

LGBTQ GUIDE TO JEWISH ATLANTA



Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity

sojourngsd.org





Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for all of your support of and enthusiasm for SOJOURN's mission, Pride, and this Atlanta Jewish Community Guide. This year it is fitting that *erev Sukkot* (the first night of *Sukkot*) starts as Pride ends. *Sukkot* is known as our Ingathering Festival, and Pride serves as one of the primary ways that the Atlanta Jewish community comes together to celebrate our diversity and commitment to equity for all. Amazingly, each year our Pride contingent grows and this year is no different.

And that is the purpose of our Guide. We want to ensure that all of our wonderful community partners are represented and celebrated. We could not have accomplished all that we have done without you. Some of our highlights are:

- We have been working closely with the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, supporting their important work on creating an authentically welcoming community.
- Tum Tum, in partnership with Jumpspark, has been offering a teen program for LGBTQ and allied teens, which include social and support gatherings as well as skill-building workshops. We also co-sponsored a Leadership retreat at Ramah Darom for LGBTQ teens with Keshet.
- In expanding our reach in the Jewish South, we have been developing our connections with the Jackson, Mississippi Jewish Community.

We hope you will use this guide as a resource to build your awareness and strengthen the collaboration of our partners. SOJOURN believes that there is a place for everyone within the Jewish community, and this guide is one more way to support that happening. Based on deeply Jewish values and universal ones, we take to heart the *mitzvah* of loving our neighbor (even if they are not) like ourselves. And you make it easy to fulfill that teaching. Thank you for helping us make such a positive difference.

In Community,



Rabbi Joshua Lesser
Founder

Dear Friends,

It is with sincere pride to be able to produce this updated LGBTQ Guide to Jewish Atlanta. Its debut is at Atlanta's Pride festivities, one of SOJOURN's largest gatherings of Jews who march in solidarity for gender and sexual diversity. The experience for the hundreds participating in the parade is a combination of humility, jubilation, and awe. For the thousands of spectators that witness a faith group like ours, that proudly takes up an entire block, it is equally unforgettable. We are honored to be able to generate those emotions and those experiences.

Since our last edition, Atlanta, the US, and the world have dramatically changed. We are facing repeated incidents of hate, including anti-Semitism, homophobia, transphobia, racism, and xenophobia. Without our community partners in this guide, SOJOURN wouldn't and couldn't be effective. By facilitating vulnerable and authentic conversations with 75+ groups, including Guide Partners, those of other faiths and those outside Atlanta, we fulfill our mission to affirm and empower LGBTQ people.

If you have picked up this guide AND you are reading this message, thank you. You are listening and committed to ensuring that all of us deserve attention and hope for a better future.



Rebecca Stapel-Wax
Executive Director



MISSION STATEMENT

Sojourn affirms and empowers people across the south.

VISION

SOJOURN builds inclusive communities inspired by Jewish and universal values.

CORE VALUES

GSD Empowerment We work to empower GSD people and allies to spread SOJOURN's messages of inclusion and implement them in all areas of their lives and in other communities. We aim to remove stumbling blocks placed in front of GSD people, whether legal, spiritual, or communal.

Judaism We undertake our mission through a Jewish lens, using its values and ethics to guide us in our work. We are inspired by its ideals and the teaching that every person is created b'tzelem Elohim, in the image of God.

Affirmation We work toward full GSD affirmation, inclusion, and acceptance – not just tolerance – of GSD people in our communities. GSD people play vital and necessary roles, and we both value and celebrate their contributions.

Understanding We work toward full understanding of gender and sexual diversity. We aim to teach who people are rather than what people are. We break down labels and barriers and build relationships.

Justice Our responsibility to our communities does not stop at our own needs. As Jews, we understand that we, too, were once strangers in a strange land, and we are called to advocate toward full legal equality for all.

Life-Long Learning We value and understand the role education has in our daily lives and the safety it can create. Learning calls us to be active listeners, open-minded, and better prepared to enter our world as we hold and facilitate challenging conversations.

Sacredness of Life Judaism teaches that every life is sacred, and if a person saves one life, it is as if they have saved the whole world. We dedicate ourselves to suicide prevention in children, teens, and adults. Our hope is that people may be able to not just endure life but savor it.

Universality We undertake our mission through a universal lens as well, recognizing that many of our core values resonate in many traditions. We seek to build bridges and connect each other through compassion and liberation.

Partnership We recognize that we can only achieve our goals through partnership with local, regional, and national organizations and communities. We enthusiastically partner with any agency of any or no faith that already affirms – or wishes to undertake the process of affirming – GSD people.

SOJOURN'S PROGRAMS: COMMUNITY IMPACT

SOJOURN's mission is to affirm and empower gender & sexually diverse (GSD) people across the south by building inclusive communities, inspired by Jewish and universal values. We do this in four ways:

Education, Advocacy, Outreach, and Support.

The South has, in many ways, a distinct culture, and it requires a unique method of interaction and education. With that in mind, since its inception as an independent organization in 2013, SOJOURN has reached 20,000+ people through our programming.

Education

Our workshops focus on giving students, parents, teachers, clergy, and communities the tools to be welcoming for gender and sexually diverse people, Judaic learning, and suicide prevention.

- EDGE: Early Development for Gender Equity
- Becoming an Ally: "GSD 101"
- Comprehensive Sex Education for LGBTQ Teens & Allies
- Welcoming Communities Project –Enhancing organizations', congregations', and communities' LGBT inclusion practices

Advocacy: Activism & Tikkun Olam

Legislatures in many southern states have debated multiple anti-LGBT (Religious "Freedom") bills in the last six years. Thanks in part to SOJOURN's coordination efforts, Atlanta's Jewish community has been a potent voice in conversations about discrimination, and not a single local rabbi has spoken in support of the religious liberty bills.

Outreach: Building Inclusive Communities

- Pride Festival and Parade
- Speakers
- LGBTQ Guide to Jewish Atlanta

Support: Providing Resources for LGBTQ People and Their Families

- Information & Referrals
- Tum Tum: Atlanta's LGBTQ Jewish Youth Forum

**Contact SOJOURN to enhance inclusion practices
at your organization, congregation, or school.**

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OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

We are so proud of what we have accomplished during the past year — thanks in large part to **YOU** and your continued support! Without your partnership we would not be able to provide our life-changing programs and services. **You have our heartfelt appreciation.**

Please consider donating to SOJOURN's Annual Campaign online at www.sojourngsd.org/donate or by using the form below. Make checks payable to SOJOURN, cut out and mail the form to 1530 Dekalb Ave., Suite A, Atlanta, GA 30307.

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Amount (please circle or write in your own):
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Is this in honor of someone? How should we notify them? _____

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Save the Date!
 SOJOURN presents
PURIM OFF PONCE

February 29, 2020 | 7-11pm

The Temple | 1589 Peachtree St., NW Atlanta, GA 30309



MYTHS, MYSTICS & MUSES

Michael Jay Kinsler Rainmaker Award Honorees
**Atlanta Jewish Film Festival
 and Kenny Blank**

Dance the Night Away at Atlanta's Best Costume Party

ATLANTA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY



ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

All of the agencies listed in this guide describe themselves in the following pages in their own words. For more information on each agency, please be in touch with them directly.

AHAVATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE

600 Peachtree Battle Avenue NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30327 • 404.355.5222 • aasynagogueatlanta@gmail.com • aasynagogue.org • @AASynagogueATL

Category Community, Synagogue, Advocacy

About Ahavath Achim Congregation strives to create a vibrant, inclusive spiritual community that empowers individuals to connect Jewishly beyond themselves. Ahavath Achim cultivates a Jewish community of purposeful belonging. We inspire and support spiritual journeys by deepening relationship with one another. We believe it is at the crossroads of our spiritual paths that life's purpose and God might be found. We are proud to be a multi-generational community that meets the needs of Jewish people and their loved ones of all ages, persuasions and orientations.

LGBTQ-Specific Services Through the work of our LGBTQ Inclusion Task Forces, we sought to identify areas in our community and culture that traditionally excluded people with differing sexual orientations and gender identities. With the goal of creating a safe and relevant community to those who identify as LGBTQ and their families, we participate in community advocacy, supporting programs and the creation of spiritual and educational opportunities that impact the LGBTQ communities more directly than others. Through these efforts, we give voice to the spiritual and social concerns of the diverse members of our congregation and help to bring healing, wholeness and greater understanding to all.

General Programs and Services Daily morning and evening minyan, Friday and Saturday Shabbat services; weekly adult education courses on Torah, Talmud, Mussar, the Siddur, and current events; committees and groups ranging from Sisterhood to social justice initiatives such as AA-ACTS

Facilities ADA accessible, family/companion restrooms, single-stall gender-neutral restrooms, multi-stall single gender changing/shower areas, single-stall (private) locker/changing areas

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

ALEF FUND

1440 Spring St., Atlanta, GA 30309 • 678.222.3739 • Nicole Flom, nflom@jewishatlanta.org • info@aleffund.org • aleffund.org

Category Community, Education, School

About The ALEF Fund provides scholarships to pre-k, kindergarten, primary and secondary school students who wish to attend participating Jewish private schools. Our guiding principle is to improve the affordability of Jewish education by awarding scholarship dollars to eligible students.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ATLANTA

404.233.5501 • atlanta@ajc.org • ajc.org/atlanta • @ajcatlanta

Category Community, Advocacy

About Founded in 1944, AJC's Atlanta Regional Office works to bridge the gap between the Atlanta Jewish community and other ethnic, faith and international communities to combat antisemitism, encourage relations with Israel, and promote democratic values and human rights, in metro Atlanta and across the Southeast. We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, ability, gender or sexual orientation.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

3490 Piedmont Rd. NE, Suite 610 • Atlanta, GA 30305 • 404.262.3470 • Allison Padilla-Goodman, Regional Director • atlanta@adl.org • atlanta.adl.org • @ADLSoutheast

Category Community, Education, Advocacy

About The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Now the nation's premier civil rights/human relations agency, ADL fights antisemitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals, and protects civil rights for all.

LGBTQ-Specific Services No Place for Hate is a year-long anti-bullying campaign that is designed to change the climate and culture of our schools, to make them safer and more inclusive for everyone. This campaign has been used as a resource for GSAs, schools, and communities to support LGBT students.

General Programs and Services A World of Difference Institute: general anti-bias education programs for schools, companies, and the community to equip everyone with the understanding and skills to foster a climate of respect and civility.

Serving Preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), mature singles (40s-50s), families

ATLANTA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

1800 Peachtree St. NW, Suite 830 • Atlanta, GA 30309 • 404.528.2614 • Katherine Crosby, katherine@ajff.org • ajff.org • @atljewishfilm

Category Community, Social/Entertainment, Festival/Event

About The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (AJFF) is a cinematic exploration of the Jewish experience. Seeking to build bridges of understanding through film, AJFF showcases a broad range of narrative and documentary works that reflect Jewish and Israeli identity, history and culture, as well as the intersection of Jewish life with universal issues and diverse communities. Inclusivity is vital to our mission of inspiring communities to new levels of social and cultural understanding. Only through inclusion, welcoming, and acceptance can the arts grow and thrive, and these principles are central to AJFF's greater vision as an arts nonprofit. As such, members of the LGBTQ+ community, ethnic or national minorities, and adherents of any faith, whatever their denomination, will always have a place at AJFF.

LGBTQ+-Specific Services Among our diverse array of films are movies that deal specifically with experiences within the LGBTQ+ community, told through a Jewish lens. These themes serve to foster dialogue, inspire conversation, and reach new levels of understanding both during our festival and through year-round programs including AJFF Selects, AJFF On Campus, and AJFF Connects.

General Programs and Services AJFF is one of the largest Jewish film festivals worldwide, showcasing more than 70 narrative and documentary features over the course of approximately three weeks each February. Our films challenge and inspire audiences to see themselves and the world from a new perspective. During the festival and through our year-round programming initiatives, we seek to entertain and engage a diverse audience using the medium of film to promote thoughtful and meaningful conversations. Additional opportunities are always available for individuals to become involved with AJFF through various committees, and we encourage anyone interested to reach out about prospective volunteer opportunities.

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation

Serving High school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs

ATLANTA JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL (AJMF)

1440 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 • 770.377.0161 • info@atlantajmf.org • atlantajmf.org • @AtlantaJMF

Category Social/Entertainment, Festival/Event, Community

About The Atlanta Jewish Music Festival shares and celebrates Jewish heritage through quality music and artistic experiences. With music as our inspirational partner, AJMF grows Jewish community and celebrates our heritage through year-round live performance events and dynamic learning programs for the Southeast region. We bring diverse communities together for a resounding annual world music Spring Festival.

General Programs and Services All of our programs are open to the public. We do not discriminate based on gender, race, age, socioeconomic class, or Jewish affiliation (or lack thereof).

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

ATLANTA RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION

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Category Community

About The mission of the Atlanta Rabbinical Association is to: Advance the interests and promote fellowship and professional growth among its members; Serve the Jewish and general communities; Contribute to civic betterment; Serve as the rabbinic voice of mainstream Judaism.

BEND THE ARC: A JEWISH PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE

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Category Community, Education, Advocacy

About Building the power and passion of progressive Jewish movement in America by bringing together Jews from across the country to advocate and organize for a more just and equal society.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination By continuing the legacy of Jewish activism in American history, Bend the Arc leads a national effort to make Jewish social justice engagement a defining characteristic of what it means to be Jewish in America today. Through online campaigns, educational events, and on-the-ground advocacy, Bend the Arc rallies the Jewish community around causes such as immigration reform, marriage equality, progressive tax reform, and voting rights. Bend the Arc also networks and trains community organizers and advocates within the Jewish and progressive communities to become highly effective change agents within their community.

Serving College, Young Adults, Singles/Young Professionals (20s-30s), Young Families, Mature Singles (40s-50s), Seniors, Families, Special Needs, Sober (Alcohol/Substance-Free)

CONGREGATION BET HAVERIM

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Category Synagogue

About Congregation Bet Haverim (“House of Friends”) is a Reconstructionist synagogue founded by lesbians and gay men, embracing all Jews and loved ones. Bet Haverim was founded as a Jewish home where gays and lesbians could bring their whole selves to fully engage Judaism and Jewish life. Recognizing the value of hospitable, empowering sacred community, CBH grew to enthusiastically embrace all Jews and their loved ones, particularly those who have wandered seeking acceptance.

CBH is a thriving community that celebrates diversity. We fully understand the needs of families and individuals whose history, outlook or situation means they have sometimes not felt comfortable in other Jewish environments. We take pride in our differences and our commitment to inclusion. This distinction is at the heart of our existence, and it is why we became affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement.

LGBTQ-Specific Services Annual Pride Seder commemorating the Stonewall Uprising; Participation in the Atlanta Pride Festival; Prayer for the End of Hiding at the end of every service

General Programs and Services Attend a Shabbat or holiday service, visit our community school, or drop by one of our adult education programs, and you’ll see Jews of all races, Jews by choice, single parents, interfaith families, gay men, lesbians and transgender Jews, Jews with adopted children, and Jews with a progressive mindset.

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation, family/companion restrooms, single-stall genderneutral restrooms

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

5303 Winters Chapel Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338 • 770.399.5300 • office@bshalom.net • bethshalomatlanta.org • @bethshalomatl

Category Synagogue

About Beth Shalom is an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue committed to creating meaningful and lasting Jewish experiences for our members and their families. We are an inclusive, spiritual Jewish community providing a warm, nurturing environment where we pray, learn, educate, and perpetuate Torah and Jewish values. We are a shul with a strong culture of welcoming. Shabbat and holiday services are a special time at Beth Shalom. We are committed to sharing the joys of our simchas and supporting one another during life’s challenges. We encourage our members to support the Jewish community, the state of Israel, and world Jewry and engage in tikkun olam. We are a true community built on lasting relationships.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination Beth Shalom is committed to being a meaningful spiritual home for all of our members regardless of background, age, stage of life, gender or sexual orientation. Whether you are Jewish or the Non-Jewish member of a Jewish Family, you can find a home at Beth Shalom.

General Programs and Services We offer preschool, religious school, adult education, social activities, celebrations of all holidays. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH

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Category Synagogue

About At Congregation B'nai Torah, community is an integral element of the Jewish faith, and fundamental to our strength. Congregation B'nai Torah's authentic and welcoming community helps you deepen your relationships with others who share your values and with God. We are committed to creating modern and meaningful experiences that are based in our rich traditions. We strive to make all who enter our doors feel at home and welcome you to join us. Our state-accredited preschool welcomes learners from 18 months through PreK to our Reggio-inspired experience.

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

CONGREGATION DOR TAMID

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Category Synagogue

About Congregation Dor Tamid is a Reform synagogue serving the Johns Creek, Alpharetta, Greater North Fulton, South Forsyth, and Gwinnett areas, founded to create meaningful and enduring religious experiences for our members and their families. We actively welcome all families and individuals interested in participating in Jewish life and in the community of the congregation. Our practice of Judaism is according to Reform principles and we embrace the Reform movement's commitment to diversity, outreach, inclusiveness, and social justice.

Facilities ADA accessible, multi-stall genderneutral restrooms

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

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Category Synagogue, School

About For over 40 years, Etz Chaim has been creating meaningful Jewish experiences in the northern suburbs of Atlanta in East Cobb, Marietta. Our congregation is an inclusive and engaging egalitarian Conservative shul building multigenerational connections. See why Rabbi Dorsch calls Etz Chaim "The Shul with the Neshama (soul) of the South."

General Programs and Services Comprehensive adult education program, Lilmode; daily Jewish religious services

Facilities Our bimah is fully handicap accessible, and we have a hearing loop that works for individuals who have a T-Coil in their hearing aids. We are inclusive to all abilities, ADA accessible, and accessible via public transportation

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

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Category Synagogue

About We are an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue devoted to spiritual and religious enrichment, Jewish education, and community. At Shearith Israel, we closely follow Jewish tradition while having the insights of modern thought. For more than 100 years, we have served Atlanta by providing a rich environment for pursuing Jewish spirituality, learning, and friendship. Our congregation embraces its members and friends, and we look forward to having you join us for Shabbat or an upcoming event. Shalom!

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation, family/companion restrooms, single-stall genderneutral restrooms, multi-stall gender-neutral restrooms

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs

CULTURE ON PURPOSE

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Category Business

About Culture on Purpose exists to provide small and medium business leaders with diversity and inclusion advice, workshops, and services that give them the confidence and tools they need to transform their organizations.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination We believe in creating culture on purpose – workplaces and communities where all people can feel a sense of belonging and inclusion.

LGBTQ-Specific Service Culture on Purpose specifically addresses LGBTQ+ inclusion in the workforce

General Programs and Services Facilitation, coaching, workshops and training on all aspects of increasing inclusion and belonging through a relationship- and conversation-based approach.

Serving All business and non-profit communities

DAVIS ACADEMY

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Category School

About The Davis Academy serves students four years of age through eighth grade at its two state-of-the-art campuses in the Sandy Springs/Dunwoody area, providing a challenging and enriching education based on an innovative, student-centric curriculum that includes project-based learning, integrated technology, accelerated math, fine arts, athletics, and world languages. Students learn amongst a warm and supportive community that shares common Jewish values and visions. We celebrate both the ways our diversity makes our school vibrant and the individual differences that make our school community so unique. Our community is comprised of every type of family structure, and we welcome reform, conservative, orthodox, unaffiliated, and interfaith families. With a retention rate of 97%, The Davis Academy community is comprised of families from across the globe, nation, and 31 metro Atlanta zip codes. Davis graduates attend the most prestigious public and private high schools in Atlanta, they know who they are and continuously make a difference in their communities and the world.

The Davis Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, disability, and national or ethnic origin in administration of its policies for education, admission, financial aid or school-administered programs.

Serving Preschool, elementary school, middle school, young families

CONGREGATION DOR TAMID

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Facilities ADA accessible, multi-stall genderneutral restrooms

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

DRESSLER'S JEWISH FUNERAL CARE

3734 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341 • 770.451.4999 • Eddie Dressler, dressler@jewishfuneralcare.com • DresslerJewishFunerals.com

Category Community

About Dressler's Jewish Funeral Care was established in 1997 and is locally-owned and operated by Sam and Eddie Dressler. Dressler's serves the Atlanta Jewish community exclusively for traditional and non-traditional Jewish funerals, including burials at Dunwoody Jewish Cemetery at North Atlanta Memorial Park, Arlington Memorial Park, CrestLawn Cemetery, and Greenwood Cemetery. In addition, Dressler's handles funerals for veterans, funerals outside of metro Atlanta, and

internationally, including burial in Israel. The success of Dressler's Jewish Funeral Care is based on the simple concepts of honest business, excellent communication and organization, good bedside manner, and treating team members with respect.

Facilities ADA accessible, family/companion restrooms

THE EPSTEIN SCHOOL

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Category Education, Camp, School

About The Epstein School is a preschool (from 3 months) – 8th grade Independent Jewish Day School serving 450 students. At The Epstein School, students experience an exceptional education led by specialized STEAM and Hebrew language programs. The school prepares confident lifelong learners grounded in their unique Jewish identities. Each student is challenged and prepared to become confident, engaged learners, and knowledgeable, committed leaders of our local and global communities. Our school offers integrated, dual-language learning that cultivates lifelong skills, inspires Jewish identity, and nurtures curiosity, critical thinking and creativity. We are an inclusive community guided by the principles and values of the Jewish people.

Facilities ADA accessible, family/companion restrooms, single-stall gender-neutral restrooms

Serving Preschool, elementary school, middle school

ETGAR 36

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About We empower and inspire people to find their political voice and power to get involved to change the world. We do this by leading Civil Rights journeys in the Southeast for groups. During the summer we take teens on a journey across America in which they discuss and debate with all sides of political issues and explore the sights and culture that make each city unique.

Serving Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, Young Adults, Singles/Young Professionals (20s-30s), Mature Singles (40s-50s), Seniors

HADASSAH GREATER ATLANTA

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Category Community, Medical, Advocacy

About Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. It enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Hadassah empowers its members and supporters, as well as youth in Israel and America, through opportunities for personal growth, education, advocacy and Jewish continuity.

Hadassah reaffirms its support for equality and equal protections under the law for persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the United States. Hadassah strongly opposes all efforts – whether through legislation, referendum or constitutional amendment – that would selectively limit or deny civil rights to LGBTQ Americans. Hadassah also calls upon federal, state, and municipal governments to enact new public accommodation and non-discrimination measures, especially in the areas of employment, education, housing, and health.

General Programs and Services Hadassah offers many different programs, such as: Check It Out! – A program offered to Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett county high school senior girls to educate and promote breast cancer awareness and prevention; Date with the State – An annual event when we meet with Georgia Legislators to voice, as Hadassah members, our opinions on state issues that affect our community.

Serving High school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families

HAMSA (HELPING ATLANTANS MANAGE SUBSTANCE ABUSE) OF JF&CS

4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta, GA 30338 • 1.833-HAMSA-HELPS • info@hamsahelps.org • hamsahelps.org • Facebook @hamsahelps

Category Recovery

About HAMSA provides support, resources, and strategies for those seeking help and in recovery. We are working hard to dispel myths about addiction and eliminate the shame so often felt by those struggling with addiction and their families.

General Programs and Services Through a Jewish lens, HAMSA offers information and referral services, Narcan education and supply, sober holiday celebrations and gatherings, Jewish Sensitivity Training for treatment providers, and expert clinical support.

LGBTQ-Specific Services HAMSA is well-connected with inclusive programs and services for LGBTQIA+ individuals who are struggling with substance use disorder.

HONEYMOON ISRAEL

347.292.8809 • atlanta@honeymoonisrael.org • honeymoonisrael.org • @honeymoonisrael

Category Community, Social/Entertainment

About Spend nine exhilarating, romantic, and memorable days exploring Israel in luxury with the one you love and 19 other couples from Atlanta. You will return home with a new community and friends who feel like family.

Our community is made up of young local couples with diverse cultural, racial, religious, gender, and sexual identities who are looking to create connections with each other and to Jewish life. We serve couples with at least one Jewish partner between the ages of 25 and 40 who are within the first five years of marriage or early in their committed partnership. We welcome all who are interested to reach out to us and invite couples to apply.

Serving Singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families

IN THE CITY CAMPS

2897 N. Druid Hills Rd. #344, Atlanta, GA 30329 • 404.698.1134 • camp@inthecitycamps.org • inthecitycamps.org • @inthecitycamps

Category Camp

About The mission of In the City Camps is to deliver the proven results of Jewish overnight camp – lifelong friendships, personal growth, and a meaningful connection to the Jewish community and Israel – in an affordable, accessible, day camp package that acknowledges the realities of today's modern Jewish family. Six key elements come together to deliver a Jewish camp experience you

won't find anywhere else: 1) A welcoming, inclusive environment, 2) Jewish role-model counselors, 3) Culturally Jewish, values-based programming, 4) Age-appropriate activity options, 5) An overnight camp feel in a day camp setting, 6) A commitment to physical and emotional safety.

General Programs and Services In the City Camps is a Jewish summer day camp for children entering kindergarten through ninth grade. This independent, nonprofit camp provides a culturally Jewish experience for Jewish campers and counselors of all backgrounds. Our convenient Atlanta locations with bus transportation, an all-Jewish counselor staff, and a wide range of activity options that campers choose every day (sports, art, cooking, drama, dance, science, ropes course, and more!) come together to create an amazing summer experience!

Serving Elementary school, middle school

INTERFAITHFAMILY/ATLANTA

675 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, #8500, Atlanta, GA 30308 • 404.991.2238 • atlanta@interfaithfamily.com • interfaithfamily.com • facebook.com/groups/IFFAtlanta

Category Community

About InterfaithFamily/Atlanta is a Jewish nonprofit that was founded as a radically inclusive and welcoming organization supporting interfaith couples and families exploring Jewish life and inclusive Jewish communities. We offer educational content in-person and online, connections to welcoming organizations, professionals and programs, and resources and trainings for organizations, clergy and other program providers. While our core mission is to serve people in interfaith relationships and families, all our programs, initiatives, and classes are open to anyone regardless of age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender-identity, race, religion, or financial means. InterfaithFamily/Atlanta is responsive to the fact that the overwhelming majority of LGBTQ Jews are in interfaith relationships, and we are here to empower individuals, couples, and communities to create meaningful lives.

LGBTQ-Specific Services We're currently taking names for a queer session of our wonderful "Love and Religion" class for couples. If you're interested, please get in touch!

General Programs and Services We work very hard to be radically inclusive, offering a variety of programs – from classes for interfaith couples to community-wide Shabbat dinners and events. We offer clergy referral services to wonderful rabbis, and we partner with a wide variety of organizations. We offer different programs every month and continually encourage people to suggest new ideas!

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation

Serving Young couples and families (20s-40s), sober (alcohol/substance-free)

JEWISH FAMILY & CAREER SERVICES

4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta, GA 30338 • 770.677.9300 • clinical@JFCSatl.org • JFCSatl.org • @JFCSatl

Category Social Services

About Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS) offers programs and resources to help the Atlanta community. Our vision is a community of people living to their full potential; our mission is to transform lives. Guided by Jewish values, JF&CS serves thousands of individuals annually, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or ability to pay.

LGBTQ-Specific Services Specialized counseling services from licensed clinical social workers are available for LGBTQ individuals and their families.

General Programs and Services We offer counseling and therapy for individuals, families and groups, older adult services, career and support services, intellectual and developmental disabilities services, as well as dental services at the Ben Massell Dental.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ATLANTA

1440 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 • 404.873.1661 • marketing@jewishatlanta.org • jewishatlanta.org • @Jewish_Atlanta

Category Community

About Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta cares for, connects, and strengthens our Jewish community throughout Greater Atlanta, Israel, and the world. Our vision is a thriving and connected 21st Century Jewish Atlanta where every Jew and their loved ones can access warm and caring Jewish community, timeless Jewish wisdom, global Jewish peoplehood, and Jewish ways to do good in the world. We value compassion, diversity, generosity, and commitment to Jewish values and to our people worldwide. As such, all Federation activities are open to interfaith, LGBT+, and multiracial individuals and families, along with people of all abilities.

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation

Serving Young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs

JEWISH FERTILITY FOUNDATION

60 Lenox Pointe NE, Atlanta, GA 30324 • 770.843.7413 • Elana.Frank@jewishfertilityfoundation.org • jewishfertilityfoundation.org

Category Community, Medical, Advocacy

About The Jewish Fertility Foundation provides financial assistance, educational awareness, and emotional support to Atlanta Jewish people who have medical fertility challenges.

Serving Young Adults, Singles/Young Professionals (20s-30s), Young Families, Families

JEWISH HOMELIFE

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Category Community, Social Services

About The Jewish HomeLife network of at-home care services and residential communities offers leading edge, care-inspired solutions for every stage of the aging journey, in an engaging, caring and dignified manner consistent with our Jewish heritage and values. Jewish HomeLife includes The William Breman Jewish Home, Aviv Rehabilitation Center, the Zaban Tower, The Jewish Tower, The Cohen Home, Berman Commons, The One Group, JHL Medical Services, and Weinstein Hospice.

General Programs and Services geriatric primary care, independent and assisted living, short term rehab and skilled nursing, private at-home care, palliative care and hospice

Facilities ADA accessible, subsidized housing for adults 62+, accessible via public transportation, single-stall gender-neutral restrooms, chronic care management for adults of all ages

Serving Seniors and adults needing support in their home due to illness or surgery

JEWISH INTEREST FREE LOAN OF ATLANTA (JIFLA)

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Category Financial Services, Social Services, Medical

About The Jewish Interest Free Loan of Atlanta provides interest free loans to Jewish people in the Atlanta area. We help fellow Jews maintain financial stability and independence by making loans to help them through challenging financial periods and by providing an alternative to high interest rate debt.

General Programs and Services JIFLA provides interest free loans up to \$7,500 for a variety of needs, including medical and dental bills, home repairs, debt consolidation, adoptions and fertility, special needs, life cycle events and other approved purposes.

Facilities We are located in an office suite near the Chamblee MARTA station.

Serving JIFLA borrowers must be 18 years of age or older and live in the Atlanta area.

JEWISH KIDS GROUPS

1440 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 • 404.913.9554 • info@jewishkidsgroups.com • jewishkidsgroups.com

Category Education, Camp, School

About Jewish Kids Groups is an independent network of Jewish supplementary schools that educate and inspire children in a way that feels like summer camp, engendering positive Jewish learning, identity, and friendships. JKG is experiential, action-packed, content-rich, and friendship-focused. We have energetic Jewish teachers and a joyful Jewish (and Hebrew) curriculum that gets kids excited about learning. Our programs are designed for all types of Jewish families, including interfaith, unaffiliated, and LGBTQ. Jewish Kids Group is a place children look forward to coming to, where friendships are made and Jewish identity is built.

Jewish Kids Group is devoted to creating a welcoming and comfortable space for all our students and families. Our programs are designed to educate in a way that fosters inclusivity and an acceptance of diversity. We encourage all families to participate, regardless of age, marital status, sexual orientation, or financial means, and we welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals. We are a diverse community of families, and we're committed to building a warm and inclusive environment for everyone, including LGBTQ individuals.

General Programs and Services In our flagship JKG Sunday program, students engage with music, art, and games. Our dynamic educators model and inspire a love of Judaism in our students as they celebrate Jewish holidays, learn to read Hebrew, build Jewish friendships, and engage in Jewish stories and songs. JKG Afterschool Community combines the services of a premium afterschool program with a full Hebrew school curriculum – all in a camp-like environment. We offer convenient program locations in Morningside, Old Fourth Ward, Brookhaven, and Dunwoody. Enroll for 2019-2020 school year now! We cannot wait to meet you.

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, young families, families

JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE-ATLANTA CHAPTER

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Category advocacy, community, education

About Jewish Voice for Peace members are inspired by Jewish tradition to work together for peace and universal values of Social Justice (Tikkun Olam), Equality, Human Rights, Respect for International Law, and a U.S. Foreign Policy Based on these ideals.

Statement of Welcoming The Jewish Voice for Peace-Atlanta Chapter is a multiethnic, multiracial

and multigenerational community that shares the common goal of combating oppression and occupation under the current state of international politics. We primarily focus on bringing attention to, and locally building the movement to, end the Israeli occupation of Palestine and continued colonization, and the associated violations of international human rights and forms of state violence and racism toward citizens and non-citizens. We highlight the direct and indirect connections between state violence against Palestinians, other communities of color, in Israel/Palestine and the U.S. We do this in multiple places by mobilizing support for Palestine solidarity and working to change the hearts, minds, and actions of the local Jewish community.

General Programs and Services Without losing sight of the goal of a just human rights-based solution in Israel/Palestine, we acknowledge that our movement is not limited to Israel/Palestine but seeks to address systems of oppression in an intersectional way. To be effective allies in this movement for Palestine and with one another, we uphold these goals while addressing on-the-ground U.S. political atrocities including, but not limited to, white supremacy, institutional racism/bigotry/Islamophobia/anti-Jewish oppression and targeting of groups including POC, JOCISM (Jews of Color/Sephardi/Mizrahi), LGBTQIA, women, Arabs, Muslims, the poor and working class, and immigrants.

Serving Intersectional Multigenerational, Multiethnic, Multifaith

JEWISH WOMEN'S FUND OF ATLANTA

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Category Community, Advocacy

About Did you know that less than 7 percent of Jewish philanthropic dollars goes to woman- and girl-centered causes? Launched in 2012, Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta changes that reality by expanding opportunities in the lives of Jewish women and girls with grants, advocacy, and education through a gender lens. The Jewish community's women and girls are at the center of the JWFA mission. As a hands-on, collaborative organization, we take a unique approach to philanthropic work. We encourage our trustees to directly determine how their donations are invested. To achieve our vision, we apply strategic and innovative grant-making, education, advocacy, and leadership development to create lasting, system-wide changes.

Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, veteran status or any other characteristic.

LGBTQ-Specific Services All Jewish women are welcome to participate in Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta, regardless of sexual orientation or identity.

General Programs and Services JWFA operates as a giving circle of 100+ women who have the unique opportunity to become empowered and informed Jewish philanthropists and take an active, hands-on approach to grant-making. Collaboration is facilitated by a "one woman, one vote" framework where our trustees work together to fund the strongest opportunities for meaningful and sustainable social change. Additionally, our education and advocacy efforts bring current and relevant programming to the larger Atlanta Jewish community. By using a Jewish and gender lens to delve into topics such as addiction, poverty, and financial literacy, JWFA elevates Jewish women's and girls' issues to the forefront of the larger community's conversation.

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation

Serving Young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

JSCREEN JEWISH GENETIC DISEASE SCREENING

5115 New Peachtree Rd., Suite 301, Atlanta, GA 30341 • 404.778.8640 • info@jscreen.org • jscreen.org • @myjscreen

Category Education, Medical

About JScreen is a nonprofit Jewish genetic disease screening program that helps singles and couples plan ahead for the health of their future families. Screening is important for anyone planning to have children, including those in the LGBT community. Register for a saliva screening kit 24/7 at jscreen.org and test conveniently from home from anywhere in the United States.

General Programs and Services JScreen is available to speak to groups about genetic risks in the Jewish community and the importance of screening to help ensure the health of families and future generations.

Serving College, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families

JUMPSPARK

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Category Community, Education

About JumpSpark, the hub for Jewish teen innovation and engagement in Atlanta, connects Jewish teens and those who impact them through collaboration, community partners, and exceptional programming. An innovation initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, JumpSpark offers grants and strategic support to create more engagement opportunities and meaningful connections to Jewish life for Atlanta's teens.

General Programs and Services Spark Grants, Strong Women Fellowship, Navigating Parenthood seminar series, Professional development for Jewish communal professionals. JumpSpark's online calendar is a central hub for all Jewish teen events in the Atlanta metro – visit our website to get involved!

Serving Teens, Jewish Professionals, Parents of Teens

KESHET

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Category Advocacy, community, education, social services, youth

About Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and our families in Jewish life. We strengthen Jewish communities. We 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.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination Keshet envisions a world in which all LGBTQ Jews and our families can live with full equality, justice, and dignity. By strengthening Jewish communities and equipping Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge they need to make all LGBTQ Jews feel welcome, we work to ensure the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and our families in Jewish life. We also create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued and advance LGBTQ rights nationwide.

LGBTQ-Specific Services LGBTQ and Ally teen Shabbatonim, LGBTQ advocacy work, and LGBTQ training in Jewish institutions.

General Programs and Services Keshet meets you and your community wherever you are in your journey to LGBTQ equality and inclusion, giving you the tools you need to take the next step forward. Join us for a year-long program of training and consultation. Attend our one of a kind Shabbat retreats for LGBTQ and ally Jewish teens to learn, grow, and celebrate who you are in a warm and vibrant community.

Facilities National office in Boston, offices in New York, San Francisco, and Chicago

Serving Keshet services all ages in the Jewish community

LIMMUD ATLANTA & SOUTHEAST

1440 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 • 404.507.6322 • info@limmudse.org • limmudse.org

Category Community, Education

About Limmud Atlanta & Southeast celebrates Jewish life and learning by bringing together Jews of all backgrounds and all ages for meaningful learning experiences. Our signature event is the annual Labor Day festival “LimmudFest” at Ramah Darom in Clayton, GA. We are driven by the belief that diversity of perspective, dedication to learning in its broadest sense, and a strong sense of volunteerism are keys to mobilizing and inspiring Jewish individuals and community.

General Programs and Services Limmud Atlanta & Southeast welcomes Jews of all walks of life and their partners and families to participate in LimmudFest.

Facilities ADA accessible

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

MACOM—METROPOLITAN ATLANTA COMMUNITY MIKVAH

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Category Community, Education, Advocacy

About MACoM – Metro Atlanta Community Mikvah is a beautiful, welcoming space available to the entire Jewish community. Mikvah immersion is a powerfully spiritual experience for individuals seeking to heal, to purify, to mourn, to prepare, to celebrate, or to commemorate any of life’s occasions. Come for a tour or set up an immersion appointment.

LGBTQ-Specific Services We accept any Jew for a halachic or spiritual immersion. We have many special ceremonies to honor significant life events and we work closely with SOJOURN to ensure each ceremony honors every individual who comes to immerse.

Serving the entire Jewish community, from newborns and beyond.

MARCUS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ATLANTA

5342 Tilly Mill Rd., Dunwoody, Georgia 30338 • 678.812.4000 • info@atlantajcc.org • atlantajcc.org • @JCCAtlanta

Category Community, Camp, Fitness/Sports

About The mission of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta is to foster and ensure a vibrant greater Atlanta Jewish community by providing programs and services of distinction that

attract, involve, and inspire meaningful connections and promote Jewish values.

The MJCCA includes and values everyone, regardless of race, religion, age, sexual orientation, financial need, or ability – all are welcomed at the MJCCA, where everyone in our Jewish community belongs.

General Programs and Services The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta is committed to strengthening the quality of life in Atlanta and is recognized as one of the most highly-regarded Jewish community centers in the nation. Our NAEYC-accredited preschools, award-winning camps, outstanding cultural events, and invigorating sports and fitness programs engage and connect the community.

Facilities ADA Accessible, Accessible Via Public Transportation, Family/Companion Restrooms, Single-Gender Changing/Shower Areas without stalls, Multi-stall single-gender changing/shower areas, single stall locker/changing areas

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles, young families, mature singles, seniors, families, special needs

MAVENTREE CONSULTING

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Category Education, Social/Entertainment

About MavenTree offers Strengths-based team building workshops and one-on-one coaching sessions. Additionally, MavenTree’s combination art studio and training facility provides space for people to connect and create.

Serving Teens and adults

MOISHE HOUSE

Three Atlanta locations: Virginia-Highland, Toco Hills, Buckhead • 404.655.5306 • Gabrielle Adler, Senior Southern Regional Manager, gabrielle@moishehouse.org • moishehouse.org

Category Community, Education, Social/Entertainment

About Founded in 2006, Moishe House launched when four Jewish 20-somethings began hosting Shabbat dinners in Oakland, California for their friends and networks. Fueled by enormous demand for peer-led, home-based programming from young adults and their Jewish communities, Moishe House has become the global leader of Jewish life for young adults.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination We envision Moishe House as the global leader of pluralistic Jewish life for adults in their 20s. We facilitate a wide range of experiences, so that they have the leadership, knowledge and community to enrich their Jewish journeys.

General Programs and Services Every month Moishe Houses offer various programs to the young adult Jewish community ranging from social, tikkun olam, Jewish learning, cultural, to holiday related programming.

Facilities ADA Accessible (Toco Hills Location), Single-Stall Gender-Neutral Restrooms

Serving Young Adults, Singles/Young Professionals in their 20’s

MOTHER-TO-MOTHER MASSAGE & YOGA THERAPY

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Category Health/Wellness, Holistic Health

About Mother-to-Mother Massage & Yoga Therapy offers a sacred space to explore body, mind and

breath with nurturing and support.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination Mother-to-Mother welcomes anyone seeking our services.

General Programs and Services Neuromuscular Massage/Mindfulness Meditation/Private Yoga Instruction/Prenatal

Serving Women (cis female, gender queer, trans, non-binary). All ages.

ONETABLE

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Category Community, Education, Social/Entertainment

About As an online and in-person community, we help people in their 20s and 30s not-in-college find, enjoy and share Shabbat dinners to make the most of their Friday night and enjoy the best of life together. We make it easy for hosts to welcome people to a Shabbat dinner at home, for guests to savor a Friday meal, and for all to experience unique events for Shabbat dinner out.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination Policy Inclusive Community (Kvod Ha'briot) - At OneTable, we foster a climate of purposeful inclusion, an environment where all can feel safe, valued, cared for, and given an opportunity to form meaningful connections with each other. We cherish the diversity of humanity, which includes that all styles of Jewish practice are equally valid and honored, and all are welcome regardless of ability, religion, ethnicity, race, social or economic status, sexual or gender identity. While Shabbat offers quiet meditative moments, Shabbat dinner is an essential social gathering. We cherish the differences among the Jewish people, and OneTable provides support that allows for the practice of ritual according to varying interpretations and understandings. Every Jewish person and Shabbat dinner attendee is unique; we all celebrate Shabbat differently.

LGBTQ-Specific Services We encourage LGBTQ+ individuals and organizations to host events specific to the LGBTQ+ community in their areas. We have partnered with multiple individuals and organizations to host "Queer Shabbats" across the country. We have also created a PRIDE-specific Shabbat guide that OneTable hosts can use at their Shabbat dinner table.

General Programs and Services OneTable offers micro-grants in the form of "nourishment" for Shabbat dinners with their communities/friends/new people and an online platform and iOS app to help them manage their dinners and find new faces.

Serving Young Adults, Singles/Young Professionals (20s-30s), Sober (Alcohol/Substance-Free)

PJ LIBRARY IN ATLANTA

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Category Community, Education

About Reading is a powerful way to connect with children, and it also opens up a world to explore with your children what lies beyond the pages of the book. A program of Federation, PJ Library brings free age-appropriate Jewish-themed books to homes of thousands of families throughout Atlanta, but that's just the beginning. We offer programs and activities to bring families together through experiences that enrich the connections outside the pages of the books. Songs, social opportunities, and even more stories all come together through PJ Library events to enable young Atlanta children and families to connect to their heritage and engage in the community. All events

are open to interfaith, LGBT+, and multiracial families, along with families of all abilities. Let us know if you need any accommodations so that we can serve you and your loved ones.

Serving Infants, preschool, young families, families

REPAIR THE WORLD ATLANTA

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Category Community, Education, Social/Entertainment

About Repair the World is a national Jewish non-profit with the mission of making meaningful volunteer service a defining part of American Jewish life. Launched as Repair's eighth community program in 2018, Repair the World Atlanta mobilizes people to volunteer, supporting the pressing needs of our neighbors through partnerships with community-based organizations. We create pathways for Atlantans show up in solidarity, deepen their learning, and to live out the Jewish value of tikkun olam – Repairing the World. In its inaugural year, the Repair team met with more than 60 community-based organizations, engaged over 600 participants, and facilitated 55 programs on food justice, education and housing and homelessness in Atlanta. In year two, Repair Atlanta welcomed its first cohort of young adult Fellows who dedicate a year of their lives to service, supporting 8 Atlanta non-profits and mobilizing their peers to volunteer through educational and social events. Applications for the 2020-21 Fellowship are now open on our website.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination Repair the World seeks to honor the multiple, intersecting identities of Atlanta Jews and their loved ones. We prize inclusion as one of our core values and strive to create an organizational environment and programs that allow everyone to bring their whole selves to service. This specifically includes welcoming and celebrating the unique contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals.

General Programs and Services Check out our website for ongoing volunteer opportunities and educational programs, or contact us to set up a partnership event!

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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Category Synagogue, Youth

LGBTQ-Specific Services Temple Emanu-El offers a monthly LGBTQ sharing circle for 7th-12th graders who identify as a part of the community to come together to talk about their Jewish and LGBTQ identifies with one of our rabbis.

TEMPLE KEHILLAT CHAIM

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Category Synagogue

About "Kehillat Chaim" in Hebrew means "Community of Life." We are a Reform Jewish congregation that seeks to meet the spiritual, educational, cultural, and social needs of our members. We welcome both traditional and interfaith couples to our congregation. The goal of our congregation is to build a vibrant and dynamic Jewish community for our members that will nurture their growth and development both as individuals and as a community.

General Programs and Services We have a long tradition of community service and social action, working with both the Jewish and secular communities. It is one of the primary tenets of Judaism, the mitzvah of tikkun olam (repairing the world). We incorporate this ideal into the many community programs and events that we support around Atlanta.

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs, sober (alcohol/substance-free)

TEMPLE SINAI

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Category Synagogue

About Temple Sinai is a Reform congregation that values lifelong Jewish learning, a warm spirit of community, a sense of inclusivity, and active participation in Jewish life.

At Temple Sinai, we strive to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for all, affirming the principle of inclusivity in all areas of Jewish life. In every program along the spectrum of lifelong learning, we commit ourselves to educating in a way that fosters acceptance of diversity and encourages full participation from a broad-based membership. We welcome all who wish to participate, regardless of age, marital status, sexual orientation, or financial means. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, interfaith families, people with disabilities, and individuals of all ages are welcome. There's a space for you at our table.

General Programs and Services We offer educational opportunities that empower our members to make informed Jewish decisions based upon Torah, tradition, and progressive Jewish thought. Our community serves as a center of Jewish life and as an extended, caring family for whom we provide a Jewish context for life experiences. We encourage spiritual growth and expression. Our clergy and lay leadership are accessible to all members. Our congregation offers many avenues for involvement, welcomes participation in our leadership, and continually challenges itself to meet the needs of our members. We are committed to congregational participation in social action and to strong support for the State of Israel.

Facilities ADA accessible, family/companion restrooms, single-stall gender-neutral restrooms, single-gender changing/shower areas without stalls

Serving Infants, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young adults, singles/young professionals (20s-30s), young families, mature singles (40s-50s), seniors, families, special needs

THE BREMAN MUSEUM

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Category Museum/Education/Events

About The Breman Museum, a preeminent cultural center in the Southeast, connects people of all backgrounds in understanding and appreciation of Jewish history, culture and arts. Its midtown Atlanta location hosts a special permanent Holocaust exhibition highlighting the resilience of local survivors, plus comprehensive archives on Southern Jewish History, the most extensive of their kind. The museum's galleries are a showcase for exclusive exhibitions and compelling displays. Known for its events, concerts, lectures, genealogy resources, educational workshops, and enlightening tours for visitors of all ages, the Breman Museum welcomes the public to view its galleries Sunday through Thursday 10am – 5pm and Friday 10am – 4pm.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination The Museum is committed to providing an environment free from harassment or discrimination in the treatment of individuals with respect to employment, and admission or access to Museum facilities, programs or activities, and therefore does not permit harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age,

disability, marital status, partnership status, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, pregnancy, alienage or citizenship status, current or former participation in the uniformed services, status as a veteran, or national or ethnic origin, or on account of any other basis prohibited by applicable City, State, or Federal law.

LGBTQ-Specific Services All programming is focused on the human experience and is inclusive and welcoming to people from all backgrounds.

General Programs and Services Programs and services educate and inform people about Jewish contributions to history, culture and arts, with a focus on Holocaust education and the lessons of the Holocaust and Southern Jewish history.

Facilities The Breman Museum is open to the public, admission is required for non-members, in The Selig Building, Midtown, Atlanta. The facilities include three exhibition galleries, auditorium, conference rooms, museum store, library, archives and other amenities.

Serving The Breman Museum is open to the public serving all ages and populations with ongoing events, exhibitions and programming.

THE SIXTH POINT

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About The Sixth Point is an independent, non-denominational Jewish community in Atlanta for adults in their 20s and 30s. We get together once or twice a month for a wide variety of events – everything from Shabbat dinners to social events, volunteer projects to more spiritual activities. We like to make Chanukah candles and hamentashen (but not at the same time!). The Sixth Point is a place of belonging that is welcoming and non-judgmental, where we decide for ourselves how to be Jewish and do Jewish.

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Category Synagogue, Education, Camp

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The Temple recently adopted a new "Vision and Values" document that includes six guiding values, one of which is: "Our Doors are Open to All: We are a warm and welcoming home for all who seek an inclusive Jewish community."

LGBTQ-Specific Services The Temple has a vibrant group of LGBTQ members who do social action projects and social networking, connecting our community around unity, respect, and understanding. The Temple piloted the Welcoming Synagogues Project in 2010, which has continued to guide our work to ensure we are a welcoming and inclusive congregation in all of the services and programs we offer.

General Programs and Services In addition to weekly worship services and The Well offered

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DO... Listen to what they have to say and let them set the tone of the conversation. Listening will show that you respect them and help put them at ease. Be serious or casual depending on whether they're serious or casual. However, if they seem upset, go ahead and comfort them. Don't underestimate the power of encouraging words or a hug (if it's appropriate for your relationship).

DON'T... Rush them or "fill in the blanks." Let your acquaintance take as much time as they need. If you hurry them to get to the point, or interrupt before they're finished and say "so you're LGBTQ, in other words," you may trivialize the situation and make them feel uncomfortable or self-conscious.

DO... Ask appropriate questions. Think about your relationship with this person before they came out. How close are you? How many personal details have you shared in the past? Use discretion. Questions that are appropriate for your best friend or your brother might cross a line with a new acquaintance or a coworker.

DON'T... Ask about the person's sex life ("are you a top or a bottom?") or STI/HIV status. It's rude and condescending. By coming out, your acquaintance is seeking acceptance as an LGBTQ person, not as a walking sexual fetish. Even if you're very close and you've both discussed sex or health issues in the past, don't bring them up during the coming out conversation.

DO... Be honest when you don't understand. Just remember to be polite and respectful. You don't have to understand/agree/condone being out in order to be a good person.

DON'T... Use slang terms or offensive language. However, every person is different and a term embraced by one person might be offensive to someone else. When in doubt, ask how they prefer to identify — or better yet, just call them by their name.

DO... Remember the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity. Sexual orientation is about the kind of people you're attracted to. Gender identity is about how you relate to your ascribed gender role and your body. Don't confuse being lesbian, gay or bisexual with being transgender. Gay men don't want to be women and lesbians don't want to be men. Similarly, if someone comes out as trans, don't tell them they're "just gay" or "actually a lesbian."

DON'T... Answer "I'm LGBTQ" with "Well, duh!" Even if you've always suspected this person was LGBTQ, it can be impolite or even offensive to point this out. Your acquaintance may feel ashamed that it's taken them so long to come out and they don't need to be reminded of that struggle. If they ask if you've suspected they were LGBTQ, answer honestly but respectfully.

DO... Ask about confidentiality and reassure them of your confidence. Are they telling everyone or just you? While some people come out to everyone, all at once, others come out in gradual stages. If this person isn't "going public," make sure they know they can trust you to keep the information to yourself until they're ready for others to know.

DON'T... Take it personally, or assume this means that he or she has a crush on you. Coming out can be very daunting. No closeted LGBTQ person ever intends to betray or deceive someone they care about. There are many reasons why someone would wait to come out. Don't jump to the conclusion that they've been harboring secret feelings for you. It could make you defensive and they might feel uncomfortable or self-conscious as a result.

DO... Thank them for trusting you. There's a reason this person is confiding in you. They respect you, feel comfortable with you and value your relationship. He or she may also wish to form a stronger connection by sharing something so personal.

DON'T... Bring up politics or religion, offer unsolicited advice or make rash decisions. It's disrespectful. This person isn't coming out to you because they want to have a debate. Don't suggest that they "might be confused" or needs counseling. If you disagree over LGBTQ issues, there will be other opportunities to have a polite discussion. Try to keep an open mind.

DO... Treat them the same. They are still the same person. Unless they tell you otherwise, your LGBTQ acquaintance's interests and hobbies won't completely change now that they are out of the closet. Your sports buddy won't suddenly ditch the NBA Playoffs to listen to Lady Gaga. Assure your family member, friend or coworker that nothing changes between you two. This is one of the best ways to be a straight ally.

TERMINOLOGY + DEFINITIONS

Agender A person without a gender.

Ally A person who supports a community with which they do not identify/of which they are not a member. (By definition, allies are NOT part of the community they are supporting.)

Aromantic (“arrow”) A person who experiences no romantic attraction (or limited attraction) to any people.

Asexual (“ace”) Asexual (“ace”) A person who experiences no sexual attraction (or limited attraction) to any people.

Biological/Chromosomal Sex An outdated term used to describe the “sex assigned at birth” of transgender people, often with an inference that, while one’s gender expression or identity may change, deep down, they are still a man/woman. This is damaging and should be avoided, as science has shown multiple biological/chromosomal variations in existence.

Bi-Erasure/Biphobia The (incorrect) assumption that bisexuality does not exist.

Bisexual A person who has the ability to have sexual relationships with people of the same gender and/or a different gender. (Related: Biromantic)

Cisgender A person whose sex assigned at birth matches their gender. (Latin prefix “cis”= “on the same side as”.)

Cissexism/Cisnormativity The assumption or belief that everyone is or should be cisgender (non-transgender).

Coming Out The never-ending process of revealing one’s sexual orientation or gender, whether to oneself or to others.

GSD SOJOURN’s preferred acronym (instead of LGBT+) means “gender and sexual diversity.”

Genderqueer/Genderfluid A person whose gender is non-binary; is beyond genders; is multiple genders; or some combination thereof.

Gender Binary The (incorrect) assumption that there are only two genders, male and female.

Gender Expression The outward manifestation of one’s gender, including clothing, makeup, and other style choices.

Gender Identity (1) A person’s internal view or interpretation of their gender; (2) A sometimes micro-aggression against transgender people (cis people are said to have a gender while trans people have a gender identity).

Gender Non-Conforming/Gender Variant/Gender Expansive A person who does not participate in the cultural expectations for gender expression as dictated by society.

Heterosexism/Heteronormativity The assumption or belief that everyone is or should be heterosexual.

Internalized Homo/Trans/biphobia/Internalized Oppression Fear or self-hate of one’s own (GSD) identity; often occurs in those who grew up hearing negative messages about GSD (or their specific group of) people.

Intersectionality The understanding that certain cultural oppressions are bound together and influenced by the various systems of society, including race, gender, orientation, and others.

Intersex A person who is born with discordant external or internal biological sex characteristics or chromosomes. (Formerly: Hermaphrodite, now considered to be offensive/inappropriate)

Misogyny The hatred of women. (related: transmisogyny)

Pansexual A person who has the ability to have sexual relationships/attraction to people of all genders. (Related: Panromantic)

Polyamory The practice or desire of having more than one intimate relationship at a time, with the consent and knowledge of everyone involved.

Privilege Unearned resources and advantages available to some based solely on social, racial, or other group membership.

Queer Anyone who chooses to identify as such. A blanket term for any, all, or none of the alphabet letters (LGBT. . .). Considered by some to be offensive and by others to be a term that has been “reclaimed.”

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Same Gender Loving/In the Life A self-identification term often used by POC (people of color) as protest against the typically white-associated terms “gay” and “lesbian.”

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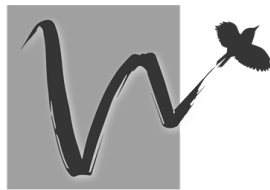
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