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MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA CELEBRATES THE FREEDOM TO MARRY IN NEW YORK

Legal clinic in San Francisco for couples seeking to marry in New York

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San Francisco: Marriage Equality USA today applauds the freedom to marry in New York, and co-sponsors a San Francisco legal clinic on Monday for California couples considering marriage in New York – complete with bagels, cream cheese, and a champagne toast!

"Today, the Statue of Liberty is standing even taller and prouder, presiding over the dawn of equal marriage rights in the Empire State," said Stuart Gaffney, Marriage Equality USA's Media Director.

"New York has no residency requirement -- so it now extends marriage equality to couples from all over the country to legally marry," said Charlie Spiegel, Esq. "As attorney mediators, we are hosting a community discussion in San Francisco with California LGBT individuals and couples about whether to marry in New York, and how to tailor a New York marriage to our unique California circumstances."

"Inspired by these beautiful New York weddings, we are more determined than ever to work to repeal Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act, in order to make New York's example of marriage equality a reality for all loving couples," said John Lewis, Marriage Equality USA's Legal Director.

"Join us Monday night at the San Francisco LGBT Center for more than a New York minute. Nosh on a bagel, cream cheese schmear, hoist some bubbly, and learn about what marriage equality in New York means for us in California," concluded Charlie Spiegel, Esq..

WHEN: 7pm, Monday, July 25th

WHERE: San Francisco LGBT Center, 1800 Market St. at Octavia, Room 301

WHAT: "CLE, Community Discussion, and Celebration of New York Marriages!"

Full program description available here:

<http://balif.org/uncategorized/cle-community-discussion-and-celebration-of-new-york-marriages>

Founded in 2000, Marriage Equality USA is a national grassroots organization whose mission is to secure legally-recognized civil marriage equality for all, at the federal and state level, without regard to gender identity or sexual orientation. For more information go to www.marriageequality.org. Follow us on Twitter @meusa. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/marriageequalityusa