

LGBTQ+ Guide to Jewish Atlanta





SOJOURN'S MISSION is to empower communities to advance and celebrate gender and sexual diversity across the South.

SOJOURN'S VISION is a South rooted in belonging, full inclusion, and justice.

SOJOURN'S VALUES are
Jewish Identity · Liberation
Individual Worth · Intersectionality
Empathy · Education · Community

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.



SOJOURN'S PROGRAMS

The South has, in many ways, a distinct culture, and SOJOURN's programming is specifically tailored for Jewish communities in the South. Since our inception as an independent organization in 2013, SOJOURN has reached over 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, through a lens of Jewish learning. Some of our educational programs include:

- EDGE: Early Development for Gender Equity
- GSD 101
- Sex Ed Queeries/ the Quest Ed podcast: Queer-inclusive sex ed for teens
- Welcoming Communities Project
- From Acceptance to Celebration: For Parents of Gender-Expansive Youth

Advocacy

In 2022, we've seen a wave of anti-trans legislation all across the country, but especially in the South. SOJOURN has been instrumental in Jewish Atlanta's fight against bans on gender-affirming care for minors, bathroom bans, disclosure requirements, "Don't Say Gay" bills, obstacles to name and gender marker changes, and trans sports bans. We've also taken this fight to a national level by collaborating with Keshet on Thrive: the Jewish Coalition to Defend Trans and LGBQ+ Youth.

Outreach

SOJOURN coordinates Jewish community participation in the Atlanta Pride parade, hosts LGBTQ+ and Jewish-focused events throughout the year, and facilitates connections for LGBTQ+ people within the Atlanta Jewish community.

SOJOURN also provides individual assistance to LGBTQ+ people and their families with information, referrals, and support.





18DOORS ATLANTA

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Category Community

About 18Doors 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. 18Doors 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.

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)

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

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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

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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Category Advocacy

About American Jewish Committee (AJC) believes in ensuring the well-being of the Jewish people and advancing democratic values. As the Atlanta office of AJC, we connect our community to AJC's global advocacy work. Our local access to elected officials, diplomats, and ethnic and religious leaders advances AJC's broader global priorities: combating antisemitism, promoting Israel's place in the world, and promoting pluralism and democratic values.





General Programs and Services Staunchly nonpartisan, AJC advocates for policies at the local, state, and federal levels that uphold our mission and advance our domestic and global priorities. AJC places special emphasis on robust, principled U.S. global leadership as a critical component of our advocacy work. Through innovative initiatives and coalitions, AJC Atlanta engages in high-level diplomacy with representatives of foreign governments in Atlanta and the Southeast. Each year we host a Southeast Diplomatic Marathon, a series of meetings with diplomats from nations across the world, where AJC leaders promote our advocacy priorities. We also meet frequently with local, state, and federal elected officials to advocate on behalf of legislation that impacts the Jewish community and our partners. Our intergroup work allows us to leverage longstanding relationships with diverse ethnic and religious communities to advance issues of common concern. The Atlanta Black-Jewish Coalition, founded in 1982, has emerged as a central platform for education, outreach, and advocacy. We also work with the Latino, Asian, Indian, Christian, and Muslim communities to build bridges of understanding. Through our Leaders for Tomorrow (LFT) program for high school students, we prepare the next generation to develop skills to advocate on behalf of the Jewish people, Israel, and human rights around the world, and to serve as positive change agents for their peers and community. We also host ACCESS, Atlanta's premier young Jewish professionals program. Founded over 25 years ago, ACCESS prepares the next generation of Jewish leaders to engage the key challenges facing the global Jewish community, and empowers young Jewish activists to shape the conversation on today's critical domestic and international issues. For over 75 years, our impact has been evident beyond the Atlanta community, yielding tangible results in government policies, strategic alliances, and hard-hitting legislation that have shaped our world for the better.

Facilities ADA Accessible

Serving Community members interested in advocating on behalf of the Jewish community with elected officials, diplomats, and intergroup partners.





ATLANTA JEWS OF COLOR COUNCIL

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Category Advocacy, education, community

About Atlanta Jews of Color Council (AJOCC) is a grassroots Jewish women of color-owned and led non-profit. It serves as the South's intergenerational leadership development, mentoring, empowerment and representation building platform for Jewish women of color and girls. AJOCC is at the forefront of championing justice and equitable policies that center racial, economic, and gender justice to promote health and wellness, economic security, education, and global empowerment as key elements of liberation. We develop multiple entry points toward collaborative, inclusive leadership for the future.

LGBTQ-Specific Services All Jewish people and their non-Jewish family members are welcomed to participate in AJOCC programs regardless of sexual orientation or identity.

General Programs and Services AJOCC is committed to building antiracist communities. We believe that Jewish liberation and the liberation of all people are intertwined. It is a false notion that a cause or identities can be separated or compartmentalized in the absence of BIPOC. The mark of a just society is how we treat those who are most vulnerable. We are inspired by Torah to be agents of *teshuvah*. Human connection with dignity is the reason behind our work.

Accessibility AJOCC strives to ensure that all its services are accessible to people who are neurodivergent, and with disabilities; including on our website. We strongly believe every person has a right to live with humanity, independence, comfort, and equality.

Serving Sephardi, Mizrahi, Ethiopian, Latinx, Asian, Black, Biracial, Indigenious, multigenerational, multicultural, and economically disadvantaged families.





ATLANTA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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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 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 ATLANTA

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Category Community, Education, Advocacy

About Working to support communities across the metro Atlanta area by advocating for issues which will uplift us all, using Jewish values as our base.





Our previous work involved working to get out the vote in the 2020 election, where we made over 110,000 voter contacts, including over 32,000 texts and 75,000 dials to help elect Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff to the U.S. Senate as Georgia's first Black and Jewish senators, respectively. We intend to continue to help elect progressive candidates to office and work to bring together communities regardless of background to build a better nation together.

Statement of Welcoming/Non-Discrimination
Seeks to use Jewish values and social justice to further build a coalition for multi-racial democracy in America, acting in support of the communities most affected by systems of white supremacy. Our work includes all Jews and their loved ones, and acknowledges the many different ways that a person can be Jewish or the loved one of a Jewish person. This work cannot be done without supporting and advocating for LGBTQ+ individuals, regardless of their background.

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 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, 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 G-d. 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.

General Programs and Services We offer a full schedule of Shabbat, Holiday and daily services, with both traditional and alternative/enrichment options, accessible in person and virtually. Social programs bind us together as a community. A vibrant social action committee encourages our members to engage with and improve the larger world. A Kesher community ensures that every member of our congregation is cared for at time of need. Our state-accredited preschool welcomes learners from 13-months through Pre-K, and BTLab provides fun and meaningful educational and identity-building experience for children Pre-K through high-school. A thoughtful adult education program allows people to connect with the traditional and each other.

LGBTQ-Specific Services Our clergy are available to serve all, irrespective of gender and orientation, and we especially seek to ensure that members of our community can have full access to traditional Jewish practice, study and ritual without compromising the important aspects of their identity.

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

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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 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 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, Preschool

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.

CONGREGATION OR HADASH

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Category Synagogue





About Or Hadash, meaning "new light," is a home for Jewish connection, for the sacred, for authenticity, for the seeker. We believe that we each hold a divine spark of light inside of us, whether we're total novices in Jewish prayer and study or we come from years of experience. We bring our full selves here, and we invite you to bring your whole self, too. Our population is diverse - seekers of all ages, from babies and tots to members who are in their 80s. We have a growing population of singles and couples in their 30s and 40s and many families with children in our education program, Machon Hadash, and Jewish day school. We strive to be an all-around comfortable place for all kinds of people, and that doesn't end with diversity in our prayer practices or Jewish experiences. Our building is easily wheelchair accessible -- only one level -- and meets every ADA requirement for physical accessibility. We use sound amplification in the sanctuary to be sure everyone can hear. We have a single stall bathroom that is available for any individual or caregiver who might need or prefer that option. We know there is always room to grow in this area, and this is a priority for our community. If you find there are areas of our space or our practice where we can do better, please let us know.

We would love to invite you to check out our warm community whether online or in our space in Sandy Springs - our Friday night services are at 6:30, and our Shabbat morning services begin at 9:15am.

CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

Category Synagogue

About We are an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue with a mission to connect people to meaningful living through Judaism. At Shearith Israel, we are ritually traditional and courageously progressive. We serve 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 gender neutral 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, singles of every stage of life, seniors, families, special needs

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

DRESSLER'S JEWISH FUNERAL CARE

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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

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

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Category Recovery, Social Services

About HAMSA (Helping Atlantans Manage Substance Abuse) provides support, resources, and education for those seeking recovery from substance abuse.

General Programs and Services We are working hard to dispel myths about addiction and eliminate the shame so often felt by those struggling with addiction and their families. Through a Jewish lens, HAMSA offers non-sectarian information and treatment referral, case management, Narcan education and supply, sober holiday celebrations and gatherings, expert clinical services, harm reduction, and parent support.





LGBTQ-Specic Services HAMSA is well-connected with inclusive programs and services for LGBTQIA+ individuals who are struggling with substance use disorder. We help people find recovery services that affirm who they are at all levels.

HILLELS OF GEORGIA

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Category Community

About Hillels of Georgia, a statewide Hillel system, serves as an umbrella organization collaborating with college campuses across the state of Georgia to provide thousands of Jewish college students with their Jewish home away from home. Our mission is to create vibrant Jewish life on every campus in Georgia so that every student may be inspired to proudly embrace their Jewish journey, making an enduring connection to Jewish life and Israel. Currently, Hillel has an active and growing presence on ten campuses across the state: Agnes Scott College, Emory University, Georgia College & State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, Oglethorpe University, Savannah College of Art & Design, and The University of Georgia. In addition, Hillel is expanding services, funding, and professional guidance to several campuses across the state with smaller Jewish student populations.

LGBTQ+ Specific Services We are proud of our "come-as-you-are" approach to all Jewish students, providing a welcoming, inclusive, diverse and pluralistic Jewish experience. Whether a student is starting to explore their Jewish identity or looking to deepen an already strong connection and commitment to Judaism, Hillel provides a multifaceted program for all students on their journey towards Jewish pride and fulfillment.





In 2022, Hillels of Georgia joined the Keshet Leadership Project to gain 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 within our organization and on campus. Current program offerings for college students include our annual Pride Shabbat at our campuses across the state, an active Jewish LGBTQ+ student leadership group at Emory Hillel, and a wide array of campus-specific LGBTQ+ programming ranging from attending community Pride festivals, educational opportunities, speakers, and social events.

General Programs and Services Hillels of Georgia is dedicated to the engagement and empowerment of Jewish students. Hillel student leaders work in collaboration and partnership with Hillel staff to create exciting and innovative Jewish programming that resonates with them and their peers. Hillel's diverse range of programming centers around five "pillars": Jewish life, learning and celebration; Israel awareness, education and advocacy; tzedek social action, community service and philanthropy; community building and leadership development; socialization, friendships and networking.

Accessibility Notes Hillels of Georgia HQ – ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation • Emory Hillel – ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation • Hillel UGA – single stall gender neutral restrooms • Hillel at Georgia College – ADA accessible, single stall gender neutral restrooms • Hillel at KSU – single stall gender neutral restrooms • Hillel at Georgia Tech – single stall gender neutral restrooms, accessible via public transportation

Serving Current undergraduate and graduate students at Georgia colleges and universities

HONEYMOON ISRAEL

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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

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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

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.

Open to all, Jewish HomeLife includes The William Breman Jewish Home, Aviv Rehabilitation Center, the Zaban Tower, The Jewish Tower, The Cohen Home, Berman Commons, Eckstein Home Care, JHL Medical Services, and Weinstein Hospice.

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

Facilities ADA accessible, subsidized affordable housing for adults 62+, accessible via public transportation, single-stall gender-neutral restrooms, chronic care management for adults of all ages and stagesboth residential and for those aging in place.





Serving Primarily seniors (62+) but also adults (18+) needing support in their home due to illness, surgery or chronic health condition.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ATLANTA

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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

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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, Young Families, Families

JEWISH INTEREST-FREE LOAN OF ATLANTA (JIFLA)

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Category Financial Services, Social Services, Medical

About JIFLA creates opportunity and financial stability for Atlanta's Jewish community members via interest-free loans. Our loans help people through challenging financial periods by providing an alternative to high interest rate debt.

General Programs and Services JIFLA provides interest-free loans up to \$10,000 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 Our office is in the JF&CS Building in Dunwoody. JIFLA borrowers must be 18 years of age or older and live in the Atlanta area.

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, JOCSM (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 Organization/Advocacy/Education

About Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta promotes social change and creates positive opportunities for Jewish women and girls. Through our work, we support, elevate, and advance women. We are a force for change, addressing gender inequality in the Jewish community. We harness the power of philanthropy, collective wisdom, and women's voices to advocate for mental health and equity while fighting against economic injustice, violence against women, and gender-based harassment and discrimination in workplaces.

LGBTQ+-Specific Services All self-identifying Jewish women are welcome to participate in Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta, regardless of gender or sexual identity. Some programs are also open to people who do not identify as women or nonbinary.

General Programs and Services Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta utilizes strategic grant-making to promote social change in the lives of Jewish women and girls living in Atlanta, Israel, and around the world. Each year, JWFA accepts proposals from potential Grantee Partners and makes allocations according to a group decision-making process. JWFA allocates grants through a giving circle model, where women have the unique opportunity to become empowered and informed Jewish philanthropists and leaders by taking an active hands-on approach to grant-making. Collaboration is facilitated by a "one woman, one vote" framework where Trustees work together to fund the strongest opportunities for meaningful and sustainable social change for women and girls. Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta education and advocacy efforts broaden the scope of our work and complement our grant-making by bringing 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. Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta's Agents of Change Training (ACT) program brings together a cohesive cohort of women to explore ways to catalyze deep, meaningful social change within their community and uncover how their own life experiences have shaped and defined their evolving core values. Throughout this year-long journey of personal development and empowerment, participants will gain further insight into their existing skills and passions and learn how they can harness their energy to make a lasting difference, challenge themselves to be vulnerable and thoughtful, and grow and stretch toward their full potential.

Facilities Our programs occur both virtually and in person throughout Atlanta. Accessibility varies depending on location.

Serving We serve all people who care about gender equality.

JSCREEN: JEWISH GENETIC DISEASE SCREENING

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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 through its ReproGEN test. This screening is important for anyone planning to have children, including those in the LGBTQ community. JScreen also offers a separate CancerGEN test for hereditary cancer risk. 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, adults of any age

JUMPSPARK

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Category Community, Education

About JumpSpark is the teen initiative at Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta. JumpSpark seeks to support and strengthen the Atlanta Jewish teen ecosystem through programming endeavors, grant support, and leadership development. Their work supports teens, parents of teens and professionals who work with them.

General Programs and Services Strong Women Fellowship, Atlanta Israel Gap Year Scholarship, professional development for Jewish communal professionals

Serving Teens, Parents of Teens, Jewish Professionals

MA'ALOT

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About Ma'alot is an inclusive spiritual community that uplifts individuals and families through transformative practices rooted in nature, music and Jewish wisdom. We are a diverse community of seekers across Atlanta looking for Jewish experiences that feel authentic, personal and meaningful. Through immersive gatherings, we experiment, we remember, and we reimagine powerful Jewish practices that have transformed communities throughout the centuries.

Serving Intergenerational with focus on young adults living in intown Atlanta.





MACOM – METROPOLITAN ATLANTA COMMUNITY MIKVAH

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Category Health & Wellness, Community, Education, Advocacy

About Metro Atlanta Community Mikvah, MACoM, 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.

MOISHE HOUSE

Three Atlanta locations: Virginia-Highland, Toco Hills, Buckhead • 404.655.5306 • Mollie Rose, Southern Community Manager, mollie.rose@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 programing.

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

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

NERANENAH

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Category Social/Entertainment, Festival/Event, Community

About Neranenah, formerly the Atlanta Jewish Music Festival, is a non-profit cultural event series with roots in Jewish culture and musical traditions. Neranenah entertains and connects diverse audiences through the exploration of Jewish contributions to music and the performing arts, celebrating its intersections with other cultures and communities. Our name means "come together and sing." We honor tradition but are far from traditional. Our minds and ears are open; the fingerprints of Jewish culture can be found all around us. We seek not to define Jewish arts and culture, but to embrace its diversity, subjectiveness, and personal nature to create a space open and inviting to all.

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

ONETABLE

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Category Community, Education, Social/Entertainment

About Inspired by ancient Jewish wisdom, OneTable is a national non-profit that empowers folks (21-39ish) to find, share, and enjoy Shabbat dinners, making the most of their Friday nights. Our social dining platform makes it easy for you to become the producer of your own experiences, and for Shabbat dinner to become a platform for community building. We provide simple DIY tools so hosts can get right to welcoming people to a Shabbat dinner in their home, so guests can savor a Friday meal, and for all to experience unique events for Shabbat dinners right in their neighborhood.

Statement of Inclusion OneTable meets young adults (21-39ish) where they are as they create a Shabbat experience that is meaningful, inclusive, and authentic. People from all backgrounds are welcome to bring a Shabbat dinner practice into their lives. We empower the creation of community around the table using the ancient wisdom and knowledge of Shabbat.

LGBTQ-Specifc Services We support LGBTQ+ individuals and organizations to host welcoming and inclusive dinners for the LGBTQ+ community. We have partnered with individuals and organizations to host hundreds of Queer Shabbats across the country each year.





We have also created a Queer Shabbat Guide as well as a Pride Shabbat Guide and resource page that OneTable hosts can use at their Shabbat dinner table.

General Programs and Services Local staff (in 16 hub cities coast-to-coast) support individuals in crafting a weekly Shabbat dinner practice that feels accessible and meaningful to them.

OneTable's platform guides hosts with planning and hosting tips and helps guests find Shabbat experiences near them. Like AirBnB for Shabbat dinners, hosts create online profiles, post their dinners, and invite guests. Guests can easily scroll through event descriptions to find their perfect dinner, then request a seat at that table. Nourishment is a resource OneTable offers to hosts looking to elevate their dinner. OneTable offers up to \$300 Nourishment per dinner. Our Nourishment selections include gift cards for great food from local restaurants, national chains, Jewish cookbooks, or even Etsy for some table decor! We have everything you need to make the most of your Friday night.

Digital Jewish resources like blessing recordings, ritual guides, hosting tips, and more are created or curated by our Partnerships + Jewish Learning Team. One Table resources are designed for everyone whether you're hosting Shabbat for the first time or the 100th. One Table Hosted Gatherings: hands-on events focusing on hospitality skill-building, Jewish learning, and community creation that can be brought to your Shabbat table.

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

PJ LIBRARY 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 the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, PJ Library sends 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. Repair Atlanta engages with the metro Atlanta community primarily through its fellowship, a two-year full-time program where fellows between the ages of 18-26 connect closely with service partners across the metro Atlanta area in several key issue areas.





Repair also has its Service Corps, a ten-hour-a-week commitment for participants between the ages of 18-32 can get an in-depth connection with a service partner on a part-time basis.

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.

TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH

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Category Synagogue

About A warm, caring & passionate place where community is celebrated and Judaism thrives. So wherever you are on your Jewish Journey, come and 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)

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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Category Synagogue, Youth

About At Temple Emanu-El, we are a Reform community building a congregation of thought-leaders, spiritual seekers, and engaged Jewish change-makers. Temple Emanu-El is infused with the dedication and hard work of its members. Our vision is guided by these essential principles: To foster strong Jewish identity in a complex world, to empower our congregants with passion for Jewish learning, to discover beauty and joy through Jewish prayer, ritual, and observance, to nurture Jewish values that respond to the changing needs of modern families, to sustain a thriving congregation with dynamic youth engagement, to sing together as an inspirational and healing tool, with music as a focal point of connection

Special Connections Temple Emanu-El welcomes folks of all identities. We have many teens who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community and we provide safe spaces for them to explore their Jewish and queer identities. From sermons to social justice, affirmation ceremonies and education classes, we are here to support the LGBTQ+ community and those who love them.

Serving All ages

THE TEMPLE

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Category Synagogue, Education, Camp

About We are The Temple: Inspiring Lives, Transforming Our World. The Temple is located in midtown Atlanta and is one of American Judaism's most historic religious institutions. Founded in 1867, it is the city's oldest and most diverse synagogue. In recent years, The Temple was named by Newsweek magazine as one of the most vibrant and dynamic Jewish congregations in the country.





For a century and a half, it has built a tradition of social justice work and a commitment to broadening people's access to a full Jewish life. 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 We joyfully serve as a Jewish home for many LGBTQ families and individuals, through our young professionals community, our youth education and teen education programs, and our adult programming. We have the Well, which offers regular worship opportunities and other programs to build meaningful connections. We have our Weinberg Early Learning Center (WELC) which provides halfand full-day programs for children ages 16 months to 5 years, and our Temple Breman Religious School makes the building come alive every Sunday with over 600 students pre-K through 10th grade. We offer adult learning (including conversion classes), programs for interfaith couples, and numerous social justice opportunities. Through our Engagement Department, we help members to connect through "ages and stages" and small groups, including a group of LGBTQ members. Please look at our website for a full picture of all that we offer!

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation, family restroom

Serving All Ages/Abilities

THE WEBER SCHOOL

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Category School

About The Weber School prepares its students for success in college and in life, inspiring them to be knowledgeable, thinking, responsible Jewish adults, by weaving together the pursuit of academic excellence; a commitment to Jewish values, the Jewish people, and Israel; and a responsibility to serve our community and improve our world. The Weber School is committed to the principle of equal opportunity employment. It is the school's policy to employ faculty and staff on the basis of their qualifications, experience, knowledge, and ability to perform essential functions of the job. Decisions regarding recruitment, selection, placement, and continued employment are based on jobrelated criteria without regard to the individual's race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. Weber observes all applicable federal and state laws regarding employment.

Facilities ADA accessible, accessible via public transportation

URJ CAMP COLEMAN

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Category Camp

About Camp Coleman's mission is to inspire our campers and staff to be caring people who are committed and connected to the Jewish community through an extraordinary camp experience.

General Programs and Services Summer camp, family camp, retreats Facilities ADA accessible

Serving Elementary school, middle school, high school, college, young families, families





GLOSSARY

Gender Identity - an identity based on one's relationship to femininity and masculinity, especially as it relates to society and culture.

Gender Expression - how one externally presents one's gender identity through behavior, clothing, haircut or voice, and which may or may not conform to socially defined behaviors and characteristics typically associated with being either masculine or feminine.

Biological Sex - A label given at birth based on medical factors, including hormones, chromosomes, and genitals.

Assigned Gender At Birth - sometimes abbreviated to AGAB, this refers to the gender identity assumed for someone at a young age, usually based on their hormones, chromosomes, and genitals at birth. Assigned Female at Birth (AFAB), Assigned Male at Birth (AMAB) are the specific designations based on above.

Non-binary - a term someone might use to indicate that they don't fit into the gender categories of "male" or "female".

Transgender - anyone who doesn't identify with their assigned gender at birth.

Cisgender - anyone who identifies with their assigned gender at birth. Intersex - someone born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that is typically not exclusively "male" or "female" (i.e. XXY Chromosomes).

Pronouns - a way to refer to someone without using their name. Historically these have been gendered, i.e. she/her or he/him. However, gender-neutral pronouns can include singular they/them, xe/xem, ze/hir, and more.

Sexual orientation - an identity based on the people someone is sexually and/or romantically attracted to.





Asexual - someone who experiences no sexual attraction to anyone (though they could still be romantically attracted to people).

Aromantic - someone who experiences no romantic attraction to anyone (though they still could be sexually attracted to people).

Gay - usually refers to men who are attracted to other men; is also used as an umbrella term for diverse sexualities.

Lesbian - women who are attracted to women. This may include nonbinary or transmasculine people that identify as part of the lesbian community.

Bisexual - someone attracted to their own gender and other genders.

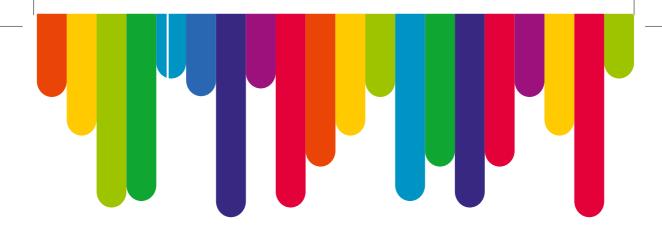
Pansexual - someone who is attracted to people regardless of gender.

Queer - historically used as a slur, this term has been reclaimed as a broad umbrella term to describe sexual and gender identities other than straight and/or cisgender. Queer is sometimes used to express that sexuality and gender can be complicated, change over time, and might not fit neatly into either/or identities.

Heterosexual or Straight - a cisgender person who is attracted exclusively to other cisgender people whose gender is different from their own.

This list of terms shows the variety of language that people can use to describe themselves; which is often evolving, therefore this list is far from complete. Terms exist so that people can reach for language that feels applicable, feel proud, and find community with others who identify the same way. The purpose is NOT to establish rigid categories that people feel excluded from or pressured to fit into. When someone says how they identify, that's how they see themselves. It's everyone's job to take that identity seriously and with respect.





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