

Why does Israel look like paradise to gay Palestinians?



Israel is a sanctuary to many gay Palestinians, who suffered beatings, imprisonment, and death at the hands of their families and the Palestinian Authority police within Palestinian communities.

Israel has no laws against sodomy, and its constitution guarantees equal rights. Gay and lesbian Israelis

- have gay organizations and community centers
- hold gay pride parades
- gay members of parliament
- serve openly in the military
- enjoy tv programs with gay themes

Israel respects life.

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