

**Resolution passed by The Emanuel Synagogue Board of Directors  
September 20, 2012**

“Be it resolved that the Emanuel Synagogue extends full and equal rights, privileges standards and responsibilities to Jewish gay and lesbian individuals and to same-sex couples and their children in the congregation. This includes but shall not be limited to: Jewish marriage ceremonies provided by the Emanuel clergy; notices of congratulation for happy occasions and condolence for sad occasions; use of the synagogue for marriage ceremonies, *auf ruf*, receptions and other celebrations and life cycle events; status of primary mourner when a spouse dies; celebration of anniversaries; being called to the Torah as a couple; Burial rights and rites; and parental status in rites of passage.

The Rabbi shall serve as *mara d'atra* in determining the application of these rights, rules and standards in the same manner as for all questions of religious practice for any member of the congregation and for the Emanuel Synagogue as a community.”