



Sydney Mardi Gras saw David Puterman (left) and Roy Freeman parade on behalf of Dayenu, Sydney's Jewish gay and lesbian support group.

Stars of David light up Sydney Mardi Gras

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BLARING *Havah Nagillah* and adorned with Magen David in the rainbow colours synonymous with gay pride, there was no missing the Jewish float at Saturday night's Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Dayenu, the Sydney-based Jewish gay and lesbian support group, coordinated the float that was escorted by around 40 supporters from Hyde Park down Oxford Street to Moore Park.

Roy Freeman, one of the float organisers, said: "There was a lot of positive

energy all around." He said people watching the parade shouted "mazal tov" as the group passed. Habonim Dror members also walked with Dayenu, which made its return to the parade after a year's absence.

On Friday night, around 100 Dayenu members attended a Shabbat dinner at Temple Emanuel Woollahra. Plans are already underway for a Pesach seder.

Dayenu first entered a float in the Mardi Gras in 2000, sparking a furore after the photograph was published on the front page of the Sydney edition of the *AJN*.