



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

Keshet Ga'avah Rainbow of Pride  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup> 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 : Purim - a Celebration

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

Emanuel Synagogue has its traditional Purim service which is a combined Progressive/Masorti Minyan. 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      Circular Quay  
[Cruise: \$45 - not included in conference fee]**

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]

**12.00pm      12.30pm      Public Bus from Circular Quay to Sydney Jewish Museum**

**12.30pm      2.00pm      Lunch - self-organised**

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<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Queer orientation</b> Presenter: Yoav Yaron	<b>Sydney Jewish Museum</b>
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<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Tour of Sydney Jewish Museum</b>	<b>Sydney Jewish Museum</b> including LGBT+ 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 LGBT+ community.

<b>3.45pm</b>	<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>Gay &amp; Lesbian Holocaust Memorial</b> & Jacob Gubbay Remembrance	<b>Green Park</b>
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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.

<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Return to Emanuel &amp; Registration</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
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<b>4.45pm</b>	<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
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<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
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One of the first openly lesbian ordained rabbis 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.

<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Opening Reception, Queer Shpiel &amp; Kol Koleinu Launch</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
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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 book about the work of the World Congress will get a Downunder "Ozzie" launch.

*Friday, 22 March 2019*

*Day Two : Voices from the Past*

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>9.50am</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>New Sanctuary</b>
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<b>9:00am</b>	<b>9:50am</b>	<b>Greeting the Day: Stretch &amp; Meditation</b>	<b>Neuweg</b>
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Yoga, exercise or meditation practices

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**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.

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

An opportunity to get to know other delegates within or beyond the alphabet soup of LGBT+ 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 LGBT+ Human Rights**      **New Sanctuary**  
Prof. Paula Gerber

Melbourne-based university professor will present a global overview in relation to GLBT+ Human Rights issues.

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**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      **New Sanctuary**

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**

**4.30pm**      **6.00pm**      **Kol Koleinu: An International Perspective**      **New Sanctuary**

Panel: Frank Giaoui (USA/France), Jacq Carver (The Netherlands/UK), Assaf Weiss (Israel) Doron Abromavici (Melbourne), Luis Perelman (Latin America), Oded Katzman (Israel)

An update of Jewish LGBT+ 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

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**6.15pm      7.30pm      “Welcome Home” Pride Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
 Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah, George Mordechai, Abby Stein, Dudu Gottlib  
**Main Sanctuary**

An inspirational, musical, queer-infused Kabbalat Shabbat experience featuring International LGBT+ 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 LGBT+ spectrum. (no charge)

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

NSW Board of Deputies has supported this event welcoming members of other LGBT+ faith groups as well as representatives of a range of LGBT+ 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	Docos “It's Who We Are” & “Aleph”	Gay Men & Sex	6 Genders in Talmud	Youth
PRESENTER	Queer Lesbians of Victoria & Aleph	tba	Jacq Carver	tba
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      **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 (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**

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.

4.15pm      5.15pm      **L’Dor V’Dor Redefined : Generational Narratives  
Panel: to be advised      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 & LGBT+?

5.15pm      5.30pm      **Afternoon Tea**

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  
New Sanctuary**

7.40pm shabbat ends      **Havdalah - service at the conclusion of Shabbat  
New Sanctuary**

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**9:00am 9:30am Greeting the Day: Stretch & Meditation** **Neuweg**  
Yoga, exercise or meditation practices

**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** **New Sanctuary**  
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 LGBT+ Visit to Israel** **New Sanctuary**  
Panel: to be advised

**1.30pm 2.30pm LUNCH** **Emanuel Synagogue**

**2.30am 3.30pm LGBT+ Inclusive Synagogues, Jewish Organisations & Communal Engagement**  
Panel: R. Jacqueline Ninio, Michael Chertok & others

**3.30pm 4.30pm Volunteering with the World Congress** **New Sanctuary**  
Frank Giaoui (France/USA), Yonah Branden Johnson (Israel/USA), Jacq Carver (Netherlands/UK), 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** **New Sanctuary**

**4.45pm 5.45pm Jewish LGBT+ and the way forward** **New Sanctuary**

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** **New Sanctuary**  
**8.00pm>>>** **Restaurant Dinner & Oxford St (optional) - \$\$ not included.**