



25th JEWISH LGBT+ WORLD CONGRESS

Keshet Ga'avah Rainbow of Pride
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA MARCH 21ST-24TH 2019

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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 (not part of official program) 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 : Voices of Remembrance and Celebration

9.00am 10.00am Prayer Service and Megilat Esther Neuweg

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

9.00am 12.00pm World Congress Board Meeting Gallery

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

12.00pm 12.30pm Transport to Sydney Jewish Museum

12.30pm 1.30pm Lunch - self-organised

1.30pm 2.00pm Queer orientation Jewish Museum - Auditorium
Presenter: Yoav Yaron

2.00pm 3.00pm Tour of Sydney Jewish Museum Sydney Jewish Museum
including LGBTI+ Human Rights exhibition

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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 LGBTI+ community.

3.00pm	3.30pm	Defending the rights of the Jewish LGBTI+ community Vic Alhadeff	Jewish Museum - Auditorium
3.45pm	4.30pm	Gay & Lesbian Holocaust Memorial & Jacob Gubbay Remembrance	Green Park

Green Park (next door to the Jewish Museum) has a monument commemorating Queer victims of the Shoah, designed by Russell Rodrigo, who will be present. We will honour them as well as remembering Jacob Gubbay (founder of CBST, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in New York), who died in 2018 in Sydney.

4.30pm	5.15pm	Return to Emanuel & Registration	Main Foyer
4.30pm	5.15pm	Afternoon Tea	Kiddush Courtyard
5:15pm	6.15pm	Hinneinu - 'Here We Are': LGBTI+ Jews Celebrating All Our Voices and Repairing the World. Opening Address: Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah	Heritage Sanctuary

Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah, author of *Trouble-Making Judaism*, one of the first out lesbians to become a rabbi when ordained in 1989, is an LGBTI+ rights pioneer. In the closing 15 minutes of this session, everyone will be invited to share in pairs which of 7 Torah teachings presented speak to them most and to explore a closing question.

6.30pm	8.00pm	Opening Reception, Queer Shpiel & Kol Koleinu Launch	Gallery
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Following the Purim theme, we will present a rainbow-coloured celebration, including *"The Queerest Gender-Bending Purim Shpiel Play on the Planet"*. Get to know other participants and have some fun! Kol Koleinu, the recently published book about the work of the World Congress will get a Downunder "Ozzie" launch.

Friday, 22 March 2019

Day Two : Voices of our Global Community

9.00am	9.50am	Registration	Main Foyer
9:00am	9:50am	Interest Group Meetings: Gay/Lesbian/Trans/Diverse/...	Neuweg & 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

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any concerns that may need addressing, in relation to your specific cultural identity/group.

10.00am	10.10am	Feedback from Interest Groups	
10.15am	11.15pm	Who's in the Room & Why are we Here?	Gallery
		Facilitator: Brando Srot	

An opportunity to get to know other delegates within or beyond the alphabet soup of LGBTI+ as well as focusing on our wishes, hopes and dreams for this 25th World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah : Rainbow of Pride.

11.30am	12.30pm	Global LGBTI+ Human Rights	New Sanctuary
		Prof. Paula Gerber	

We are witnessing a period of great change when it comes to how LGBTIQ people are treated around the globe. While many countries are embracing marriage equality, there are many more countries where homophobic and transphobic violence and persecution are escalating. This presentation will take a worldwide perspective on the rights of LGBTIQ people and explore what each of us can do to ensure that the fundamental human rights of all LGBTIQ people are respected.

12.45pm	2.15pm	LUNCH : self-organised in cafes nearby	
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2.30pm	4.00pm	Belonging & 'Othering' : Building Blocks of Community	
		Facilitators: Robert Griew & Tony Fiddes	Gallery

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	Kiddush Courtyard
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4.30pm	6.00pm	Kol Koleinu: An International Perspective	Neuweg
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Panel: Frank Giaoui (USA/France), Goldy Goldberg (USA), Assaf Weiss (Israel), Doron Abromavici (Melbourne), Oded Katzman (Israel)

An update of Jewish LGBTI+ issues around the globe from representatives of World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah. Many of these presenters are contributors to their recently published book, Kol Koleinu

6.15pm	7.30pm	PRIDE Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Heritage Sanctuary
		Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah, Cantor George Mordecai, Abby Stein, Dudu Gottlieb, Kim Gottlieb	

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An inspirational, musical, queer-infused Kabbalat Shabbat experience featuring International LGBTI+ Jewish spiritual leaders . Emanuel synagogue joins in welcoming non-delegate friends and allies from across the range of both Jewish and other religious paths, as well as people from the entire LGBTI+ spectrum. (no charge)

7.45pm 10pm Shabbat Dinner - *Building Bridges* Gallery & Courtyard



NSW Board of Deputies has supported this event welcoming members of other LGBTI+ faith groups as well as representatives of a range of LGBTI+ organisations. There will be speakers from Jewish/ LGBTI+ as well as representatives of the broader LGBTI+ 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 LGBTI+ 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 Inspiration

9.00am 12.00pm Shabbaton - Concurrent sessions Neuweg & Education Centre

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

TIME	NEUWEG	EDU CENTRE (MAIN)	EDU CENTRE (SIDE)	EDU CENTRE (GROUND)
9.00 - 9.50AM	Torah from a Transgender Perspective.	Singles	Report back from GIN -Global Interfaith Network	
PRESENTER	Dr. Joy Ladin Webinar	tba	Gustavo Michanie	
10.00 - 10.50 AM	Docos "It's Who We Are" & "Aleph"	Gay Men & Sex		Youth
PRESENTER	Jewish Lesbian Group of Victoria & Aleph	tba		
11.00 - 11.50 AM	Queer Shabbat service	Love & Marriage: Post-marriage equality	Lesbian	Lunch preparation no event
PRESENTER	Various	Couples/ Children/ Surrogacy/Parents	Larri	

Synagogue Services (optional)

Various

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9.00am 12.00pm Masorti/Conservative Minyan in New Synagogue at Emanuel

10.00am 12.00pm Progressive/Reform Minyan in Main Sanctuary at Emanuel

Orthodox Central Synagogue, Sephardi Synagogue & Chabad options are also nearby.

12.00pm 1.00pm Lunch - Education Centre & patio

1.15pm 2.15pm Breishit: "Once Upon a Time" the Power of Image and Story
Guillaume Levy-Lambert Education Centre

Contemporary art collector (MaGMA), whose fascinating story links art, Judaism and the search for meaning.

2.30pm 4.00pm Prof Kerryn Phelps MP - Keynote Address New Sanctuary

First Jewish Lesbian Member of Federal Parliament elected in November 2018, also serving Sydney City Council. She was the first woman to be elected president of the Australian Medical Association.

4.00pm 4.15pm Afternoon Tea Courtyard

4.15pm 5.15pm L'Dor V'Dor Redefined : Generational Narratives
Zev Shteinman, Erica Kushner, Tomer Hasson, Dawn Cohen. New Sanctuary

Each stage in our lives holds its own stories and insight, challenges and delight. Eldership can emerge from people of any age, defined by their actions. 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 & LGBTI+?

5.30pm 7.00pm Abby Stein - Keynote address New Sanctuary

Transgender woman who grew up only speaking Yiddish in an ultra-Orthodox New York community. Her story of stepping out of that culture and addressing her transgender identity is powerful; her passion and enthusiasm to make a difference in the world is an inspiration.

7.00pm 7.30pm Seudah shlishit - 3rd meal before conclusion of Shabbat
Gallery & Courtyard

7.40pm shabbat ends Havdalah - service at the conclusion of Shabbat Gallery

Sunday, 24 March 2019

Day Four: Voices for the Future

9:00am 9:30am Jewish Meditation and Stretches Neuweg

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Led by Rabbi Orna Triguboff

A chance to to relax and meditate, and stretch the body...all in the context of Jewish teachings

9:00am **9:30am** **Open Space Meeting Groups** **Education Centre**

Several meeting spaces for any specific interest group, based on a subject, identity or interest to network, explore, strategise, discuss, argue, create.

9.30am **9.40am** **Feedback from Interest Groups**
9.45am **11.15am** **Dealing with Diversity** **Gallery**
Facilitator: Myrna Lewis

11.15am **11.30am** **Morning Tea**

11.30am **12.30pm** **Anti-Israel, Antisemitism & BDS** **New Sanctuary**
Assaf Weiss

12.30pm **1.30pm** **Report back from LGBTI+ Visit to Israel** **New Sanctuary**
Panel: Lyndall Katz, Justin Koonin, Bill Bowtell, Josh Kirsh

1.30pm **2.30pm** **LUNCH - self catered at cafes or BYO picnic** **Emanuel Synagogue**

2.30am **3.30pm** **LGBTI+ Inclusive Synagogues, Jewish Organisations & Communal Engagement** **New Sanctuary**
Panel: R. Jacqueline Ninio, Abby Stein, Michael Chertok

Some rainbow Jewish groups are reaching out to embrace others; in other cases, hetero-normative Jewish institutions are opening to more diversity. Panelists will share their experiences, including what's working as well as some of the challenges.

3.30pm **4.30pm** **Volunteering with the World Congress** **New Sanctuary**
Frank Giaoui (France/USA), Branden Yonah Johnson (Israel/USA), Oded Katzman (Israel)

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

4.30pm **4.45pm** **Afternoon Tea** **Kiddush Courtyard**

4.45pm **5.45pm** **Jewish LGBTI+ and the way forward** **Gallery**
As the 25th World Congress comes to a close, it is time to reflect on this experience and ask ourselves how we can use our shared knowledge, experiences and passion to impact 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?

6.00pm **8.00pm** **Official Closing & Reflections** **Gallery**

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