

# A Wider Bridge

## Building bridges between Israelis and LGBTQ North Americans and allies.

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2010

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**2014 expenses**

\$357,525

A Wider Bridge aims to build personal connections between lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Jews and Israel. The North American Jewish community finds engagement with Israel increasingly complex, especially among LGBTQ Jews who regularly find themselves on the fringes of Jewish life. By providing participants with opportunities to form strong bonds with LGBTQ Israelis and to experience Israel first hand, A Wider Bridge ensures that North American LGBTQ Jews develop stronger Jewish identities and deep personal stakes in Israel's future.

A Wider Bridge's programs provide a range of opportunities that allow participants to develop meaningful connections with Israel and with LGBTQ Israelis. In Israel, A Wider Bridge runs an annual trip that allows LGBTQ North Americans to experience Israeli LGBTQ society and broaden their perspectives on Israel. Across North America, nearly 4,000 people have attended events this year, ranging from programs featuring LGBTQ Israeli leaders and artists of all kinds, to Israeli LGBTQ film and TV series screenings at universities for Jewish and LGBTQ campus groups. A Wider Bridge also publishes a daily news and culture magazine, exposing its 7,000 regular readers to stories that explore the intersection of Jewish and LGBTQ life in Israel and North America. A Wider Bridge often provides the only pro-Israel voice at the LGBTQ table and the only LGBTQ voice in the pro-Israel arena. Its work in these intersecting communities changes the conversation across the Jewish, pro-Israel, and LGBTQ worlds.

“ A Wider Bridge's voice is unique – creating connections with LGBT Israeli culture to reach often unengaged Jews here in North America.

