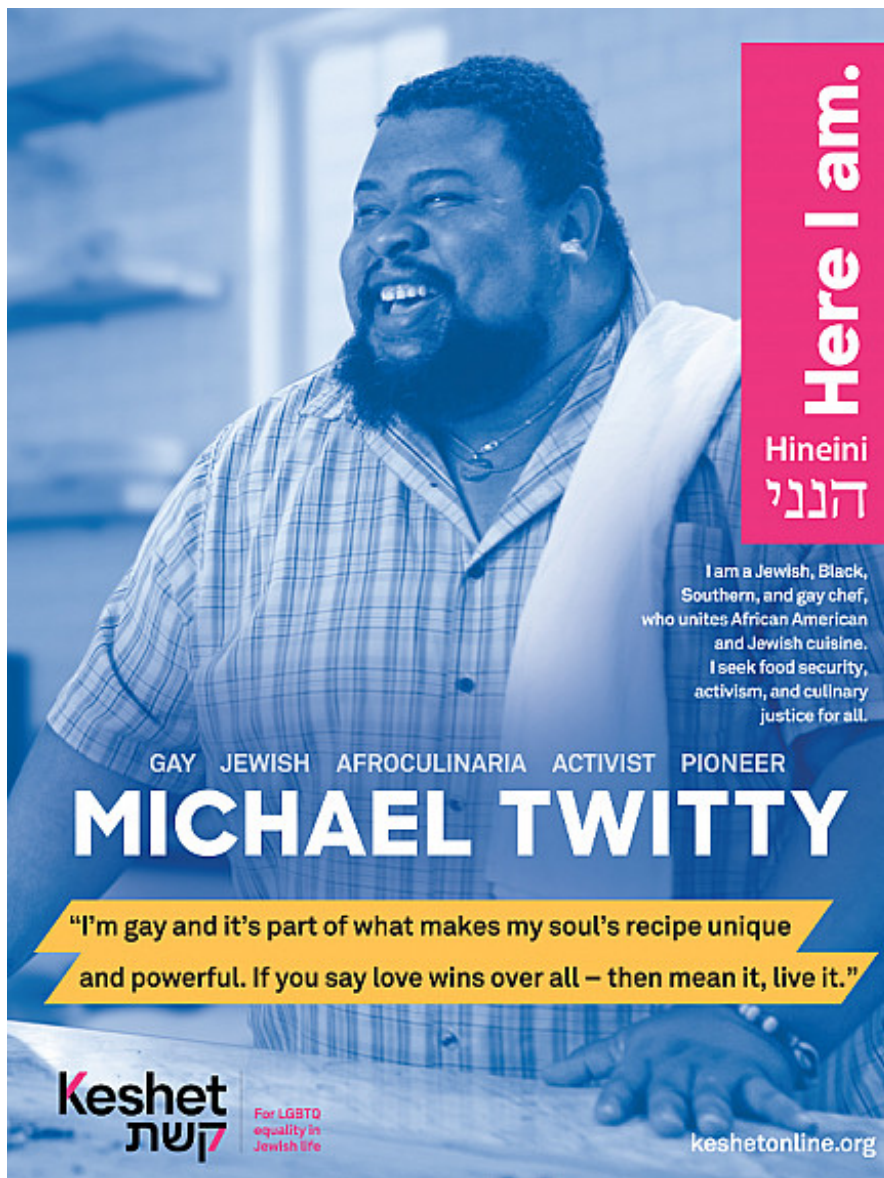


# Michael Twitty

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I am a Jewish, Black, Southern, and gay chef, who unites African American and Jewish cuisine. I seek food security, activism, and culinary justice for all.

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# MICHAEL TWITTY

"I'm gay and it's part of what makes my soul's recipe unique and powerful. If you say love wins over all – then mean it, live it."

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## Michael Twitty

Michael is Jewish, Black, and gay, and this “makes my soul’s recipe unique and powerful.” The award-winning author of 2018’s *The Cooking Gene*, Michael gave a popular TED talk, wrote the viral Open Letter to Paula Deen in response to her racism, and organized the Southern Discomfort Tour, which focused on food security, culinary justice, and activism. “I’m about cultural awareness, the interconnectedness of human beings, about how Americans are more related than they think they are, and about knowing what oppression does to people generationally. If you say love wins over all – then do it, mean it, live it.”