



25th JEWISH LGBT+ WORLD CONGRESS

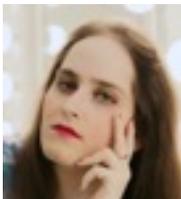
Keshet Ga'avah Rainbow of Pride
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA MARCH 21ST-24TH 2019

Presenters:

International and local speakers will provide a diverse and global perspective on issues that matter for Jewish LGBT+ communities around the world. The tapestry of experience is sure to inspire, engage and stimulate more connection, inclusion and sense of community. This can create ripples of influence at the personal, communal and global levels through which we define ourselves and our place in the world.



[Prof Kerryn Phelps AM MP](#), recently elected to Federal Parliament, as well as running a medical practice, City of Sydney Councillor, Former Deputy Lord Mayor, and former Federal President of the Australian Medical Association (and the first woman). A member of Emanuel Synagogue, together with her wife, Jacqueline Stricker-Phelps OAM, who were one of the first couple to be officially married at Emanuel, following the YES vote in January, 2018.



[Abby Stein](#), 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.



[Frank Giaoui](#), President of [World Congress : Keshet Ga'avah](#) has much experience to share in regard to this peak body for LGBT+ Jews; he has co-lead many similar events on all continents. Frank is the director and producer of Kol Koleinu, the book published by the World Congress in 2018, involving 65 contributors in 15 countries. He is also a professional fundraiser and a scholar in law & economics.



[Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah](#), one of the first "out" lesbians to be ordained in Britain back in 1989, who will be celebrating 30 years in the role. Elli pioneered same-sex marriage within the British Jewish community from 1996 and is currently Rabbi at Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue. Their book, [Trouble-Making Judaism](#), explores an inclusive and egalitarian approach to sexual ethics. Jess Wood MBE is their spouse, Founder Director of Allsorts LGBT Youth Project.



[Assaf Weiss](#) International speaker with many published writings on antisemitism and BDS. Former Senior Advisor to Israel's Minister of Health, where he instigated many LGBTQ campaigns. Currently Director of Operations at the American Jewish Congress. Assaf is listed as one of the leading Israeli advocates for Israel in the US by YNET and is the Secretary of World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah.



[Brandon Srot](#) is a Sydney-based psychotherapist, facilitator and leadership trainer who works extensively with the LGBTI community. He is a Senior Schusterman Fellow and the recipient of the inaugural Jewish Changemaker award. Brandon is the former convenor and organiser of social and cultural engagement experiences for early career, Jewish, gay men in Sydney and Melbourne and is a former pro-bono counsellor of the Aids Council of NSW (ACON).



Singapore-based [Guillaume Levy-Lambert](#) and his life partner of 20 years are building [The MaGMA Collection](#) which includes more than 400 original works of primarily Asian contemporary art. The collection is a living monument to a [fascinating \(and very Jewish\) story](#) linked to the perennial questions of “finding our path”, and “search for meaning”.



[Robert Griew](#), previous CEO of ACON (Aids Council of NSW) & [Tony Fiddes](#), both highly skilled consultants with the Nous group will present an illuminating session on “Belonging and Othering” - something we all experience, but rarely have the opportunity to unpack.



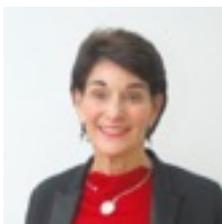
[Tony Fiddes](#) is a high skilled facilitator, working with the Nous Group, with expertise building organisational performance through people strategy; leadership, talent and executive development; culture change; diversity; and learning and development. Tony brings over 20 years’ experience operating at senior levels in industries undergoing significant change.



[Prof Paula Gerber](#), internationally renowned legal scholar from Monash University (Melbourne) with a passion for International LGBT+ Human Rights.



[Jacq Carver](#) Officer at Large for the World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah. Originally from London, Jacq has lived for a long time in Amsterdam and is an activist for LGBTQIA+ rights and inclusion. They are a part of the Global Interfaith Network.



[Myrna Lewis](#) is a leading thinker and practitioner in the field of transformation and systems change. The Lewis Method of Deep Democracy was developed together with her husband in 1993. MMyrna consults internationally and facilitates large-scale transformation processes. She is the author of ‘Inside the No’ (2008) and recipient of several international awards.



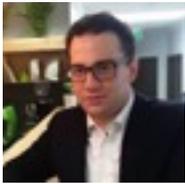
[Michael Chertok](#), many years experience as Past President of Sha’ar Zahav, San Francisco’s gay & lesbian synagogue. He was recently appointed as Director of Philanthropy for the Jewish Community Federation.



[Oded Katzman](#) lives in Tel Aviv and is Treasurer of [World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah](#). He also worked with Aguda, an LGBTQ organization in Israel, for five years. Oded is an expert in the Tel Aviv real estate market. He sees the world becoming more open, but believes we still need to fight against antisemitism, homophobia, and transphobia to achieve the full rights of other populations.



[Shep Wahnon](#) is the Cultural Inclusion Rep of World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah, based in New York. He works with the gay synagogue, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah as well as Kulanu, supporting isolated Jewish communities worldwide. He is involved in the Federation of Gay Games as well as World Pride: Stonewall 50 in 2019 in New York. Shep is a long term survivor of HIV/AIDS for over thirty years and is an AIDS activist.



Doron Abramovici is an Executive Board Member of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria, responsible for Social Inclusion. Doron heads up Jewish Care Victoria's Financial Support programs including Empower Interest-Free Loans. He is a member of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, FINSIA and GLOBE, as well contributing to the World Congress book, Kol Koleinu.



[Luis Perelman](#) lives in Mexico and was the former Vice-President of World Congress. He has been a Jewish LGBT+ activist for many years, being involved with Shalom Amigos & Guimel. Former president of the Mexican Federation of Sexuality Education and Sexology.



[Dr. Joy Ladin](#) (presenting online) - Professor of English at Yeshiva University (New York) and author of many books including, [The Soul of the Stranger](#) - an effort to heal the divide between traditional religious communities and the LGBTQ people who are often seen as a threat to religious traditions