

Jewish Community Center of Manhattan: The Fear of Too Queer Award

Debby Hirshman spent a dozen years building a showplace JCC for the well-heeled Jews of Manhattan, and in the process emerged as one of the most powerful women in the Jewish community. Yet soon after she became more vocal about her lesbian identity, the JCC board forced her to resign. Congrats to the JCC for letting misogyny and homophobia triumph.

American Jewish Congress: The Modern Day McCarthy Award

Once vocal in the struggle for civil rights and the rights of immigrants and workers, AJCongress now endorses the conservative policies of Bush and Sharon. Following in the footsteps of Joe McCarthy, President Jack Rosen has fired progressive staff and closed branch offices whose politics do not conform to his vision. We congratulate AJCongress on their acrobatic ability: they swung from the left to the far right, and in record time.

Jewish Theological Seminary: The Locked Closet Award

JTS continues to deny rabbinic ordination to openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Jews. Queer rabbinical students at JTS have two choices: the closet or expulsion. Mazal tov, JTS, for turning countless talented and inspiring leaders away from the rabbinate for good.

Jewish Organizations Everywhere: The Rotten Family Values Award

The Jewish community claims to care about Jewish families, yet most of our organizations barely meet state minimums for maternity benefits. Those seeking paternity leave, on-site daycare, or adoption support must look outside the hypocritical Jewish community. Thanks for prompting us to be fruitful and multiply...but not if we want to keep our jobs.



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