



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

Keshet Ga'avah Rainbow of Pride

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA • MAR 21-24, 2019

## *Kol Koleinu : All Our Voices*

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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**

**1.30pm 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 Sydney 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                    Rabbi Elizabeth Tikvah Sarah                    New Sanctuary**

First openly lesbian ordained rabbi in UK currently rabbi at Brighton & Hove Progressive community, celebrating 30 years rabbinic service. Published book, “Trouble-Making Judaism”, which explores an inclusive and egalitarian approach to sexual ethics.

**6.30pm    9.00pm                    Opening Reception, Queer Shpiel & Kol Koleinu Launch                    New Sanctuary**  
Dress Code: Mix-It-Up or Gender-Ambivalent

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*”. 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*



**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**      **Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie – Webinar Presentation (tbc)**      **New Sanctuary**  
Founding Spiritual Leader of Lab/Shul NYC and the creator of StorahTelling, Inc. An Israeli-born Jewish educator, writer, and performance artist, he received his rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2016.

**5.30pm 6.00pm**      **What does Shabbat mean to you?**      **Education Centre**  
Facilitated discussion

**6.15pm 7.30pm**      **“Welcome Home” Pride 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. Open invitation to anyone interested to attend - beyond Conference delegates or religious affiliation.

**7.45pm 10pm**      **Shabbat Dinner - *Building Bridges***      **Hall**  
**Panel: to be confirmed**

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      Neuweg & Education Centre**

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	Torah, Gender & Midrash	Singles	Torah Text Study	
PRESENTER	Dr. Joy Ladin Webinar	tba	tba	
10.00 - 10.50 AM	Youth	Gay Men & Sex	6 Genders in Talmud	Doco "It's Who We Are" & discussion

PRESENTER	tba	tba	Jacq Carver	Queer Lesbians of Victoria
11.00 - 11.50 AM	Queer Shabbat service	Love & Marriage		Lesbian
PRESENTER	Various	couples/ kids/singles		tba

### 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 1.00pm

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

1.15pm - 2.15pm

**Breishit:Once Upon a Time - The Power of Image and Story**

**Education Centre**

Guillaume Levy-Lambert

Co-founder of The MaGMA Collection, whose story links art, Judaism and the search for meaning.

2.30pm 4.00pm

**Prof Kerry Phelps AM MP - Keynote Address**

**New Sanctuary**

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

4.15pm 5.15pm

**L'Dor V'Dor Redefined : Generational Narratives**

**New Sanctuary**

20s - 30s - 50s - 80s

Panel: to be advised

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 & LGBT+?

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<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Abby Stein - Keynote address</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
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.			
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Seudah shlishit - 3rd meal before conclusion of Shabbat</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
<b>7.40pm</b>	<b>shabbat ends</b>	<b>Havdalah - service at the conclusion of Shabbat</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>

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*Sunday, 24 March 2019*      *Day Four: Voices for the Future*

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>9:50am</b>	<b>Greeting the Day: Stretch &amp; Meditation</b>	<b>Neuweg</b>
A variety of stretch, exercise, yoga, and/or meditation practices.			
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>9:50am</b>	<b>Open Space Meeting Groups</b>	<b>Education Centre</b>
Several meeting spaces for any specific interest group, based on a subject, identity or interest to network, explore, strategise, discuss, argue, create.			



10.00am - 10.10am	Feedback from Interest Groups	
10.15am - 11.15am	Idit Klein – Webinar Presentation (tbc)	New Sanctuary
11.15am - 11.30am	Morning Tea	New Sanctuary
11.30am - 12.30pm	LGBT+ Inclusive Synagogues, Jewish Organisations & Communal Engagement Panel (tba)	New Sanctuary
12.45pm - 1.45pm	Report back from LGBT+ Visit to Israel Panel ( tba)	New Sanctuary
2.00pm - 3.00pm	LUNCH	Emanuel Synagogue
3.15pm - 4.15pm	Global LGBT+ Human Rights Presenter: Prof Paula Gerber	New Sanctuary
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Volunteering with the World Congress: How to get involved? Presenters: Frank Giaoui (France/New York) Michael Chertok (San Francisco), Jacq Carver (Netherlands), Oded Katzman (Israel)	New Sanctuary
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.		
4.30pm - 4.45pm	Afternoon Tea	New Sanctuary
4.45pm - 5.45pm	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, reach and relationships to forge a path forward into the future?

It is hoped that we would create some global channels to create network groups that might include projects to strengthen our own sense of inclusion and community, and interface with LGBT+ allied congregations.

<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Official Closing &amp; Reflections</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Wine &amp; Finger Food</b>	
<b>8.00pm&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>		<b>Restaurant Dinner &amp; Oxford St (optional) - \$\$ not included.</b>	