



## **Out & About**

Tel Aviv-Yafo has long been the center of the LGBT community in Israel. In 1998, the city held the first gay pride parade, and well over a decade later the gay pride parade has become one of Tel Aviv's cultural and social symbols. The parade is a symbol of openness and tolerance to the tens of thousands of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals that have chosen Tel Aviv-Yafo as their home.

The unique municipal center for the LGBT community that operates in Gan Meir (Meir Park) was established in Tel Aviv's centennial anniversary. This center, which is also open to people outside of the LGBT community, offers diverse cultural and social activities for teenagers and adults (culture evening activities, social gatherings, arts and crafts workshops and dance and yoga classes). The center hosts all the LGBT community's organizations in the city, and is a home to dozens of volunteers who take part in various activities relating to social change and acceptance of others, pluralism, human rights and environmental conservation.

The center provides support services for groups, couples, families and individuals, in addition to weekly HIV tests. The center also takes part in external cultural, social and recreational activities (including the international film festival at the cinematheque, support groups for the religious and Haredi gay community, the city's gay pride parade and more). A unique café, which allows its visitors to escape from the busy city to the peaceful green atmosphere of Gan Meir, the city's first park, was also opened in the center.

### **Bars:**

#### **Evita:**

A well know gay bar, includes outdoor seating .Sports a rich food and wine menu and a large variety of music, including Eurovision songs, Dance, House and Pop. Suitable for a wide range of ages.

Yavne 31 Tel Aviv

03-5669559

#### **Shpagat**

A new stylish and trendy bar, targeting the Tel Aviv LGBT community, which suffers from a slight shortage of high-end quality hang-outs. The bar's owners wanted to open a place with less of a "party" atmosphere, more suitable for friends and couples coming to enjoy a drink and good music. The bar's design was inspired by an excellent Berlin bar that left on the owners a positive impression of chic and light atmosphere. There is a rich selection of alcoholic beverages and the food menu is based on Tapas and other small size dishes which change daily.

Nahalat Binyamin 43

03-5601758

### **The Dancing Camel**

A bar that is also a beer brewery. Visitors can see the brewing process and receive explanations, and finish things off with a nice cold glass of beer. The bar offers a variety of beers and music, all in a casual atmosphere.

HaTaasiya 12

03-6242783

### **Breakfast**

A pick-up bar located in the center of Tel Aviv which was created by the same people who gave us the well renowned Breakfast. The design, similar to that of the Breakfast, is based on black walls and dim lighting, with small touches of kitsch added by Nana Shrier, the new partner, and owner of the Nanuchka. Other than the alcohol and potential dates, the place also offers a service for ordering food from the best restaurants around, which bring food straight to the bar in a flash.

Rothschild 6

054-7777997

### **Restaurants:**

#### **Joz ve Loz**

A lovable and somewhat trendy restaurant that has already succeeded in accumulating a regular group of fans. The design is eclectic, and it is plainly obvious that so is the menu, which does not maintain a clear line or attempt to make a statement, other than several regular and successful dishes that are served daily. The atmosphere is pleasant, and unlike other places in the city, you will be able to have a quiet conversation whether you choose to sit inside or outside, without anybody listening in on your conversation and without you having to listen to the conversations of diners sitting in near-by tables. At the same time, the quality of the food is inconsistent, and the service may be inattentive.

Yehuda HaLevi 51

03-5606385

**Clubs:**

**The Block**

A large high quality club with an excellent sound, which offers a wide variety of different parties every week (including successful lines for the LGBT community) especially for the city's party goers. Every now and then the club hosts well know DJs and musicians for special evenings. We recommend getting updated by logging on to the club's website. The location – right beneath the central bus station – isn't the most inviting, but is certainly accessible.

Shalma Road 157

03-5378002

**The Culture Club:**

An up to date and sleek club that tries to maintain an atmosphere and a connection to the 1980s. The space includes a bar, a large dance floor, seating locations and high tables. For those who love dancing and remembering the 1980s.

HaArba'a 16

077-4208200