



A Curated Organization List from the Jewish Pride Fund

The Jewish Pride Fund, a Giving Circle of the San Francisco-based Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund, is committed to supporting the intersecting needs, values and interests of the LGBTQ and Jewish communities in the Bay Area, nationally, and in Israel. Below is a compiled list of organizations funded by the Jewish Pride Fund, and additional outstanding organizations considered. Use this guide as a starting point for your pop-up giving circle or to inform your own or your community's giving.

The Jewish Pride Fund considers organizational life stage (start-up, mezzanine, and legacy) and budget size (under or over \$1 million) when selecting grant recipients, which are noted below the organization descriptions.

REGIONAL



sephardic mizrahi
Q network

Sephardic Mizrahi Q Network envisions a world in which the diverse stories and experiences of LGBTQ+ Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews are better understood and embraced by LGBTQ organizations in the Jewish world and beyond. Through their impactful work, they are filling a critical communal gap by not only creating a necessary hub for a community that has been relegated to the margins, but also enriching the broader Jewish and LGBTQ worlds. Elevating the experiences of LGBTQ Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews benefits us all and adds to the rich mosaic of the Jewish people.

- Start-up
- Under \$1 million



Founded in 1985, the **GLBT Historical Society** is recognized internationally as a leader in the field of LGBTQ public history. They collect, preserve, exhibit and make accessible to the public materials and knowledge to support and promote understanding of LGBTQ history, culture and arts in all their diversity. They are interested in developing intersectional Jewish-LGBTQ programming and exhibits.

- Mezzanine
- Over \$1 million



JQ International celebrates the lives of LGBTQ Jews and their allies by transforming Jewish communities and ensuring inclusion through education, support, and identity-enrichment. They envision a world where all LGBTQ Jews feel a strong sense of self, pride, and community - a place where LGBTQ Jews and their allies that embrace their needs and celebrate their unique gifts.

- Mezzanine
- Under \$1 million



A traditionally radical yeshiva, **Svara's Queer Talmud Camp** adds a new creative arts component to the beit midrash (house of study). They receive financial support from UJA - The Federation of New York for the camp in Connecticut. The Community Foundation of LA has agreed to fund their first QTC in the LA area. SVARA's unique pedagogy makes Talmud study in the original accessible—for the first time in Jewish history—to all who want to learn. Their mission is to empower queer and trans people to expand Torah and tradition through the spiritual practice of Talmud study.

- Mezzanine
- Over \$1 million



Hebrew Free Loan is dedicated to LGBTQ individuals. This nonprofit provides interest-free loans to help Jewish individuals in Northern California overcome financial challenges and pursue life dreams. They help first-generation students afford an education, couples pursuing fertility assistance or afford an expensive adoption process, and recently unemployed to manage their expenses. As loans are repaid, funds are recycled to make new loans. They've proven the success of this model with a repayment rate of over 99%.

- Legacy
- Over \$1 million



Jewish Baby Network is creating a pluralistic community in the San Francisco Bay Area where families of all kinds learn, share, and celebrate together. Jewish Baby Network is for Bay Area expecting parents and families with at least one child age newborn through thirty-six months. Jewish Baby Network welcomes everyone, including unaffiliated, single, and multi-parent, multi faith, multiethnic, multi abled, and LGBTQ families.

- Mezzanine Program / Legacy Org
- Over \$1 million



Sha'ar Zahav is committed to tikkun olam (repairing the world). Founded in 1977 and rooted in history as San Francisco's gay and lesbian synagogue, Sha'ar Zahav offers the warmth and comfort of chosen family. Sha'ar Zahav embraces a diversity of individuals of all sexualities, genders, races and abilities. Sha'ar Zahav welcomes a diversity of families, including single members, interfaith, single-parent, and multicultural families. They embrace all who participate in their community in their individual holiness, in a celebration of Jewish life.

- Legacy
- Over \$1 million

NICE JEWISH BOYS
SF - BAY AREA

Nice Jewish Boys is a welcoming organization focused on fostering Jewish identity in an inclusive social setting for gay, bi, queer, and trans men. They create social spaces and service opportunities so that members can develop meaningful connections and make a positive impact on their community.

- Start-up
- Under \$1 million

NATIONAL



Sojourn was founded in 2001 as The Rainbow Center. Supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, it was a central point to promote change and inclusion for LGBTQ Jews and people of all faiths throughout metro Atlanta. As the country's social and political attitudes evolved, The Rainbow Center experienced enormous growth. In 2013, the Rainbow Center was renamed SOJOURN: the Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity. They think of their work as a "sojourn," a temporary stay, and they are home on the journey to full inclusion.

- Legacy
- Over \$1 million



Moving Traditions: Tzelem for Trans and Nonbinary Teens

offers online groups for trans, nonbinary, gender fluid, and gender questioning Jewish teens. Like Rosh Hodesh and Shevet, Tzelem is an opportunity for Jewish teens to connect with one another and to explore key issues in their lives through a Jewish lens, including friendship, self-compassion, mental health, intimacy, gender expression, and belonging.

- Mezzanine
- Over \$1 million



The World Congress Keshet Gaava consists of member organizations across six continents to meet the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Jews around the world, and aspires to be the worldwide voice of LGBT Jews. With the founding conference held in Paris in 1976, their vision is a world where Jews of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities can enjoy free and fulfilling lives.

- Legacy
- Over \$1 million



A Wider Bridge works through education, advocacy, relationship-building and grant-making to create equality in Israel by expanding LGBTQ inclusion in Israel, and equality for Israel by cultivating constructive engagement with Israel. They believe Jews share a common bond as a people and a nation, in addition to sharing traditions of faith, culture, and community. They believe Israel's story and future, her people, and contributions to the world are worth sharing, celebrating, and advocating.

- Mezzanine • Over \$1 million



Eshel's mission is to create a future for Orthodox lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, and their families. Through its innovative and culturally sensitive programming, Eshel works with each individual, family, and community in creating a place for their LGBTQ members. Eshel envisions a world where Orthodox LGBTQ individuals can live out their lives in the Orthodox communities of their choice.

- Mezzanine • Under \$1 million



Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and families in Jewish life. They strengthen Jewish communities, equip Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities, create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued, and advance LGBTQ rights nationwide.

- Legacy • Over \$1 million



The Q: Queer Jewish Youth Programs at the JCCSF is a fun and inclusive peer-led group that encourages teens, grades 8 - 12, to explore LGBTQ themes through a Jewish lens. Since its founding in 2012, The Q has provided support and community to teens from all over the San Francisco Bay Area. Teens of all religions and backgrounds are welcome to join. In addition to monthly hangouts, The Q hosts a variety of events, including film screenings, retreats, intergenerational It Gets Better dinners, and a Pride Prom.

- Mezzanine • Program Under \$1 million / Institution is Legacy and over \$1 million



Haifa Communities House serves as a center for the LGBT communities in Haifa and Northern Israel. The center provides a solution for the variety of communities in order to develop an LGBT culture in Haifa and in the North. The activities of the Communities Home include various support groups for youth and for adults, a safe space, health clinic, cultural events, classes, and a variety of workshops and events.

- Start-up
- Under \$1 million



Pride House of Beer Sheva and the South is the only organization that applies for the needs of the LGBTQ community in the south of Israel, from Keriat gat to Eilat. Their main group meetings are sagol (an open group for every member of the community), women's group, English speakers, trans, youth, parents, religious groups for men/women, children play group (for kids with LGBTQ parents) and more. The Pride House gives professional social support at no cost to their members.

- Start-up
- Under \$1 million



Bat Kol is a religious Lesbian Organization founded in 2005 by a group of women who were not willing to relinquish their religious identity or their right to live their lives as lesbians. In the past, religious lesbians were forced to choose between their different identities. Some chose their lesbian identity and in doing so, left the religious world. Those who chose to remain in the religious community either lived lives of loneliness without families or to married men, relinquishing the possibility of a loving and sharing relationship. The women who founded Bat-Kol made a different choice.

- Mezzanine
- Under \$1 million



Israel Gay Youth (IGY) provides general operating support for their activities benefitting the LGBTQ community in Israel. This is the largest and oldest LGBTQ organization in Israel, established in 2002. The organization works for social change towards a more equal and tolerant society and works directly with and for LGBTQ youth in the stages of formulating their sexual and/or gender identity through regular weekly social-educational activities. It is the only nationwide organization that works for LGBTQ youth in Israel. It is now the largest LGBTQ community organization in the country.

- Legacy
- Over \$1 million



Ma'avarim empowers and supports members of the trans community in Israel, facilitating both personal and social change. They provide personal support, trans community empowerment, and social justice, change, lobby, and advocacy. Ma'avarim aims for a social change and brings voices from the trans community to decision makers on issues affecting the trans community, so no policy about the trans community is written without members of the trans community.

- Start-up
- Under \$1 million



Beit Dror / Otot runs shelters for LGBTQ youth and other youth in Israel. The staff serves as a listening ear. They have the knowledge and experience and promises to act with sensitivity and full cooperation.

- Mezzanine
- Under \$1 million



Hillel - The Right to Choose empowers those leaving ultra-Orthodox communities in Israel to build meaningful self-determined lives. All Hillel programs share the long-term objectives of full integration into mainstream Israeli society including stable employment, high-level education, secure housing, community engagement, and self-sufficiency. An estimated 8%-10% of Hillel participants are members of the LGBTQ community.

- Legacy
- Over \$1 million



Tehila is a voluntary, Israeli-registered non-profit organization, founded about 30 years ago to help parents of teenagers and young LGBTQ persons. Tehila is dedicated to providing support and emotional relief to parents who struggle to accept the different sexual and/or gender identity of their children. Tehila succeeded in providing, since its very early days, a warm, safe and friendly home to parents and other family members of young members of the LGBTQ community in cities and towns all over Israel.

- Start-up
- Under \$1 million

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