



**Dayenu ... members of the float for Sydney's Jewish gay and lesbian support group at last weekend's Mardi Gras.**

# Jewish Stars of David light up Mardi Gras

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BLARING *Hava Nagillah* and adorned with a Magen David in the rainbow colours synonymous with gay pride, there was no mistaking 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. There was a fantastic feeling."

He said people watching the parade shouted "mazal tov" and other words of encouragement as the group passed.

Habonim Dror youth movement members also walked with Dayenu, which made its return to the parade this year 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 a photograph of the float was published on the front page of the Sydney edition of the *AJN*. Currently, Dayenu has around 100 members.