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JEWES AND THE LGBTQ MOVEMENT



The LGBTQ movement unofficially started with the creation of a secret British society in the 1890s called the “Order of Chaeronea” that campaigned for the legalization of homosexuality. It was founded by Jewish writer George Cecil Ives. One famous member was Oscar Wilde.

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Order of Chaeronea | A Fraternity of Male Lovers



George Cecil Ives was of Jewish and English descent.

The first organization to publicly promote LGBTQ rights was the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee, founded in 1897 in Berlin by Jewish sexologist Magnus Hirschfeld. The committee's efforts laid the groundwork for modern LGBTQ advocacy.



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Magnus Hirschfeld was a pioneer in the fields of sexology and LGBTQ rights. He founded the Institute for Sexual Science, coined the term “transvestite” and facilitated the first “sex change” surgeries in Europe. A significant portion of his work was destroyed by the Nazis.



The first Institute for Sexual Science, where many of the researchers focused on the unprecedented subjects of “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity”. It was also the site of the first recorded 'sex reassignment surgery' in Europe. The key figures were all Jewish.

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Institut für Sexualwissenschaft

Institute for Sexual Science



Magnus Hirschfeld
Founder and Director



Arthur Kronfeld
Researcher



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Researcher



Arthur Weil
Researcher

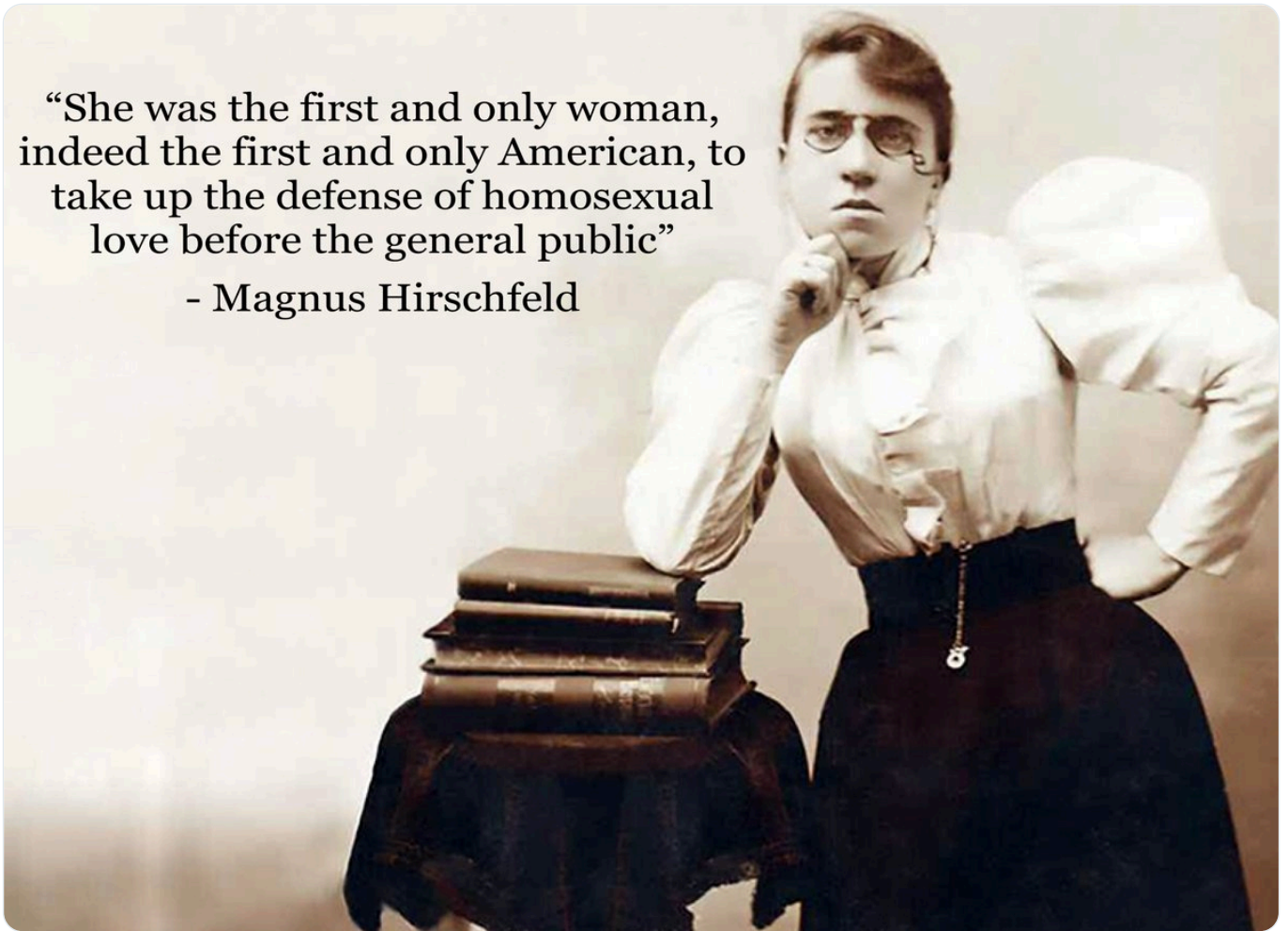


Bernard Schapiro
Researcher

One of the earliest political activists to speak in defense of homosexual relationships was Jewish anarchist Emma Goldman. Her belief that “social liberation” should extend to gay people was unheard of at the time, even among anarchists. She was expelled from the US in 1919.

“She was the first and only woman,
indeed the first and only American, to
take up the defense of homosexual
love before the general public”

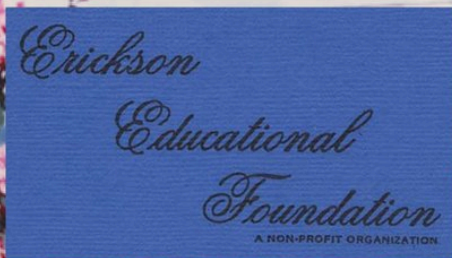
- Magnus Hirschfeld



The first public homosexual organization in the US was the “One Institute” which was bankrolled by wealthy Jewish transsexual, Reed Erickson. He later created the Erickson Educational Foundation, which contributed millions of dollars to the early development of the LGBTQ movement

Reed Erickson - Pioneering Transgender Activist

Reed Erickson was born to a Jewish
family in El Paso, Texas, in 1917



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The first law to decriminalize homosexual acts in Britain was the “Sexual Offences Bill 1967” that was introduced by Jewish lawyer and politician, Leo Abse. Abse later founded a humanist group that promoted homosexual and abortion law reforms as well as “racial equality”.



Sexual Offences Act 1967



All-Party Parliamentary
Humanist Group

Leo Abse was a Jewish lawyer and politician known for his homosexual and abortion law reforms.

Abse introduced more private member's bills than any other parliamentarian in the 20th century.



The essay by Jewish writer Paul Goodman, “The Politics of Being Queer” has been credited as the ideological basis that set out the aims for the fledgling gay liberation movement of the late 1960s and was also responsible for reclaiming the word “queer”.



Paul Goodman Jewish Bisexual Anarchist

His 1969 essay "The Politics of Being Queer" had a significant effect on the Gay Liberation Movement.

The essay played a major role in the reclamation of the word "queer".

The person who has been described as the “most significant” in the US LGBTQ movement is the Jewish politician Harvey Milk. He was accused of pedophilia, in addition to numerous despicable acts. He was assassinated in

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Harvey Milk

"The most significant LGBT official ever elected in the United States"

Milk had a relationship with a 16-year-old homeless boy he met in New York when he was 33

He was the first openly gay elected official in California, and one of the first in the United States.



The LGBTQ Martyr



The use of the term "Gay Pride" to characterize homosexual festivities was popularized by Jewish activist Brenda Howard. Her work laid the foundations for the global Pride movement, and her legacy is still celebrated for its profound impact on "LGBTQ history".

Brenda Howard - "The Mother of Pride"

Brenda Howard grew up in a Jewish family in New York



The manifesto that is often credited with having sparked the transgender movement is the pamphlet titled "Transgender Liberation: A Movement Whose Time Has Come" by Jewish activist Leslie Feinberg. Feinberg is considered one of the most important figures in the LGBTQ movement.

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Leslie Feinberg, Trailblazing LGBTQ Activist, Changed the Way We Talk About Trans Identity

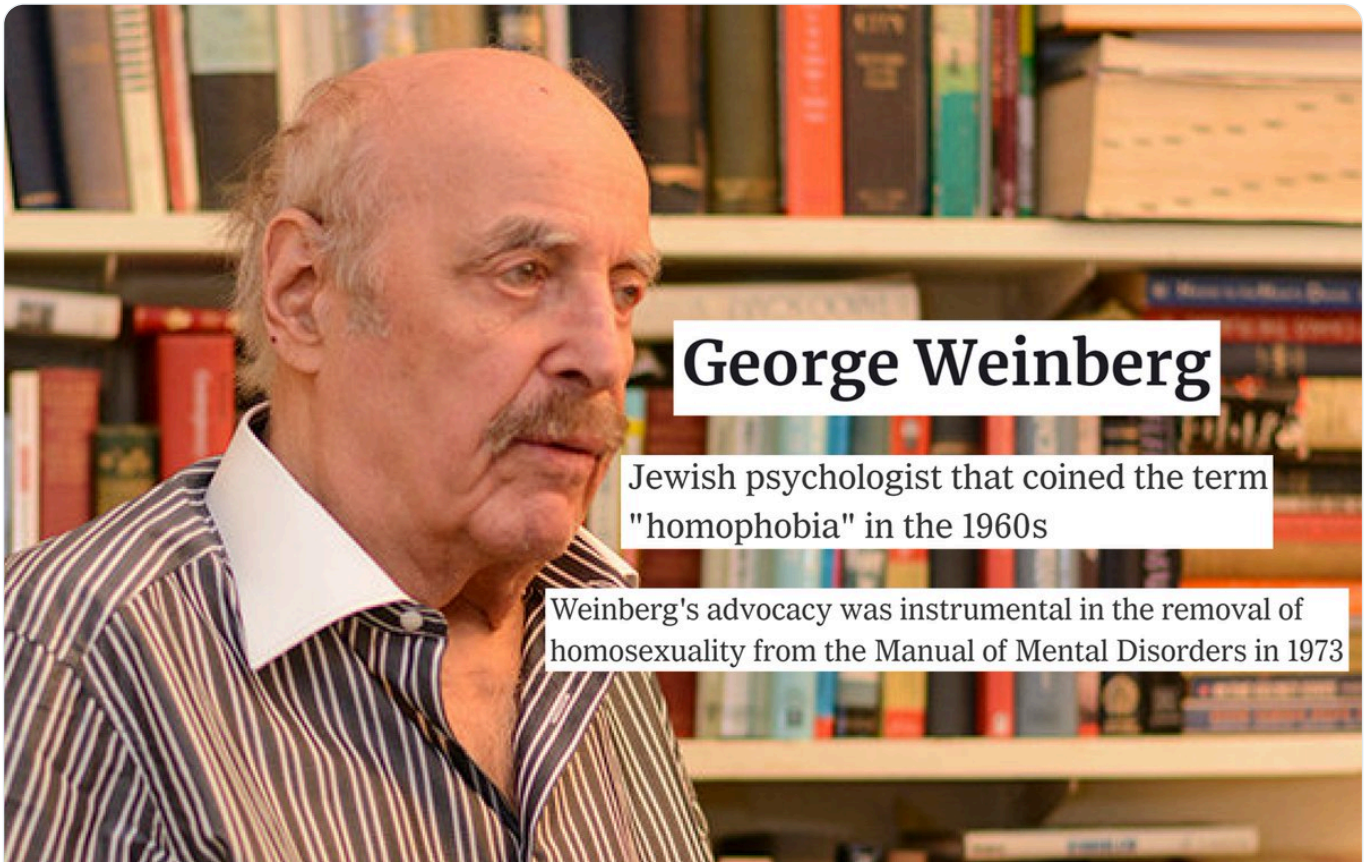


George Weinberg, a Jewish psychologist, coined the term “homophobia” in the 1960s. His work opposed the notion that homosexuality is a mental illness and significantly influenced the depathologization of homosexuality in the mental health field.

George Weinberg

Jewish psychologist that coined the term "homophobia" in the 1960s

Weinberg's advocacy was instrumental in the removal of homosexuality from the Manual of Mental Disorders in 1973



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Evan Wolfson, a prominent LGBTQ rights attorney, founded “Freedom to Marry” and led the campaign for marriage equality, culminating in the 2015 Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.



Jennifer Pritzker is the first transgender billionaire, he established the Pritzker Pucker Family Foundation to support LGBTQ causes and has donated millions to transgender studies and organizations that “help fight anti-trans laws”.

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Jennifer Pritzker – The Jewish Transgender Billionaire

Jennifer Pritzker Announces Six-Figure Donation to ACLU to Help Fight Anti-Trans Laws

The Pritzker family has been featured in the top 10 of Forbes magazine's "America's Richest Families" since the magazine began such listings in 1982.

The existence of numerous organizations dedicated to LGBTQ advocacy and political lobbying is a major factor in the success of the LGBTQ movement. The most prominent ones seem to have something in common, their leadership is almost always Jewish.

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Jennifer Levi

Director of Transgender Rights Project

GLAD is a leading organization in LGBTQ rights advocacy, through litigation and legal means



OUTRIGHT
ACTION INTERNATIONAL
Human Rights for LGBTIQ People Everywhere.



Jessica Stern

Executive Director

OutRight Action is a leading global organization dedicated to advocating for the rights of LGBTQ people



HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN



Elizabeth Birch

Executive Director

The HRC is the largest LGBTQ advocacy group and political lobbying organization in the United States.

The same thing is also true for "LGBTQ health" organizations: the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), the Trevor

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States have Jewish leadership.

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Larry Kramer
Co-Founder

GMHC is the world's first and leading provider of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and advocacy



Amit Paley
CEO

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization for LGBTQ suicide prevention services



Shari Stier
Chief People Officer

Fenway Health is the leading LGBTQ health care, research and advocacy organization

There is a significant Jewish overrepresentation among the pioneering LGBTQ politicians. Through these positions, the biggest legislative changes for LGBTQ issues have been made, such as the legalization of gay marriage, of sex-change surgery, and of same-sex adoption.

Pioneering LGBTQ Politicians



Jared Polis

First gay man elected
as a governor



Tammy Baldwin

First gay person elected
to the U.S. Senate



Mark Leno

First gay man elected to
the State Senate



Roberta Achtenberg

First lesbian to hold
a federal position



Rachel Levine

First transgender
federal official



David Cicilline

First gay mayor of a
U.S. state capital



Deborah Glick

First lesbian member of
the NY State Assembly



Barbra Siperstein

First transgender
member of the DNC



Ron Galperin

First gay official to hold
citywide office in LA

A perfect example of Jewish political influence on LGBTQ issues is Scott Wiener, a Jewish member of the California Senate, who sponsored two pieces of legislation that resulted in harsher penalties for “pronoun violations” than for knowingly spreading HIV.



California To Have Harsher Penalty For Pronoun Violations Than For Knowingly Spreading HIV



PETER HASSON
Associate Editor

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Knowingly exposing others to HIV will no longer be a felony in California



Patrick McGreevy



The founder and CEO of the first and largest LGBTQ dating app is Israeli-American tech entrepreneur, Joel Simkhai. Simkhai's innovation significantly impacted the way LGBTQ people meet and interact, making him a key figure in modern "Queer Culture".



Joel Simkhai

Jewish tech entrepreneur, founder and CEO of Grindr

Grindr is the first and most popular LGBTQ dating app

There is an enormous Jewish overrepresentation among the most prominent Drag Queens. Harris Kornstein

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Acid Betty

Prominent drag queen, starring in multiple films, web series and music videos



Flawless Sabrina

One of the first widely known drag queens
Pioneer for "transgender representation"



Sasha Velour

One of the most famous drag queens with multiple awards and nominations



Miz Cracker

Drag queen awarded by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association



Joey Jay

Drag queen famously known from the appearance on RuPaul's Drag Race



Lil Miss Hot Mess

Children's book author and main organizer of Drag Queen Story Hour



Jinkx Monsoon

Prominent drag queen, named the "Queen of All Queens"



Alexis Michelle

Drag queen and singer with countless appearances in TV shows



Denali Foxx

Awarded drag queen, starring in multiple films, web series and music videos

The main reason why most companies in the West promote LGBTQ and Diversity is the ESG criteria imposed by major investment management firms like BlackRock, whose founders are all of Jewish descent.

BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager, with **US\$9.42 trillion** in assets under management as of June 30, 2023. BlackRock operates globally with 70 offices in 30 countries, and clients in **100 countries**.

FOUNDERS



Larry Fink
Net worth:
\$1.27 billion



Robert S. Kapito
Net worth:
\$470 million



Susan Wagner
Net worth:
\$422 million



Barbara Novick
Net worth:
\$224 million



Ben Golub
Net worth:
\$160 million



Ralph Schlosstein
Net worth:
\$375 million

BlackRock is one the three largest management firms that own **88%** of the **S&P 500** companies. BlackRock manages more than **\$87 billion** worth of shares in fossil fuel companies. Aladdin, a technology system developed by BlackRock, unifies the investment management process. As of 2020, Aladdin managed **\$21.6 trillion** in assets.

TOP 15 COMPANIES OF BLACKROCK



BLACKROCK AND DIVERSITY

BlackRock steps up its push for LGBT+ equality and inclusion

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BlackRock to Push Companies on Racial Diversity in 2021

- The firm also will press on climate, lobbying-related issues
- Fink has put sustainability at center of investment strategy

BlackRock's push for 'social responsibility' highlights this major shift among corporations

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BlackRock: Promoting LGBTQ rights in Asia

BlackRock adds diversity target for boardrooms

By Ross Kerber and Jessica DiNapoli

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BlackRock CEO Fink says he is committed to gender diversity

What's the reason behind this huge Jewish overrepresentation? Journalist Charles Silberman argues that Jews support cultural tolerance, including gay rights, because they believe Jews are safer in a society that accepts diverse attitudes, behaviors, and ethnic groups.

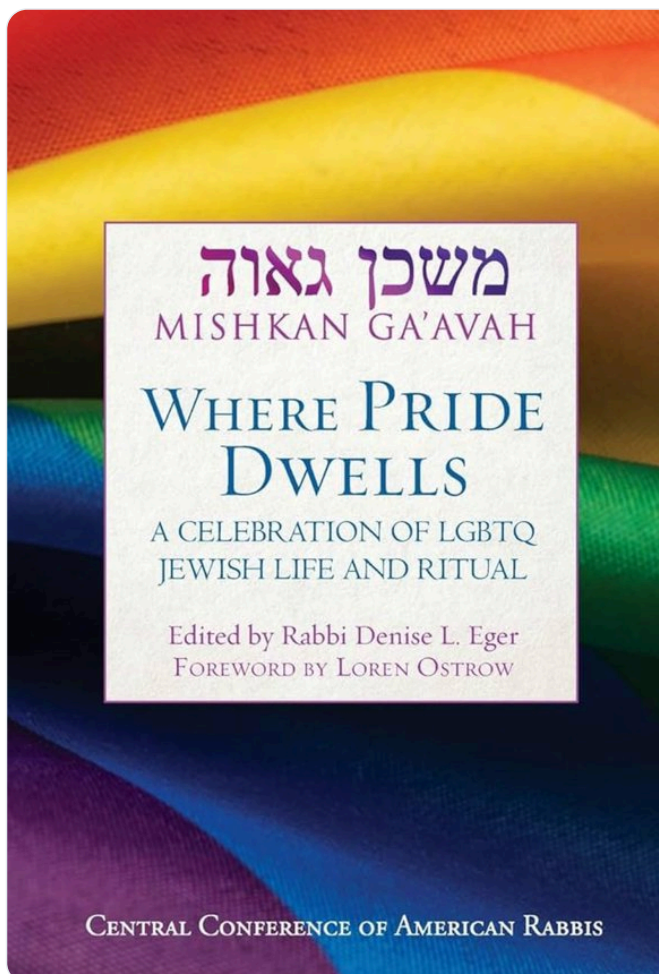
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state is part of a larger set of attitudes often referred to as “cultural liberalism.” A more accurate term, the political scientists Seymour Martin Lipset and Earl Raab suggest, would be “cultural tolerance.” American Jews are committed to cultural tolerance because of their belief—one firmly rooted in history—that Jews are safe only in a society acceptant of a wide range of attitudes and behaviors, as well as a diversity of religious and ethnic groups. It is this belief, for example, not approval of homosexuality, that leads an overwhelming majority of American Jews to endorse “gay rights” and to take a liberal stance on most other so-called “social issues.”

It is this belief too, and not any commitment to “secular humanism,” still less to pornography, abortion, or other fundamentalist targets, that makes many Jews feel threatened by the Christian right.

Another explanation for the enormous Jewish overrepresentation in the LGBTQ movement is the modern interpretation of the Mishnaic and Talmudic concept of “Tikkun Olam” which refers to various forms of action intended to repair and improve the world.

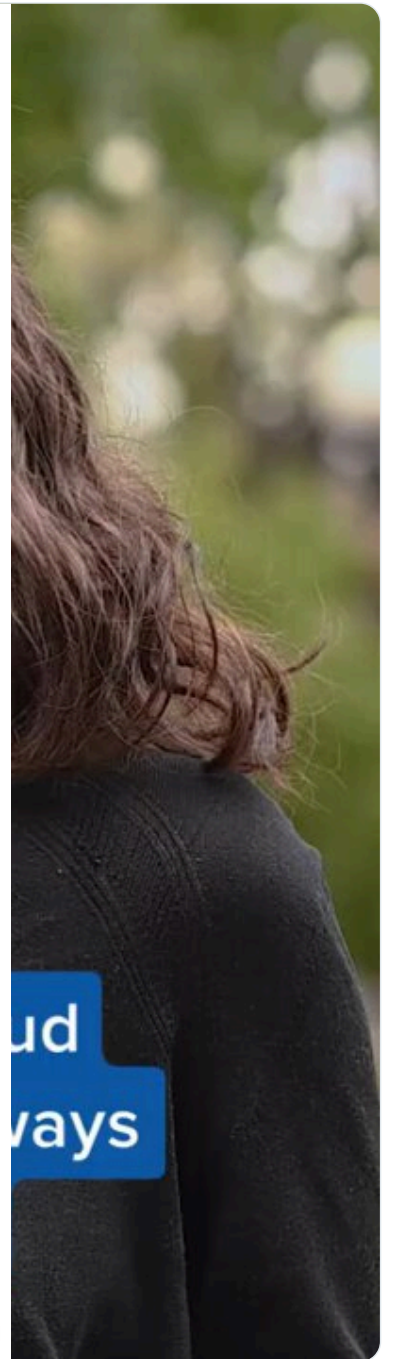


Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews have traditions that reflect their historical life experiences and culture. In the same way, LGBTQ Jews have an often unrecognized and unacknowledged culture of their own. And mainstream Judaism in the 1980s was not equipped to honor and acknowledge a culture that was not its life experience.

While I stayed away from the communal nature of Jewish worship and rituals, I carried with me the lessons of **Tikkun olam** that I had learned and practiced in my teens, working with a child with cerebral damages every Sunday. I now applied those lessons to activism in the LGBTQ community. I became involved with and have now served for over twenty years -nine of which as co-chair- on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles LGBTQ Center, the largest and oldest continually operating LGBTQ organization in the world. The center's primary mission is to address the ill effects on individual members of the community imposed by society's homophobia, both external and internalized. I also served for nine years -two of which as co-chair- on the Board of Directors of the National LGBTQ Task Force, the nation's oldest LGBTQ civil rights organization.

My activism led me back to Congregation Kol Ami and Rabbi Eger. Rabbi Eger approached homophobia from a Jewish perspective and practiced outreach to the broader Jewish community to help it understand that it needed to welcome LGBTQ Jews as full, participating, and respected members of the Jewish world.

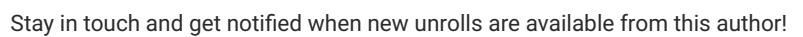
I recall a Rosh Hashanah evening service at Congregation Kol Ami, another progressive synagogue in Los Angeles serving the LGBTQ community, headed by Rabbi Eger. I, as a member, was attending High Holy Day services with my mom and dad visiting from the East Coast. The three of us had recently toured Santa Fe, New Mexico



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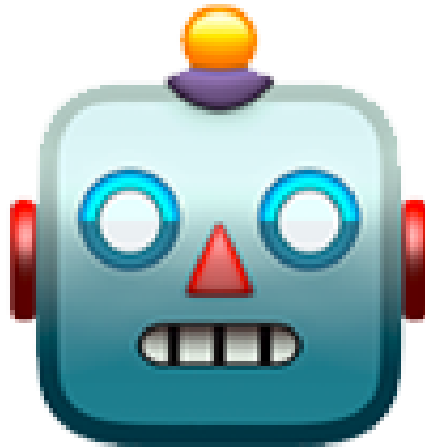
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