

30 PRESENTERS
4 DAYS
3 SPECIAL EVENTS
2 VENUES
ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME



25th JEWISH LGBT+
WORLD CONGRESS
Keshet Ga'avah Rainbow of Pride
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA • MAR 21-24, 2019
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JEWISH LGBT+ SYDNEY IS LOUD AND PROUD IN 2019

Jewish LGBT+ is a minority within a minority. However, in the next 2 months, there will be 6 events taking place leading up to a 4-day conference, focused on this community sector.

Kehillat Masada Synagogue begins the calendar of events with an evening: Same...but Different on Monday Feb 11. Sydney's Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival includes a Fair Day on Feb 17, in which Dayenu - Jewish LGBT+ Sydney has a stall with all the information - as well as souvenir T-shirts. Sydney Jewish Museum is partnering with Dayenu & Mardi Gras Festival to present a forum entitled : Homophobia, Antisemitism & the Politics of Othering on Sunday Feb 24. The following week, Emanuel Synagogue hosts its annual Mardi Gras Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner on Friday March 1. This year their will be two floats in the Mardi Gras parade: Dayenu and a separate World Congress float, which welcomes supporters and allies who want to join in the fun!

The 25th Jewish LGBT+ World Congress is taking place in March 21-24,2019 for the first time in Australia or anywhere in the Asia Pacific region. The theme is Kol Koleinu: All our Voices, drawn from the recently published book about their work around the world. Quoting Paul Simon, Convenor Kim Gotlieb said "There are those who listen, and those who wait to speak.' We hope this World Congress will be a platform where diverse voices can be heard and engaged with in the spirit of understanding and heartfelt curiosity."

[World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah](#) is an international organisation which began in the 70s and has continued to be the voice of Jewish LGBT+ worldwide. Dayenu - Jewish LGBT+ Sydney is hosting this event, which aims to address subjects of interest to LGBT+ Jews and their allies. Representatives are coming from USA, Israel, France, UK, Mexico, Singapore, the Netherlands, and New Zealand to share their perspectives with us. This is an extraordinary opportunity to develop a global relationship with Jewish LGBT+ identity, areas of concern and celebration.

Prof. Kerryn Phelps AM MP recently elected to Federal Parliament is a Keynote Speaker and we also welcome Abby Stein, an inspirational transgender educator, who grew up in ultra-Orthodox community in New York. There are over 20 local and international presentations and workshops addresses issues as varied as Global LGBT+ Human Rights, Generational Narratives, Belonging & Othering, and LGBT+ Inclusive Jewish Spaces.

The conference takes place over the Jewish festival on Purim, and will feature the Queerest Gender-Bending Purim Shpiel on the Planet in its Opening Night activities. On Friday, Mar 21 the main sanctuary of Emanuel Synagogue will host a PRIDE Kabbalat Shabbat service, which is open to the whole community (not just conference participants), regardless of religious affiliation, sexual orientation or gender presentation. The service will be lead by an inspiring team, including one of the first lesbian rabbis to be ordained in UK, Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah, Abby Stein, who has a strong rabbinic lineage connected to the Baal Shem Tov, and the heartfelt support of Cantor George Mordechai from Emanuel Synagogue. This will be a moving and special event, merging diverse identities in the spirit of unity. Following the service, there will be a Building Bridges dinner supported by NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, with invited guests from LGBT+ organisations and religious groups.

Convenor Kim Gottlieb added that “With rising anti-semitism emerging on a global scale, including within LGBT+ circles, it has never been more important to strengthen our networks, challenge our worldviews, and expand our sense of possibility.”

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