other, and the outdoors. All levels are welcome and so is your dog.

Frontrunners meet each Tuesday at 6:00PM at Westchester Lagoon at 15th and U Street in the far west parking lot by the coffee shack. For more info contact Peter at: (907) 360-7861 or petervandyne@hotmail.com.

GLBT Military

Are you GLBT military in want of connection, support, and resources from other GLBT military? There are several organizations whose mission is to offer support, advocacy, and education geared toward full GLBT equality in the military and who appreciate your need for privacy.


Thank you for serving our country. We appreciate and value you! We are grateful to you.

What’s Happening at GLCCA

Gay Joyous and Free AA meets each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Trans Alaska Social Group (TASG) meets each Sunday 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is after hours so you need to ring the door bell for entrance.

Group Acupuncture for Relaxation meets first and third Fridays 7:00-8:00 pm. Suggested $20.00 donation to benefit Identity. Call to reserve your place. Cassandra: 726-7070.

Trans Lobby Day

April 26-28, 2009

Transgender folk and their family, friends, and allies are meeting in Washington D.C. for a conference and to meet with Congress to tell them about the need for an Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) that includes gender identity, a hate crimes bill, and more. If this sounds like something in which you want to participate, more information can be found on the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) website at: http://nctequality.org/lobby_day/lobbyday09.html. If you register on the NCTE website, they will even make an appointment for you with your Congressperson.

Will and Trust Kit

We all want to live long and faaabulous lives and for our wishes to be carried out when it is time for us to go to the great drag show in the sky. To be sure our families, friends, dogs, and favorite causes receive the support we want them to have we need to do a little legal paperwork.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) recently featured Suze Orman and her Will and Trust kit in their magazine “Equality.” Her kit is one easy and inexpensive option for your will and/or Trust. The kit can be used online or purchased on her website at http://suzeorman.com/. The Will and Trust CD can also be borrowed from the Anchorage and Eagle River libraries (346.05 Suze-Or).

We can support the work of Identity and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLCCA) by naming Identity, Inc., or the Identity Fund at Alaska Community Foundation, in our wills and/or trusts.

Vandalism

Mat-Su LGBT Community Center was vandalized earlier this month. Their sign was removed and taken and a nasty note was left taped to their door. A police report was filed.
What Action Will You Take?

By Anne Marie Moylan, Co-Chair, Identity, Inc.

About 2 years ago a dynamic woman tossed a ball in my direction. She said I should get involved with Identity. She had that southern style, that warm comfortable approach and, all of a sudden, I was putty in her hand. “You’ll have fun,” Phyllis said.

My first year as a member of Identity, Inc.’s Board of Directors was a wait and see experience for me. There were already those on the board who knew and did a lot so I contributed just what felt right and comfortable for me. I took an interest in PrideFest and the vendors at Pride on the Park Strip because for years I had done similar work in Homer at the annual Concert on the Lawn festival.

Eventually, it came time for the Identity co-chairs to pass the torches to new co-chairs. My experience as a development director for 10 years told me the board was having the right conversation at the right time, but I had not expected that one of the torches would be passed my way.

I find that, in addition to PrideFest and Pride on the Park Strip vendors, my interests now are focused on our services to GLBT youth. I am excited about our new Youth Initiative and the great involvement of the kids, teachers, counselors and other community members. What will the future look like if we don’t involve younger people in the conversation? How do we know what is going on in their minds if we don’t ask them? What kind of future will include all of us if we don’t start building the roads, the avenues, for change and acceptance now? We can all work for the day when there are no more GLBT issues needing our attention but, right now, today, these issues should be poking us into action.

There is a lot of action to take in creating a better person, a better community, a better world to pass on to our younger generation so that they may make their mark upon that inheritance and pass it on to still another generation. Will you be involved? Will you choose an existing action or avenue for your involvement or make one of your own? Whatever you choose to do, it is time for a shift.

Donating to Identity means programs like the Advocacy Team and the Youth Initiative can germinate and take flight. Money in the bank is a good thing for Identity! The place that we call our GLCCA can continue to transform into an even more vibrant hub of activity for learning, socializing and networking. It all starts with you. It requires your support, it is stimulated by your involvement, your action. There’s bound to be an Identity program that you consider important work worthy of your involvement; mine is the new youth initiative. I find what hits me in my gut is what I fight hardest for---how about you?

The Anchorage LGBT Meet-up Group

A new online group has been organized by Cassandra for members of our local LGBT community to meet-up, gather, and share. To see if there is an activity you want to join, visit the site at http://www.meetup.com/The-Anchorage-LGBT-Meetup-Group/.

Pride Foundation Grant

Identity, Inc. has received a significant grant from Pride Foundation thanks to Phyllis Rhodes, who applied for the grant, the volunteers who keep GLCCA open and running, and all of you who come to use the center. A very big and special THANK YOU goes out to those of you who regularly donate to Identity as you are the ones who allow us to have the programs that win us the grants. Regular donations help so much, even if you can afford only $5 or $10 a month. Did you know you can now make one time or recurring donations online? Just go to www.identityinc.org, click on “Donate Now!” and complete the form. It takes all of us working together to make good GLBTA community.

Thank you Pride Foundation!
Pepsi, Anyone?
The American Family Association (AFA) is a well-funded conservative group who, well, who do not wish us good tidings and prosperity. AFA has called for a boycott of PepsiCo because, according their website: “Pepsi has given Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) a half-million dollars to help push the homosexual agenda in the workplace. Pepsi has a long tradition of financial support for homosexual groups…Pepsi continues to support the efforts by same-sex groups pushing for homosexual marriage. AFA wrote Pepsi on October 14 and again on October 29…Pepsi didn’t care enough to respond to the AFA letters. Pepsi’s lack of response indicates the company plans to continue support for the homosexual agenda.”

Go PepsiCo!
As there is no antonym for the word “boycott,” Join the Impact (www.jointheimpact.com) has made up the word “PROcott” and is calling for a PROcott of PepsiCo. If you want to show your support of a company that has shown its support for the LGBTQ community, you may want to buy PepsiCo products (Pepsi, Mountain dew, Sierra Mist, Quaker, Gatorade, Frito-Lay), for yourself, for your friends, to mail to the AFA (just kidding).

You may also want to call PepsiCo to thank them for their support and to let them know you are buying PepsiCo products. AFA is calling PepsiCo, too, and it is a fair bet that they are not praising PepsiCo for their pro LGBTQ stance. PepsiCo’s numbers are (914) 253-2000 and (800) 433-2652. If you care to send cards and letters expressing your support to PepsiCo’s chairperson, the address is:
Ms. Indra K. Nooyi
PepsiCo, Inc.
700 Anderson Hill Rd.
Purchase, NY 10577-1444
Phone: 1-800-433-2652 or (914) 253-2000

Change.org is also running a campaign in support of PepsiCo and asks that you sign a petition to Caitlyn Faughnan, Pepsi’s Consumer Relations Representative. This campaign runs until June 30th and can be found at http://gayrights.change.org/actions/view/thank_pepsi_for_their_support_of_lgbt_rights.

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at all…especially when we look at human history, from at least the time of the book of Esther, some 2300 years ago. But, that is what our tradition teaches us. Look at our own life experiences, and apply the lessons we have learned to how we treat another person. Understand the feelings we have experienced in how we have been treated, and apply the love we have either felt or been denied…and treat the ‘other’ as we had desired to be treated.

What I teach as rabbi, and what my congregation (Beth Sholom) understands and practices, is that one must attempt to see another person as a mirror of each of us…to see another as if looking at ourselves. For, truly, is that not what human relationship is all about? It is what our tradition teaches.

It is not tolerance that we teach. Neither is it a life of tolerance that we try to live. It is rather that tolerance is understood as something inherently negative…to permit the existence of a person that is of different status than we are (always lower), and is thus allowed to hang around by virtue of our beneficence and good will.

To the contrary, we teach and urge society to look at the notion of ‘acceptance’ as a purer sense of the teachings of our religious tradition and history. To accept another is to say we are all equal…that we are all sharing this planet together…that we all want to be happy in our lives…that we all desire to be seen as wholly human just simply because we are.

It is so very simple in concept, yet so very hard to help people see that their own experiences are not isolated. Rather, that they are shared by all of us on some level. These are the lessons…to open our minds and our hearts to the notion that true compassion and acceptance will not come to humanity, or even our own communities, until we accept each one we encounter, each person we see, as if we were looking at ourselves…for, truly, we are.

Michael Oblath, PhD. is the rabbi at Congregation Beth Sholom. He can be reached via the website at www.frozenchosen.org. Beth Sholom, a Reform Judaism temple, is located at 7525 E. Northern Lights Blvd Anchorage, AK 99504. Beth Sholom is completely inclusive with GLBT people in both membership and positions of leadership. Rabbi Oblath is happy to perform GLBT commitment ceremonies and, hopefully some day soon, marriages.
PrideFest and More!

Pride Float for Youth

Are you a GLBTQIA middle or high school age youth? Do you want to build a float and march in the PrideFest parade this summer? Please come and join us!

We will be building the float Thursday and Friday, June 18-19, at Art Services North downtown Anchorage and then joining the parade Saturday, June 20th. Identity will provide the supplies. You provide ideas, energy, youth, and fun! There might even be a snack or two since we know kids your age are always hungry.

For more information, give us a call at (907) 929-4528 or stop by the center at 336 East 5th Avenue, Anchorage. Let’s have some fun!

Youth Initiative

Who: Middle and High School age youth and associated adults.
What: Planning meetings for those with an interest in GLBTQIA youth having connection, a safe place, and fun, positive activities.
Where: The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA), 336 East 5th Avenue, Anchorage.
When: Wednesday, April 29th, 6-7:30 p.m.
Why: Because we want youth to be the major planners in this plan for youth.
We bring: Pizza and drinks.
You bring: Ideas and energy.
Contact: If you have questions, contact Anne Marie Moylan at amoylan@gci.net

PrideFest Saturday, June 20th

Pride on the Park Strip will also have the expertise of A Dose of Know-How in the form of entertainment coordination provided by Michael Mason. Throughout his career Michael has been dedicated to helping others. He has written about human rights issues, organized a protest of ‘Focus on the Family,’ promoted equality at the 2009 Conference of Young Alaskans, and regularly pulled in the crowds for various club-style concert events since 2007. This young, up-and-coming promoter has proposed a plan to celebrate Pride until the early evening, then re-configure the space and do an outdoor summer solstice event with DJ’s from 6pm until Midnight. Keep your fingers crossed and watch for more details.
Identity, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has served Alaska’s GLBTA community for thirty-two years with its beginnings as the Alaska Gay Community Center, Inc. Identity promotes dignity and self-respect, and the right of everyone to develop their whole self, of which sexual orientation is an important component. We are committed to providing quality programs and activities for the GLBTA community that are positive in nature and promote the development of self-esteem, self-respect, and understanding between diverse peoples. Our programs span the spectrum of educational, social, recreational, and community service work.

In its thirty-two years of existence, Identity has seen many name changes, but its commitment to serving the GLBTA community has never wavered.

Identity owes its success and longevity to our invaluable Volunteers, Members & Donors with whose assistance we are able to provide our programs to the GLBTA Community in Alaska.

To each and every one, the members of the Board of Directors wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the time and contributions given to Identity.

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Identity has worked hard to become the face and voice of our diverse gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Our board is made up of GLBTA community organizations, as well as community-wide representatives not attached to any one organization. This inclusive board structure helps us foster a community vision and create and maintain strong relationships between Anchorage’s GLBTA sister organizations to ensure core programs are available to GLBTA Alaskans.
Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage: The GLCCA hosted a number of events in 2008 including opening the doors of the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage on both Thanksgiving and Christmas Day to provide a safe and welcome place for those who wished to spend the holidays with other GLBTA individuals. This is especially important given Alaska’s remoteness and the number of people who do not have family here. The Dan & Al Carter-Incontro Conference Room hosts community meetings for groups like PFLAG, GLSEN, the Metropolitan Community Church, Gay Joyous and Free AA group and a poetry group., and is available to all Identity members and community groups.

Identity Gay & Lesbian HelpLine: The lack of technology infrastructure and high levels of homophobia mean that both the GLBTA community and GLBTA friendly services are often hard to find. The Identity HelpLine is a resource and referral service answered by a volunteer every evening from 6:00 to 11:00 pm and provides toll free accessibility Alaska wide.

Identity newsletter: For many years Identity has published a newsletter. NorthVIEW serves as a link between Identity and the various individuals, groups and organizations that make up our diverse community. It helps Identity outreach to those unfamiliar with our organization and the programs and services we provide. The newsletter is produced by an all volunteer staff, and is published quarterly. Copies are mailed to our members and supporters and made available at special events and local venues to aid in our outreach.

Anchorage PrideFest: The Annual Pride Celebration in June attracted 1,000 Alaskans in Anchorage, some for the very first time and more youth than ever before. Identity co-sponsors Anchorage’s annual pride celebration each June, but this year we were able to invest more deeply in this high-profile opportunity to promote the various programs and services Identity offers Alaska’s
GLBTA communities. We continue to receive positive feedback from participants who had not heard of Identity and our Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage prior to PrideFest. We saw many new faces at the community center in the weeks following PrideFest, so we know the funds provided by our many sponsors were a sound investment. Major sponsors of PrideFest 2008 included: The Imperial Court of All Alaska, Mad Myrna’s, Kodiak Bar, Bernie’s Bungalow, Pride Foundation, ACLU and Great Land Infusion Pharmacy.

**Youth Programs:** Pride Foundation sponsored two of our Alaska young people’s attendance at a youth summit in the Seattle area. Ashley and Paul continue to work on the development of youth programs for our college age GLBT individuals.

**Alaska Pride Conference 2008:** Identity, Inc. has sponsored the Alaska Pride Conference for the last fourteen years. By continuing to partner with The University of Alaska at Anchorage and GLSEN, we were able to focus more on youth involvement. We developed a more proactive approach to cultivating qualified workshop presenters and keynotes from the Alaska GLBTA community. We made a concerted effort to provide workshops with stronger appeal to younger community members and minority GLBTA members. In addition to the university, we cultivated partner groups and organizations who supplied in-kind contributions to help us stretch sponsorship dollars even further. Partnering organizations this year included The Last Frontier Men’s Club, MCC Anchorage, the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, and the Anchorage chapters of GLSEN and PFLAG.

**The Identity Advocacy Team:** Thanks to a generous grant from Pride Foundation, the Identity Advocacy Team (IAT) recruited and trained additional members of the Team to meet the growing community requests for Advocacy Team participation. In 2008 the IAT represented our GLBT population at Women in Recovery (Stepping Stones), YWCA, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship & Planned Parenthood, Alaska Pacific University, East High School, Eagle River High School, Center for Health Training, Alaska Public Health Nurses Conference, and Providence Family Medicine Center’s Noon Didactics, presenting information on standards of practice for health care services to the GLBT community, cultural competency, intake and interview language, and increased access to care.

- **Identity, Inc. is a 100% volunteer organization.** We continued to expand our volunteer base to help us provide essential services to Alaska’s GLBTA population and make the most of sponsorship and grant dollars we receive from the Pride Foundation and others.

- Once again Identity participated in two city-wide events in 2008. First was a team on behalf of the GLCCA taking part in the Anchorage Travel Industry “Graze to Raise” and second, full participation in the Mayor’s Diversity Month events.
- The Identity, Inc. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Agency Endowment Fund is as healthy as can be expected during the current economic downturn and continues to graciously accept tax deductible contributions of “current” dollars, securities, stock, real estate, personal property, etc. through The Alaska Community Foundation.

- Identity, Inc. remains committed to serving Alaska’s diverse GLBTA community, and we will continue to use wisely any and all funds we receive in support of this goal.

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Volunteers

A Warm Welcome to Our New Volunteers!

Welcome to Identity’s newest volunteers Mary and Karl. Thank you so much for volunteering!

Hi, my name is Mary Logomasini and I have been asked to tell you about myself. So here goes…I am originally from San Diego and my partner and I moved to Alaska in 2006. We have a home in Seward, where she works, and I moved to Anchorage over a year ago to take a job as a Project Manager for a software development company. We have been together over 18 years so living apart and commuting to be together on weekends has been hard. We have two male pugs, one is four years old and the other is five. We each have one so we have companionship when we are not together.

Winter activities I enjoy are skiing, reading, XBOX Guitar Hero and Wii Fit. I especially enjoy sleeping and napping in between.

Summertime for us means fishing, fishing and more fishing. We also love to camp (RV), hike and bike.

I volunteered for GLCCA in order to get more involved in the LGBT community and meet more people. I am glad I did and wish I done it sooner!

PrideFest Needs You

Plans for The Last Queer Frontier PrideFest 2009 are well under way but we still need YOU!

Are you a performer? Do you have great connections to great performers? Would you like to sponsor an entertainment event?

Do you like to party?

Are you an individual or member of a group who would like to contribute by entering a float in the parade or sponsoring a vendor at the festival? Are you a business who would like to have a booth at the festival?

Do you like to eat?

Are you a business or non profit who would like to sponsor a GLBT event during PrideFest?

Do you like to have fun?

Are you someone who can set up, break down, clean up, staff info booths, or provide parade and festival security?

Do you like GLBTQA people?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, we need YOU! Yes, you. Here. Now.

For general information, parade, vendor, and entertainment applications, links, and contacts please visit: http://www.anchoragepride.com/index.htm

Identity always needs volunteers to staff GLCCA and to work at PrideFest, Pride Conference, and much more. If you have been thinking about volunteering, now is a great time! You can pick up a volunteer application at GLCCA (336 East 5th Avenue, Anchorage) or www.identityinc.org.

This is how happy I am to be volunteering for Identity, the Gay & Lesbian Community Center, and the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied community of Anchorage and Alaska.

Karl Gallow is a new Identity volunteer working at GLCCA. Come on by and say hello.
What Is Adopt-A-Day?

Adopt-A-Day is a way for you to shine! It costs money to keep the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA) open. While every single staff member is a volunteer we still need to pay for rent, utilities, Internet, and other expenses. To adopt-a-day means that you donate $50.00, the approximate cost of keeping GLCCA open for one day. GLCCA puts up a sign in the community center to dedicate that day to you or to whomever or whatever you may wish to honor or recognize. Not only do you get to give the great gift of helping to keep GLCCA open for the GLBTA community, but it is all tax deductible for you as well! You can become the proud new parent of an adopted day or two, give a gift to the GLBT community, and get a tax deduction, too! It is a win-win-win situation! What could be better?

Adopted Days

A gigantic thank you and congratulations to the wonderful people listed below who have adopted days in the fourth quarter of the year. It is not too late. We have plenty of days just waiting to be adopted by a good parent like you.

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Prince and Princess Ball

Saturday, April 25

The Imperial Court of all Alaska (ICOAA) Prince and Princess Ball is Saturday, April 25th at Mad Myrna’s. Cost is $10. Doors open at 6pm and the ball begins at 7pm. You are invited!

Need College Tuition Help?

The Imperial Court of All Alaska offers college scholarships each year to GLBTQA folk. Watch GLCCA for the scholarship applications so you do not miss out.
The Trans Among Us

The following is installment two of the question and answer series meant to give more exposure to the trans among us. The answers are a compilation of information from male, female, and intersex trans folk.

There is a common understanding of trans people as having been born with a mismatch between sexual identity and physical body. Is that how you see yourself? Are there other ways of experiencing or understanding this issue?

Not everyone feels that way. The word transgender is actually an umbrella term which covers not only transsexuals but transvestites (cross dressers) and intersex (dual gender) people.

There are studies that have been able to look at people’s brains and MTFs often have like a female brain and FTMs often have a more male brain (editor’s note: research can be reviewed at: http://jcem.endojournals.org/cgi/content/full/85/5/2034 and http://www.abc.net/au/science/articles/2008/10/27/2401941.htm).

I know I always was different. I didn’t know how to express that when I was growing up. Most of my friends were guys and we ran around and played cowboys and Indians and war and I wanted a VROOM motor for my bike. I didn’t like dolls except GI Joe and I didn’t like being in the kitchen. I’d rather be out helping my dad with the car. I was always attracted to women but I didn’t know about homosexuality until I was in my late 20’s. As I did not know anything about trans folk, I decided I must be a lesbian. It wasn’t until I heard about a female to male trans that a light bulb, so to speak, came on for me.

Different people do different things. Some may just dress up since surgery is very expensive and most insurance won’t cover it. Some guys take T and just have top surgery maybe a hysto and nothing else. Some guys want the whole thing with urinary hookups so they can pee standing up. Some may have bottom surgery with just a clitoral release or a meta and centurion without urinary hookups. There are other things MTFs can do such as a tracheal shave, facial feminization, and breast implants. Some MTFs are just happy dressing up.

What advice would you offer to someone questioning if he or she may be T or to someone who identifies as T but is alone and lost as to what comes next?

There are all kinds of online groups. There are a lot of online resources and information. GLCCA has a lot of information and there are people there who are willing to be contacts. What I would tell them is get connected with someone. Find someone to talk to and find a counselor. Do your homework. I did all my research before I opened my mouth and I talked to other trans people. There have been TV shows on.

What books would you recommend?

True Selves: Understanding Transsexualism-For Families, Friends, Coworkers, and Helping Professionals by Chloe Ann Rounsley, Mildred L. Brown, Chloe Ann Rounsley, The Riddle of Gender by Deborah Rudacille

Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals by Stephanie A. Brill, Rachel Pepper

Always My Child: A Parent’s Guide to Understanding Your Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, or Questioning Son or Daughter by Kevin Jennings, Pat Shapiro, Becoming a Visible Man by Jamison Green

The Last Time I Wore a Dress by Daphne Scholinski

What magazines?

I would recommend Transgender Tapestry which is put out by the International Foundation for Gender Studies.

Voice Feminization

Kathe Perez, a Speech-Language Pathologist and Voice Feminization Specialist, is giving free voice feminization lessons via her website (www.excep-tionalvoice) and YouTube where she has several instructional pieces and writes that more are coming very soon.

http://www.youtTube.com/tgvoice
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The Trevor Project

The Trevor Project is a place for GLBTQA youth to find community, support, education, and help – much of it online where youth seems to live these days. The Trevor Helpline is a 24 hour nationwide crisis and suicide prevention helpline (1-866-4.U.Trevor). “Dear Trevor” is a non-time sensitive question and answer resource for young people with questions surrounding sexual orientation and identity (TheTrevorProject.org/deartrevor.aspx). TrevorSpace is an online, social networking community for LGBTQ youth ages 13 through 24 and their friends and allies. Youth can create profiles and connect with other young people throughout the country, as well as find resources within their communities (www.TrevorSpace.org). The Trevor Project also has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/The-Trevor-Project/24470472733/pages/pages/The-Trevor-Project/24470472733?v=wall&viewas=0).

IAT for Youth

Identity Advocacy Team (IAT) offers skilled trainers who, upon invitation, can provide students, teachers, school administrators, or parent teacher organizations with valuable training to help make the school setting a more safe and healthful learning environment for all youth regardless of sexual orientation. IAT can listen to your needs and suggest a program or you can request training in the area of your choice. IAT can be contacted via email at advocacyteam@gmail.com, or by phone at (907) 929-4528. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) is a national education organization dedicated to ensuring safe schools for all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Thanks to GLSEN and terrific local teachers and counselors, many of our schools have Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) which are student-led clubs that work to address anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment in their schools and promote respect for ALL students. Local GLSEN and GSAs can be contacted via snail mail, phone, e-mail, or website at: PO Box 200461, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-0461 (907) 441-6140 adabemike@yahoo.com www.glsen.org/alaska

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