

Jewish/LGBT Timeline

Jewish Timeline	When	UK LGBT laws (legally/socially) Timeline	Other
Jews already in London came around this time from Russia.	1880s		
German Jewish immigration to east end London	1930s/1940s (WW2)		
Creation of the State of Israel	1948		
Jewish community centres around east end.	1940s/1950s		
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Many London based Jews moved from east end to north London and Essex.			
Iraqi Jews move to the UK			
	1957	Wolfenden report – recommended that "homosexual behaviour between consenting adults [21 or older] in private should no longer be a criminal offence".	
Secret meeting in pubs, polari, stereotyping of gay man			
	1960s	(and 1970s growth of the reform movement)	
	1967	Leo Abse introduced the Sexual Offences Bill 1967. He was a Jewish welsh MP. He proposed, successfully, the 'law be changed to decriminalise consenting male homosexual sex'.	
	1969		Stonewall Riots (USA)
	1970s		
	1970	Creation of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF)	
Jewish gay Liason group from the GLF was created from GLF (JGLG) - The jewish gay and lesbian group changed names a few times in its first year.	1972		
	1972		First UK Gay Pride happened in London.
	1975	The Sex Discrimination Act 1975 – outlawed discrimination between men and women. (Repealed now into the Equality Act 2010)	
	1980s		
		Greenham Common women's peace movement/lesbian identity politics strengthened.	
		HIV – public perception, plague, silence = death, etc.	
Reform Rabbi, Lionel Blue, was the first Rabbi to come out publically.	1981		

	1982	Successful appeal of Jeff Dudgeon to the European Court of Human Rights, decriminalisation was extended to Northern Ireland.	
	1988	Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988 was implemented. Local authorities "shall not intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality" or "promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship"	
	1970s	Gay pride	
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Rabbi Sheila Shulman and Elizabeth Tikvah Sarah started to train at Leo Baeck College. They were the first openly lesbian rabbinical students.	1984		
Beit Klal Yisrael (BKY) founded – an ‘all-embracing’ liberal Jewish community	1990		
Lord Jakobovits – Chief Rabbi – saying you could genetically change people to prevent homosexuality.	1993		
	1994	The age of consent for gay men was reduced to 18	
	2000	The ban on gays in the military was lifted.	
	2001	The age of consent for gay men was equalised to 16	
	2002	Same-sex couples are granted equal rights to adopt.	
	2003	Section 28 is repealed.	
	2004	Civil Partnerships are introduced.	
	2004	The Gender Recognition Act 2004 (GRA) - provides a mechanism to allow trans people to obtain recognition for all legal purposes to their preferred gender role.	
Rabbi Rapoport's book - Judaism and Homosexuality: An Authentic Orthodox View	2005		
	2010	Equality Act 2006 – makes it unlawful in Employment & the provision of Goods, Services, Housing, and Facilities to discriminate or harass a person because they ARE intending to undergo, are undergoing, or have undergone gender reassignment, and discriminate based on sexuality.	
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