

Activity Name: Discussion of a Comic Wedding

Purpose: To celebrate National Freedom to Marry Week through the routine of a queer Jewish comedian

Time: 30 minutes

Materials: a tv with computer hook-up capability, a computer/tv connector cord, a computer with internet access

Preparation: pull up the video at

<http://www.logoonline.com/video/misc/403464/one-night-stand-up-3-part-4.jhtml?id=1614556>

Notes: You can learn more about Julie Goldman at <http://julie-goldman.com>.

Activity: Introduce National Freedom to Marry Week and Julie Goldman. Play the video until you reach 3 minutes and 53 seconds. Discuss using the questions below.

Discussion Questions

People don't expect Julie to want a wedding because she's a "butch lez." Why do you think this may be? What kind of person is "supposed" to want a wedding?

Julie says, "I may be a butch lez, but I'm a Jew first and I love a catered party." Julie lists two identities here: butch lez and Jew. Why do you think she feels a need to separate these identities? Do "butch" and "lez" necessarily need to be part of one identity? For the purpose of this joke, Julie puts her identity as a Jew before her identity as a butch lesbian. Why would she need to put one identity ahead of another? In what other situations might a person feel like this is necessary? What situations have you experienced where you had to put one part of your identity in front of another?

Julie placed a large emphasis on her mother's insistence that she was the groom. Why did Mrs. Goldman characterize her in this way? Why did it matter so much to Mrs. Goldman? Why did it matter so much to Julie? Does a wedding *have* to have a bride and a groom? What would you call it if both partners wore dresses or if both partners wore suits?

Julie's mother asks, "Don't you wanna feel pretty? Don't you wanna feel like a princess?" Why does Julie's mother equate being pretty with being a princess? Are there other ways to be pretty? If so, what are they? Julie equates her mother's statement with being a "lady"; are there other ways to be a lady? If so, what are they?