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Tel Aviv trumps New York to be named world's best gay city

It landed a staggering 43 per cent of the vote, way ahead of runner-up New York's 14 per cent and third-placed Toronto with 7 per cent. [San Francisco, supposedly the gay capital of the US, didn't even rate a mention.]

Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai hailed his 'free city' and said he is proud of the survey results.

He wrote on his Facebook page: 'Victory in this competition further highlights the fact that Tel Aviv is a city that respects all people equally, and allows all people to live according to their values and desires.

'This is a free city in which everyone can feel proud, and be proud of who they are.'

(https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2088319/Tel-Aviv-trumps-New-York-named-worlds-best-gay-city.html)

Tel Aviv aims to be world's gay capital

Tel Aviv making gay history. For the first ever time <u>Israel</u> will host an International Gay and Lesbian Tourism Association (IGLTA) convention, which will be attended by 20 travel agents from around the world specializing in gay tourism.

(https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3786351,00.html)

Christopher Muther wrote in the Boston Globe Friday that Tel Aviv is the gayest city on earth. "Tel Aviv is, for lack of a better description, super gay," he told his readers, adding, "The long-standing rule of thumb is that 10 percent of the population is gay, give or take. The estimate by officials in Tel Aviv is 25 percent of its population is gay."

Back in 1963, Israel nullified its sodomy laws, and in 1988 legalized same-sex sexual relations. In 1992 the Knesset passed legislation against

employment discrimination of gays, in 1993 openly gay Israelis were included in the draft, and, also in 1993, the first "gay pride" parade took place — in Tel Aviv.

(https://www.jewishpress.com/news/is-tel-aviv-really-the-gayest-city-on-the-planet/2016/03/19/)

Recently, according to the Huffington Post, the man formerly known as Bruce Jenner, now called Caitlin Jenner has been named to receive a special reward:

"The U.S.-based World Values Network will honor Jenner with the Champion of Israel and LGBTQ Rights Award on March 8 in New York. The former Olympian and transgender icon will be presented the award by Rabbi Shmuley Boteach at the Champions of Jewish Values International Awards Gala.

'Israel is a bastion of global human rights and a great light to the nations,' Boteach said in a Jan. 24 press release."

Amazing words, and what a slap in the face of Jesus, if such sexual immorality makes Israel a light to the nations. One must answer the question, what other light can they shine than the fires of hell burning. Truly, a bright light, indeed.

Boteach, already quoted in the article, went on to say this: "Jenner is uniquely suited to highlight Israel's incredible record on human rights and LGBTQ rights and protection to the LGBTQ citizens, which is utterly unique and unprecedented in the Middle East."

And indeed, the Huffington Post article summarizes Israel as a LGBTQ-friendly destination. Truly, this rings of Sodom, but is this truly the case?

In a 2017 article by Newsweek.com, "TEL AVIV DIARY: CAN YOU BE PRO-GAY AND PRO-ISRAEL?" by Marc Schulman, the opening line sets the tone, "For the past 22 years, the city of Tel Aviv has helped sponsor the city's Pride Week.

In a city of under 500,000 residents, over 200,000 people jammed the streets and the beach to participate in this longstanding tradition. This year's parade theme was Bisexuality.

Each year the number of participants goes up. The first Pride Parade, 22 years ago, coincided with the beginning of Tel Aviv's transformation from a sleepy Mediterranean town to the world-class tech center it has become in the last ten years."

Indeed, it does grow with each year, as sin often does. This year, in 2018, the Tel Aviv Pride Parade drew 250,000 Israeli and foreigners in support of homosexuality of all kinds. Far from this being an Israel only event, according to NBCnews.com "The British embassy donated a London-themed float. The U.S. envoy, David Friedman, said on Twitter that he was "proud of everyone who is marching"."

Nonetheless, the Homosexual celebration occurring in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem simultaneously "draws people from around the world to party," According to Haaretz, a Israeli news publication.

In this newspiece, entitled "Tel Aviv Pride Parade 2018: Everything You Need to Know" gives us a schedule for this years events, which begins at 10 A.M. which details this: "Performances, vendors and activities for children and adults" and the children and teens are expected to stay and participate all day long. All this occurring in a context where, "Ripped men in white underwear, pink bunny ears and black bow ties are gyrating through the streets." The day closes out with this note: "Main stage performances by star performers, including Israel's Netta Barzilai, the winner of this year's Eurovision competition. The adjoining area will include a shaded space with activities for children, a teen area operated by

the Israel Gay Youth organization, and stands selling food and other products."

Clearly, the purpose is to draw the world in, people from all ages in, to this celebration of sexual sin. This certainly sounds like Sodom, and it is not future.

But perhaps this is only an element within Israeli society? We've already seen, however, that an Israeli Rabbi is presenting the LGBTQ Award to Jenner, so then it is at the very least religious and societal. What about the government?

In 2015, a man by the name of Sharon Afek became "military advocate general, the first openly gay member of the IDF General Staff."

In what may be taken as indicative of the overall Israeli Government's position of homosexuality, later, Afek said, "It's important for me to act as a role model," he said. "Even today, in the year 2017, we still encounter manifestations of ignorance and hatred of others. It's important to me that young men and women know that there are no glass ceilings in the IDF that limit them."