

POLICY PLATFORM

INCLUSION OF TRANS INDIVIDUALS

PROGRESSIVE VALUE

The full inclusion of trans individuals in all aspects of society, ensuring access to gender-affirming healthcare, public spaces, education, and employment, rooted in the principles of self-determination and the protection of one's full humanity

ROOTED IN JUDAISM

The Torah includes references to people who are neither male nor female, and the prophets specifically call for their inclusion in society.

In Jewish law, doctors have an obligation to provide medical care when it is sought, and even at times, when it is not.

In numerous instances, Judaism calls on a person who is sick to seek medical care, and on a doctor to provide it. This includes care for all parts of one's b'riut, their health — the physical, emotional, and intellectual health. Nefesh, one's life, breath, or spirit, is thought to mean not just a person's physical life, but their mental health as well.

Healthcare which affirms someone's gender is part of protecting their nefesh and their b'riut.

REFLECTED IN ZIONISM

Zionism is rooted in the value of self-determination, and is about uplifting the very humanity of the Jewish people in a world that has constantly shown its antipathy (at best) toward Jewish life. We know that self-determination and an acknowledgment of full humanity requires the ability to live honestly and openly. Self-determination, controlling one's own future, is impossible if one cannot live in a way that is healthy and free, and allows them to have a future.

Zionism is rooted in liberation, and the ability to live freely as oneself, as long as it is not breaking mitzvot, commandments, is a fundamental part of liberation. Just as Jews have always longed for a return to the space to which they are indigenous and the ability to self govern, an individual must be able to return to themselves and live as their true self, with control over who and what that is.

POSITION STATEMENTS

- **Medically appropriate healthcare must be provided to an individual seeking care, regardless of their gender identity, and regardless of their economic status, what insurance they use, and where they live. We will oppose any limits on the availability of medically appropriate healthcare.**
- Gender affirming care is part of saving a life, and we support all efforts to expand and make accessible through insurance coverage gender affirming care for those who have an obligation to uphold the mitzvah, the commandment, of seeking necessary medical care.
- **We recognize that the types of care available are evolving and we trust doctors and patients to make the best decisions about appropriate care.**
- We support movements which seek to ensure there are spaces for transgender community members to fully partake in society – including, but not limited to, housing, medical care, restroom access in all public spaces, access for students to a comprehensive education including access to extracurricular activities such as sports or clubs.