

GIVING INSIGHTS

Supporting the LGBTQ+ Community



Overview

While there has been growing acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people across the globe, they still face enormous challenges, which vary tremendously depending on geography. In the U.S., 6 in 10 LGBTQ+ people reported discrimination based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity in 2021¹. Transgender individuals face the greatest discrimination and civil rights violations, such as policies that ban them from using restrooms and playing sports. LGBTQ+ people in southern states and more rural areas of the country in particular face some of the harshest discrimination.

The pandemic exacerbated the hurdles that the LGBTQ+ community already faces, including in the Bay Area, where community centers and arts organizations that provide essential health, social services, and community programming designed for the LGBTQ+ community had a hard time keeping their doors open. This resulted in increased isolation for already disadvantaged young people, people of color, transgender individuals, and older adults in the LGBTQ+ community.

Life in Israel poses a different set of pressures due to the religious nature of much of Israeli society. Ongoing and pervasive use of conversion therapy is still a reality in certain communities in Israel. Both Jewish and Arab LGBTQ+ people often are left isolated and estranged from their family and community support, making it especially difficult to “come out.”

¹ GLAAD, “Accelerating Acceptance 2021”. <https://www.glaad.org/publications/accelerating-acceptance-2021>

Using your Donor-Advised Fund

We highly recommend the organizations listed in this guide, which work to address the unique challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ communities in the Bay Area, nationally, and in Israel. These organizations were curated by our professional philanthropic advisors and informed by the organizations supported by Federation donor-advised funds and our Jewish Pride Fund, a giving circle of The Federation. We encourage you to consider supporting these organizations as part of your giving strategy.

BAY AREA

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY CENTERS

Community Centers offer essential health and social services as well as community programming for youth, families, and seniors. They have been enormously challenged during the pandemic, especially smaller ones which were not able to access government loans. We are fortunate to have a set of seven centers across the Bay Area including:

Billy DeFrank LGBT+ Center in Santa Clara EIN: 94-2850498	Solano Pride Center EIN: 68-0477185
Oakland LGBTQ Community Center EIN: 82-2258008	Spahr Center in Marin EIN: 68-007247
Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County EIN: 68-0375857	LGBTQ Connection Napa and Sonoma Donations for LGBTQ Connection made to On The Move EIN: 75-3149095
San Francisco LGBT Center EIN: 94-3236718	

BAY AREA (cont.)

<p>Frameline www.frameline.org</p>	<p>Since 1977, Frameline has presented a LGBTQ+ Film Festival annually, now in a variety of venues in San Francisco and Oakland. Frameline also supports filmmakers with a completion fund, and distributes LGBTQ+ films to universities, libraries, community organizations, and film festivals. During the pandemic, Frameline shifted to mostly streaming the film festival with a significant loss of revenue from ticket sales and sponsors. EIN: 94-2775772</p>
<p>GLBT Historical Society www.glbthistory.org</p>	<p>Founded in 1985, the GLBT Historical Society collects, preserves, and exhibits materials and knowledge to support and promote understanding of LGBTQ+ history, culture, and arts. They operate a museum, an archive, and research center in San Francisco. The GLBT Historical Society aims to create a curated set of digitized primary sources aimed at researchers, teachers, students, community members, and advocates around the world to share the history of Jewish LGBTQ+ life in the Bay Area. The preservation and sharing of these stories plays an essential role in combating ignorance and hate. EIN: 94-2989004</p>

NATIONAL

<p>Equality Federation www.equalityfederation.org</p>	<p>Equality Federation works to build capacity and power across a network of state-based LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations. They work collaboratively on critical non-partisan issues—from advancing workplace fairness and family recognition to defeating anti-transgender bills and HIV criminalization laws—that affect how LGBTQ+ people experience the world. Equality Federation works to build leadership at the local, state, and national levels. They also support education and organizing work with state partners across the U.S. EIN: 81-06701517</p>
<p>Keshet www.keshetonline.org</p>	<p>Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ+ Jews and families in Jewish life. They strengthen Jewish communities by equipping Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ+-affirming communities, creating spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued, and advancing LGBTQ+ rights nationwide. On the ground, they offer professional development, training, and counseling to synagogues, day schools, and other Jewish agencies; initiatives to support and empower queer youth; and support LGBTQ+ rights nationally. EIN: 48-1278664</p>
<p>National Center for Lesbian Rights www.nclrights.org</p>	<p>National Center for Lesbian Rights is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, legislation, policy, and public education. National Center for Lesbian Rights is a non-profit, public interest law firm that litigates precedent-setting cases at the trial and appellate court levels; advocates for equitable public policies affecting the LGBTQ+ community; provides free legal assistance to LGBTQ+ people and their legal advocates; and conducts community education on LGBTQ+ issues. EIN: 94-3086885</p>
<p>Transgender Law Center transgenderlawcenter.org</p>	<p>Transgender Law Center is the largest national trans-led organization advocating self-determination for all people. Transgender Law Center works to change law, policy, and attitudes so that all people can live safely, authentically, and free from discrimination regardless of their gender identity or expression. Grounded in legal expertise and committed to racial justice, Transgender Law Center employs a variety of community-driven strategies to keep transgender and gender nonconforming people alive, thriving, and fighting for liberation. EIN: 05-0544006</p>

ISRAEL

<p>A Wider Bridge awiderbridge.org</p>	<p>A Wider Bridge is a North American organization working 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 support Israel's LGBTQ+ community to advance social, political, and cultural change. They also work to ensure that Israel is included and treated with fairness in our LGBTQ+ communities, by local and national institutions, and within the community of nations. EIN: 45-2643886</p>
<p>Ma'avarim www.maavarim.org/english-home</p>	<p>Founded in 2014, Ma'avarim is the largest trans knowledge center in Israel. Their work empowers the trans community with knowledge and resources and provides critical information that meets the needs of trans, gender nonconforming people and their loved ones, professionals, educators, employers, and policy makers. Ma'avarim amplifies the voices from the trans community to decision makers, so no policy about the community is written without community input. Donations for Ma'avarim are made to New Israel Fund. EIN: 94-2607722</p>
<p>Tehila awiderbridge.org/tehila/</p>	<p>Established 30 years ago, Tehila is the leading organization across Israel providing support and emotional relief to parents who struggle to accept the different sexual and/or gender identities of their children, similar to the work of PFLAG in the U.S. Tehila has 90 highly trained parent graduates of the support groups who operate as group leaders. Tehila is expanding the group's work, hotline, and training services as demand continues to grow. Donations for Tehila are made to A Wider Bridge. EIN: 45-2643886</p>

Have Questions or Suggestions?

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