

JOY EQUIPS LGBTQ TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS FROM HISTORICALLY NON-ACCEPTING HOMES TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE

THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE'LL BE THINKING ABOUT THIS YOM KIPPUR – IN 6 WORDS

IS THIS HOW ONE DOES DAVENING? • DEAR ORTHODOXY, IT'S PAINFULLY LONELY HERE • **CONNECT TO GOD AND SEEK FORGIVENESS**

FORGIVE MY COMMUNITY FOR PAIN CAUSED • I'LL ALWAYS TRY TO BE BETTER

ACCEPTANCE OF MY SEXUAL IDENTITY, FORGIVENESS • WHO BY A THOUSAND TINY PAPER CUTS

TO NOT BE CONSIDERED A BURDEN I AM PROMISE: אני מאמין באמונה שלימה שאינני שבור

HELP ME FIND STRENGTH TO SURVIVE **SORRY** I'LL FIGHT

HI HASHEM, HOW IS IT GOING? ... FOR IN YOUR MEMORY

YOU'VE OSTRICIZED, I'VE CONFORMED, WE'VE SINNED **LACKING**

STOP TRYING TO HEAL ME. LISTEN **COURAGE** WHAT SHUL CAN WE DAVEN IN?

TSHUVA? TO WHAT AM I RETURNING? • I'VE GOTTA RELEARN WHAT SORRY MEANS I AM NOT A TOEVAH, MOMMY

HASHEM, DO YOU BELIEVE IN ME? • WHY AREN'T WE ALL COMPLETELY TERRIFIED?

PLEASE, NO GENDER IN GAN EDEN

NEXT YEAR, I'LL STILL BE CLOSETED I DON'T DESERVE TO FEEL GUILTY

WHICH SIDE OF MECHITZAH IS MINE? • **I WANT HONESTY UNDER THE CHUPPAH** • FOCUSING ON WHAT FILLS MY WELL

ARE PEOPLE LOOKING AT ME WEIRD?

YOU MADE ME! PLEASE ADMIT THAT • I CAN'T LIVE IN THIS BODY • **I'M HERE. IF ONLY YOU KNEW**

ABOUT LGBTQ JEWS WHO ARE SUFFERING • TESHUVAH IN THE FORM OF ACTION!

BEING INCLUDED AGAIN IN FAMILY EVENTS • SEAL HER FOR LIFE THIS YEAR

REALLY DIFFICULT DAY, I STILL BELONG

SOUNDS LIKE MY HEART FEELS: TEKIAH • PLEASE JUST GIVE ME A CHANCE

DON'T JUDGE ME BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT

DON'T FORGIVE HOMOPHOBIA, HASHEM. END IT • **CAN I FORGIVE AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY?**

I WON'T BE ANOTHER SAD STATISTIC TELL ME I BELONG HERE, TOO

WHY DID YOU MAKE ME TRANS? • HELP MY CHILDREN GET INTO YESHIVA • **I'M SORRY FOR WHO I LOVE**

I'M BRAVER THAN LAST YOM KIPPUR. I'M SO SCARED FOR MY CHILDREN

I JUST WANT TO BELONG SOMEWHERE TRYING MY HARDEST TO ACCEPT MYSELF

WOULD BUBBY SMILE IF SHE KNEW?

HATRED MASKED BY RIGHTEOUSNESS IS UNFORGIVABLE • CAN I CRY HERE? HERE GOES.

BUT, IS WHO I AM HASHEM, WHY? WHY? WHY? THIS HURTS.

UNFORGIVEABLE? WHAT IS MY PLACE IN ORTHODOXY

TATTY, PLEASE LET ME COME HOME **SHOULD I •**

WHERE AM I IN THIS TORAH? • EVERY DAY, A BATTLE SUPPORT ME • **SHMA. DO YOU HEAR ME GOD?**

I'M TRYING TO FIND A BALANCE • THESE PESUKIM ARE BULLETS. SHOOT ME

DEAR RABBI, YOU HURT ME. BYE • **"YOU DATING?" WON'T LIE THIS YEAR...**

WILL THEY COME TO MY WEDDING? • I CAN'T WAIT FOR A BETTER YEAR!

YOU ABUSE ME. I NEVER LEAVE • SORRY MY EXISTENCE IS A STATEMENT • HELP ME FIND STRENGTH IN ME

MAY WE LOVE RATHER THAN HATE • **WE'VE DONE GOOD. LISTEN TO US** • הנני אבן הנני איכה? הנני

I AM DAVENING NEXT TO YOU

WHO AM I TO DAVEN ANYWAYS? • WHAT DOES MY RELATIONSHIP MEAN HERE?

HOPING GOD UNDERSTANDS MY ACTIONS • **HEAR ME OUT, IF YOU CAN.**



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