

Sexual Minorities and Social Work – LGBT* People as Clients of Social Work in Israel and Palestine

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****LGBT = Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People***









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30 Interviews with experts concerning...*

- *...the general situation of sexual minorities in Israel and Palestine*
- *...fields and activities of LGBT organisations*
- *...LGBT issues in Social Work education and teaching*
- *...LGBT issues and clients in Social Work practice and institutions*
- *...LGBT issues in research*
- *... the impact of the political conflict between Israel and Palestine on the situation of sexual minorities*

**experts: persons who are defined as such by the researcher*



A Puzzle of Answers through Different Perspectives...

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- *Schools of Social Work at Tel Aviv University, University Haifa, Ben Gurion University Beer Sheva, Sapir College/Sderot*
- *LGBT Institutions /Community Centers: Gay Center Tel Aviv, Jerusalem Open House, HIV-Clinic, Bet Dror*
- *LGBT Organisations:*
 - *Agudah - CLaF - Aswat - Bat Kol*
 - *IGY - Women in Black - Al Quds - Pride Minyan*
 - *Hoshen - Black Laundry*
 - *Tehila*
- *Individuals, for example:*
 - *Postwoman, IT-manager, family therapist, unemployed, head of a NGO, coach for women, founder of Women's Peace movement, social workers in counseling, school etc., professors of social work, former member of TA council etc.*

Aspects of the General Situation of LGBT people

- *Contradictions:*
 - *Rights of LGBT people in Israel: a success story – an open, liberal climate in jewish, secular and urban contexts (especially in the „bubble Tel Aviv“)*
 - *But: The Tel Aviv gay center shooting in 2009*
 - *Taboo, homophobia and oppression in jewish-religious context; lesbians, gay and Transgender people in closet and double life*
 - *But: Bat Kol, Pride Minyan*
 - *Palestinian LGBT people (arab Israelis, Palestinians in the occupied territories): culturally not accepted, coming out not possible, closeted life, sometimes persecution and violence.*
 - *But: Samira, Aswat*



نساء فلسطينيات مثليات

ASWAT - Palestinian Gay Women



Interesting Results:

- ***Lesbian and Gay Baby-boom in the Israeli LGBT community***
- ***Lesbians: free access to insemination; lesbian parenthood: normal, „natural“, expected***
- ***Queer patchwork families: experimenting with various forms***
- ***Gay parenthood via surrogacy („googlebabies“)***
- ***Specific Israeli positions:***
 - *Strong wish for children, a strong importance of family building*
 - *High acceptance for reproductive technology*
 - *Improved acceptance of homosexuality*



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