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Michael Lucas, Jayson Littman and more gays Jews celebrate Pride at He'bro

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(Jayson Littman and Michael Lucas)

While you and your friends popped champagne in the streets outside the West Village's historic Stonewall Inn [to celebrate yesterday's decimation of DOMA](#), we stopped in at Jayson Littman's after-work event Pride Cocktails with He'bro. The combination of a professional, gay, Jewish crowd in a

beautiful penthouse venue was certainly enough to draw us east to the Gansevoort Park Avenue Hotel. An indoor option with the threat of thunderstorms certainly didn't hurt, either.

Mr. Littman usually throws his He'bro parties in nightclubs, but this is the first happy-hour event that he's planned specifically for his Jewish brethren. "People have been asking for a few years now, 'Can you do something where we can... socialize and meet each other?' You know, the gay Jews, they're on a husband hunt! And the club parties are great, but it's a little bit of a distraction." While he was excited about charting new territory, it came with its share of uncertainty: "All my friends were like, 'How do I dress?' ...I didn't even know how to dress for this myself!"

Usually, He'bro parties are centered around a Jewish holiday (according to Jayson, Christmas Eve counts as a Jewish holiday), but this is the group's first Pride celebration. Jayson saw yesterday's event as a new way to bring people who share common ground together, much like the other niche parties for Pride in New York.

"When everyone comes out, their primary identity just becomes their gay identity, and other parts of themselves kind of go down in the line. I think a lot of gay Jews just want to express their Jewish identity... in a gay environment, in gay spaces, with gay people and nightlife people that they know."

~~We jumped over the bar and spilled some poor homo's cosmo to get to~~ got a chance to chat up Michael Lucas, who had just recently returned from showing his new documentary at the Tel Aviv LGBT International Film Festival. He loved the idea of a party for gay Jews: "Gays, like Jews, are minorities, so we like to hang out with each other. So when there are gay Jews, it couldn't be better, right?!"

When we asked Mr. Lucas his thoughts on the SCOTUS decision, he kept it simple: "No thoughts. Just happiness."