



# 25<sup>th</sup> JEWISH LGBT+ WORLD CONGRESS

Keshet Ga'avah Rainbow of Pride

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA • MAR 21-24, 2019

## *All Our Voices : Kol Koleinu*

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Emanuel Synagogue Campus : 7 Ocean St. Woollahra  
Sydney Jewish Museum Complex : 148 Darlinghurst Rd. Darlinghurst

*Wednesday 20 March 2019 - Erev Purim*

**6.15pm    9.00pm**

**Purim Shpiel**

**New Sanctuary**

A soft unofficial opening to the Conference, for those able to attend Emanuel Synagogue's famous all-singing, all-dancing, musical, entertaining, zany Purim shpiel produced by Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio. World Congress delegates are warmly invited to join the festivities as well as enjoying "synagogue-made" hamentaschen.

*Thursday, 21 March 2019*

*Day One : Purim - a Celebration*

**9.00am 10.00am Prayer Service and Reading of Megilat Esther New Sanctuary**

Emanuel Synagogue has its traditional Purim service which is a combined Progressive/Masorti Minyan and Conference delegates are warmly invited to participate.

**9.00am 12.30pm World Congress Board Meeting Neuweg**

All conference delegates are welcome to attend, all dues-paying members will have voting rights

**9.30am 12.00pm Sydney Sightseeing [Cruise: \$45 - not included in conference fee] Circular Quay**

Meet at Circular Quay to join a two-hour Morning Tea cruise departing at 10.00am SHARP  
[For those not joining the cruise, there is plenty to explore including the Sydney Opera House, historic Rocks area and the Museum of Contemporary Art]

**12.30pm 1.30pm Lunch - self-organised**

**1.30 2.00pm Public bus from Circular Quay to Sydney Jewish Museum**

**2.00pm 2.30pm Queer orientation Presenter: Yoav Yaron Sydney Jewish Museum**  
**2.30pm 3.30pm Tour of Sydney Jewish Museum Sydney Jewish Museum**  
including LGBT+ Human Rights exhibition

For more than 25 years, the Sydney Jewish Museum has been in the forefront of Holocaust commemoration and of treasuring the story of Australian Jewry. We will also visit the recently opened exhibition focusing on Human Rights which highlights Indigenous, Refugees and Asylum seekers, People with Disabilities and the LGBT+ community.

**3.45pm 4.15pm Gay & Lesbian Holocaust Memorial & Jacob Gubbay Remembrance Green Park**  
 Green Park (next door to the Jewish Museum) has a monument commemorating LGBT victims of the Shoah. We will take a moment to honour them as well as remembering Jacob Gubbay, who died in 2018 in Sydney. He is best known as the founder of CBST, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in New York. In Sydney, he continued to work with Jewish LGBT+ activism.

**4.15pm 5.15pm Return to Emanuel & Registration New Sanctuary**

**4.45pm 5.15pm Afternoon Tea New Sanctuary**

**5:15pm 6.15pm Skype Presentation: International Luminary - to be advised New Sanctuary**

**6.30pm 9.00pm Opening Reception, Queer Shpiel & Kol Koleinu Launch New Sanctuary**

A Traditional Indigenous “*Welcome to Country*” will be followed by a Menorah lighting ceremony. Following the Purim theme, we will present a rainbow-coloured celebration, bringing together a range of talents, including “*The Queerest Gender-Bending Purim Shpiel Play on the Planet*”. Lots of opportunities to get to know other delegates and have some fun. Kol Koleinu, the recently published collective book about the work of the World Congress will get a Downunder “Ozzie” launch.

*Friday, 22 March 2019 Day Two : Voices from the Past*

**Registration 9.00am - 9.50am**

**9:00am 9:50am Greeting the Day: Stretch & Meditation Neuweg**

A variety of stretch, exercise, yoga, and/or meditation practices will be offered on each morning.

**9:00am 9:50am Interest Group Meetings: Gay/Lesbian/Trans/Diverse/... Education Centre**

Our first interest group meeting will create spaces for specific gay, lesbian, transgendered, diverse people to gather in their identified groups to network and discuss what brought you to the congress and what you want to get out of it - as well as any concerns that may need addressing, in relation to your specific cultural identity/group. Meet at Green Park, Darlington.

**10.00am - 10.10am**      **Feedback from Interest Groups**  
**10.15am - 11.15pm**      **Who's in the Room & Why are we Here?**      **New Sanctuary**

An opportunity to get to know other delegates within or beyond the alphabet soup of LGBTIQ++ as well as focusing on our wishes, hopes and dreams for this 25th World Congress.

**11.30am - 12.30pm**      **Kol Koleinu: An International Perspective**      **New Sanctuary**

Panel: Frank Giaoui (USA/France), Jacq Carver (The Netherlands/UK), Doron Abromavic (Melbourne), Luis Perelman or Laura Weinstein or Eugenio Gini (Latin America), Assaf Weiss or Oded Katzman or Yonah Johnson (Israel)

Kol Koleinu, is the recently published book from World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah, addressing global Jewish LGBT+ activities. We will hear an update from contributors to the book.

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**12.45pm - 2.15pm**      **LUNCH : self-catered cafes nearby & return to Emanuel Synagogue by 2.15pm**

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**2.30pm - 4.00pm**      **Belonging & 'Othering' : Building Blocks of Community**      **New Sanctuary**  
Facilitators: Robert Griew & Tony Fiddes

An opportunity learn more about those moments when we feel a sense of "Belonging" as opposed to moments when we feel "Other". How we can learn from them and change our perspectives? Inevitably we realise that "Othering" is something we all do - with sometimes damaging affect. Understanding these same dynamics can encourage us to get along better with one another and build a stronger sense of community.

4.00pm	4.15pm	Afternoon Tea	New Sanctuary
4.15pm	5.15pm	R. Amichai Lau-Lavie – Webinar Presentation (tbc)	New Sanctuary
5.30pm	6.00pm	What does Shabbat mean to you? Facilitated discussion	New Sanctuary
6.15pm	7.30pm	Queer Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Main Sanctuary

An inspirational, musical, queer-infused Kabbalat Shabbat experience which also welcomes non-delegate friends from within Judaism as well as other LGBT+ religious groups and peak body organisations.

7.45pm	10pm	Shabbat Dinner - <i>Building Bridges</i> Panel: to be confirmed	Hall
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NSW Board of Deputies has sponsored this event welcoming members of other LGBT+ faith groups as well as representatives of a range of gay organisations. There will be speakers from Jewish/ LGBT+ as well as representatives of the broader LGBT+ community. It wouldn't be Jewish if there wasn't some great entertainment too!

**10pm>>>**

### **Exploring Oxford St Nightlife**

Oxford Street is the epicentre of Gay Sydney - famous for the Mardi Gras Parade. The street is known for its strong cultural and creative scene, colourful nightlife, and the heart of Sydney's LGBT+ culture. Join your hosts to check out the local bars and discos. Don't forget we have a FULL DAY'S PROGRAM tomorrow!!

*Saturday, 23 March 2019      Day Three: Voices of the Present*

**9.00am      12.00pm      Shabbaton - Concurrent sessions      3x edu centre - kindy - neuweg      Various**

A range of diverse sessions addressing issues of interest to the Jewish LGBT+ Perspective

TIME	NEUWEG	EDU CENTRE (MAIN)	EDU CENTRE (SIDE)	EDU CENTRE (GROUND)
9.00 - 9.50AM	Transgender: 101	Singles	Torah Text Study	Gongs
PRESENTER				Mignon
10.00 - 10.50 AM	Queer Shabbat service	Gay Men & Sex (queer male-only space)	6 Genders in Talmud	Doco "It's Who We Are" & discussion
PRESENTER	Kim Gottlieb & various		Jacq Carver	Queer Lesbians of Victoria
11.00 - 11.50 AM	Youth	Love & Marriage	Michael Chertok	Lesbian
PRESENTER		couples/ kids/singles eg.	Sha'ar Zahav - Gay Synagogue	

**Synagogue Services (optional)**

**Various**

**9.00am      12.00pm**

**10.00am      12.00pm**

Masorti/Conservative Minyan in New Synagogue at Emanuel  
 Progressive/Reform Minyan in Main Sanctuary at Emanuel  
 Orthodox Central Synagogue, Sephardi Synagogue & Chabad options are also nearby.

**12.00pm      1.30pm**

**Lunch (self-organised e.g. Queen St cafes) or picnic**

2.00pm	3.00pm	Idit Klein - Webinar Presentation (tbc)	New Sanctuary
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3.15pm	4.15pm	L'Dor V'Dor Redefined : Generational Narratives - Panel 20s - 30s - 50s - 80s	New Sanctuary
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**Panel: to be advised**

Rather than a top down approach, we seek to redefine the top-down model informed by patriarchy. Eldership can emerge from a person of any age and maturity is defined by our actions. From 8 to 80 and beyond, each stage in our lives as LGBT+ folk holds its own stories and insight, challenges and delight. The experience of these stages also shifts, depending on our birth - from decade to decade, century to century. What are the differences and similarities? What does each unique narrative have to offer another? Is there value in exploring outside the comfort of our peers? How do the differing cultures of repression and acceptance through the years, influence our experience of being Jewish & LGBT+?

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4.15pm	4.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
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4.30pm	6.00pm	Abby Stein	New Sanctuary
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6.00	7.30pm	Seudat shlishit (3rd meal before conclusion of Shabbat)	New Sanctuary
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7.40pm shabbat ends		Havdalah - service at the conclusion of Shabbat	New Sanctuary
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*Sunday, 24 March 2019      Day Four: Voices for the Future*

9:00am	9:50am	Greeting the Day: Stretch & Meditation	Neuweg
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A variety of stretch, exercise, yoga, and/or meditation practices.

**9:00am 9:50am Interest Group Meetings Education Centre**

Several meeting spaces for any specific interest group, based on a subject, identity or interest to network, explore, strategise, discuss, argue, create. Some meetings will be set up before the Conference - others will emerge as the Conference unfolds.

**10.00am - 10.10am Feedback from Interest Groups**  
**10.15am 11.15am Skype session: International LGBT+ Luminary tba Education Centre**

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**11.15am 11.30pm Morning Tea New Sanctuary**

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**11.30 1.30pm Unconference: Rainbow of Possibilities**

An unstructured space to be filled with whatever emerges - Resources and facilitation available.  
Let Kol Koleinu - All Our Voices guide us towards the unimagined. (Lead to lunch groups)

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**1.30pm 2.30pm LUNCH Emanuel or Centennial Park**

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**2.30pm 3.30pm Volunteering with the World Congress: How to get involved? New Sanctuary**  
Presenters: Frank Giaoui and others among: Michael Chertok, Yonah Johnson, Jacq Carver, Oded Katzman ...

A presentation by the World Congress officers and volunteers about the organisation and ways to join as a member, as well as opportunities to volunteer and work together on future activities and development.

**3.30pm 3.45pm Afternoon Tea New Sanctuary**



**3.45pm 5.15pm Jewish LGBT+ and the way forward New Sanctuary**

As the World Congress Conference comes to a close, it is time to reflect on this experience and ask ourselves how we can use our personal knowledge, experiences and passion to impact our local communities and others around us. How can we utilise these global resources, networks, ruach and relationships to forge a path forward into the future?

Form action network groups -including a project to create a community event and sensitivity and inclusivity training for allied synagogues.

**5.30pm 6.30pm Official Closing & Reflections New Sanctuary**

**6.30pm 8:00pm Israeli dancing leading to Farewell Dance Party New Sanctuary**