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AN  
**LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH**  
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# The Lavender Scare

with Producer/Director  
**Josh Howard**

Community Host  
**Carlos Abreu**

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**Thursday, October 24**  
**6 P.M.**

**&Co.**  
201 Montgomery St., Jersey City

**The little-known story of the mass firings of gay men and lesbians from the federal workforce - an injustice that helped ignite the LGBTQ rights movement.**

In the 1950s, with Cold War panic gripping the nation, President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared homosexuals a "security risk" and vowed to rid the federal government of all homosexual employees. Over the next four decades, tens of thousands of government workers lost their jobs for no reason other than suspicion of being gay or lesbian. But the mass firings had an unintended effect: they stirred outrage in the gay and lesbian community, helped ignite the LGBTQ rights movement, and thrust an unlikely hero into the spotlight.

