



A WIDER BRIDGE




# PROUD & PRO-ISRAEL.

## WHAT'S AT STAKE TODAY?

At a time when homophobia, transphobia, anti-Zionism, and Antisemitism are on the rise, LGBTQ communities in Israel and North America - and their allies - face unprecedented challenges from the far right and far left.

On both sides of the Atlantic, we face systemic challenges in the fight for full societal acceptance and equality.

Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Trans Jews, and Ali  
**CELEBRATE**  **ISRAEL**





# OUR MISSION:

## EQUALITY IN ISRAEL, EQUALITY FOR ISRAEL

A Wider Bridge is the North American organization working to advance LGBTQ rights *in* Israel while building equality *for* Israel.

A Wider Bridge builds personal rather than political relationships with Israel and its LGBTQ people, providing leaders, organizations and communities – both in Israel and North America – with opportunities for education, community building, advocacy, and grantmaking.

Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive Jewish and democratic state of Israel, and strengthening the bridge between our LGBTQ and allied communities.



"With patience and a whole lot of love, A Wider Bridge connects Zionism and LGBTQ activism - two liberation movements so close to my heart."

RACHEL WAHBA

2017 Mission Alumna, Gesher Society Member  
Marin, CA

# EDUCATION:

## BUILDING BRIDGES, STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS

### MISSIONS TO ISRAEL, MISSIONS TO AMERICA

Since 2011, we have brought hundreds of North American LGBTQ leaders on missions to Israel and the West Bank to experience the region through an LGBTQ perspective. Mission participants are introduced to Jewish peoplehood, Israel, and its LGBTQ communities.

We also bring Israeli LGBTQ leaders to North America to learn about issues facing North American Jews, LGBTQ folks, and allies.



**“As an openly gay elected official, I see the need for relationship building across identities and borders. AWB does this in a thoughtful and meaningful way.”**

**State Rep. DANIEL HERNANDEZ**  
2018 Mission Alumnus, AWB Board Member  
Tuscon, AZ

# COMMUNITY BUILDING: BEYOND THE BRIDGE



"Our rights are in danger. We need to help one another survive and fight for our rights together. The friendship and partnership with A Wider Bridge offers the possibility for hope."

**CHEN ARIELI**

Deputy Mayor, Former Aguda Chair  
Tel Aviv

AWB mission alumni return home as storytellers, advocates and supporters with a personal stake in the future of A Wider Bridge, Israel, and its LGBTQ people.

The Beyond the Bridge network deepens alumni education and engagement, and empowers alumni to become key organizational stakeholders.

Alumni work together to host local events and to mobilize on key issues affecting A Wider Bridge, Israel, and the LGBTQ community in Israel and the U.S.





# LGBTQ AND PRO-ISRAEL ADVOCACY:

A Wider Bridge organizes local community programs and trainings on issues affecting the LGBTQ, Jewish, and pro-Israel communities of North America and Israel. As major developments arise, we activate and mobilize our diverse coalition of engaged alumni, stakeholders, and community partners -- advancing LGBTQ rights and support for Israel, and defending our communities against Antisemitism, LGBTQ-phobia, and other forms of bigotry.

By advocating for our values, we are creating and defending inclusive spaces where our full authentic selves and all of our identities are welcomed.



# GRANT MAKING:

## AWB IMPACT GRANTEES

### REGIONAL

MA'AVARIM  
(TRANS COMMUNITY)



JERUSALEM  
OPEN HOUSE



LGBTQ  
REFUGEES  
PROGRAM



HAIFA  
COMMUNITIES' HOUSE



### NATIONAL

LGBTECH



HOSHEN  
EDUCATION  
& CHANGE



HAVRUTA GAY  
RELIGIOUS MEN



ISRAEL  
GAY YOUTH



SHOVAL  
LGBTQ RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



BAT KOL  
LBTQ RELIGIOUS  
WOMEN



BESHELA  
(LBTQ SENIORS)



THE AGUDA  
LGBTQ TASKFORCE



ISRAEL AIDS  
TASK FORCE



## BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CHANGE IN ISRAEL

Achieving legal and social change requires time and resources. Our annual Impact Grants provide LGBTQ NGOs in Israel with financial support to amplify activist voices on the ground to advance LGBTQ life across Israel. From metropolitan Tel Aviv to the more traditional periphery, and throughout diverse Arab, Ethiopian, Mizrahi, and Orthodox communities and beyond, A Wider Bridge is building a stronger, more inclusive Israel.



# JOIN THE MOVEMENT TODAY TO HELP US ACCOMPLISH ALL OF THIS IMPORTANT WORK!



"As an LGBTQ elected official, it's important to be in conversation with folks facing the same struggles in other parts of the

world. AWB's mission helped me learn more about Israel's LGBTQ community - their challenges, and where they've been able to make progress."

-MN State Senator **SCOTT DIBBLE**  
2018 Mission Alumnus  
Minneapolis, MN



"My visit to the US with A Wider Bridge facilitated a crucial exchange of ideas and strategies for organizing around LGBTQ equality and inclusion."

-**OFER EREZ**  
Trans Activist and Former CEO,  
Jerusalem Open House  
Israel



"I appreciated learning about the culture by meeting elected officials and other leaders from both Israel and Palestine. It was crucial to

understand both sides and see the intersections of working together to help LGBTQ folks."

-**SAPPHIRE BLACKWOOD**  
2019 Mission Alumna  
San Diego, CA

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