

Limmudfest08
Monday



Monday

Early Bird Sessions

08:30 – 09:15

Early Bird Family Session**Limmudfest Team****Art Tent**

For those whose young children have been awake for hours and are ready for something to do. Music, arts, crafts and silliness.

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Morning Sessions

09:30 – 11:00

**'A Very Naughty Boy' –
or The Missionary Position****Zvi Solomons****S1**

The Jews for Jesus are in the news again. You've probably had a Missionary experience of your own, whether the Witnesses or another group. In this session we shall share experiences and techniques, and expose some of the weaknesses of the more evangelical and proselytising facets of other religions.

**'Sorting It All Out: Rambam's Revolution
in Jewish Law'****Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz****C1**

Have you ever tried to look up the answer to a question in the Talmud?? Come and have a go (no previous experience required), design your own Jewish legal system, take part in a contest of wits with Maimonides, and discover just how he revolutionized the way we think about Jewish law.

A Personal Shacharit

Elana Levi

Pardes

...With the first light of dawn, surrounded by the sounds of nature that awaken us, we will join in a circle to hear the quiet prayer of each and every one of us – through song, prayer (without the siddur) and music. (from age 17 up). In case of wet weather, this session will take place in C4.

Letakeyn – Transforming Lives... Transforming Worlds: Tzedek (3 of 3)

Steve Miller

C3

This session will focus on how we can create a just and sustainable future. We will share our visions, tap into our creativity and learn to focus on empowering ourselves and others. This will be an active and participatory session. The linking theme for all three sessions is integrating personal, social and political transformation – and looking at ways we can do this beyond Limmudfest.

Dance Midrash – Love the Stranger

Jacqueline Waltz

CH2

Focusing on the phrase “you were strangers”, the dance midrash session will draw from Torah text to movement and back to text again, to allow for a rich movement experience and fuller understanding of Torah text than is possible through words alone.

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Late Morning Sessions

11:15 – 12:45

Come and help take down the Limmudfest08 sukkah**Jonathan Samuel*****The Sukkah, if wet C8***

Deconstructionist Judaism. Come and help take down the Limmudfest08 sukkah. Like the mishkan, the sukkah it is a temporary structure, Dismantling it and packing it away neatly ready for next Sukkot is holy work.

In Concert**Daniel Hart*****Tent Achla***

Daniel Hart sings songs of love, liberation and learning in spoken word and beautiful melody, Charlie Gillet of BBC Radio 2, describing his material as 'outstanding'.

Spiritual Drumming for the Beginner**AkivaTheBeliever*****CH2***

Introduction to playing in Spiritual Space. What rhythms work with which prayers. How to know the right sounds to make when. How to deepen the energy for the people praying without "messing up." This is for people who are already or who want to play drums or other percussion instruments during services. It is not a "jam."

Darfur: The first genocide of the 21st century

Hannah Weisfeld, Adam Teneh, Abakar Hamid

S1

Darfur is described as the first genocide of the 21st century. Why over 5 years after the fighting started are we still talking about it? What role has the UK played in brokering UN resolutions and protecting asylum seekers from Darfur that land on the shores of the UK? And what has the Jewish community said and done or not done about a conflict that whose victims describe scenes reminiscent of the Holocaust?

Jess Gold entertains the family!

Jess Gold

Tikva Field

Jess' family concerts are a guaranteed winner for any spirit under the age of 10 and over the age of 25. Come and deepen that Limmudfest chilling-out process and be charmed by Jess' disarming style. In case of wet weather, this session will take place in Ohel Ohel.

Love yourself as much as Hillel

Raphael Zarum

C6

How can you love your neighbour if you don't love yourself? What do the rabbis say about that? We will study some sayings of Hillel the Elder and his unique approach to self love. You will never look at a statue in the same way again...

The Foundations of Jewish Prayer: Ending Prayers (4 of 4)

Chaim Weiner

C5

Jewish prayer evolved over time until it reached the form we are familiar with today. Hidden between the lines of the prayers are traces of our history – controversies, debates, mystic visions, superstitions and heroic martyrdom. I aim to uncover the hidden layers of the siddur and explain the circumstances under which specific prayers entered the siddur and what they meant in their original context.

Accommodating Your Neighbour III: Religious and Secular Jews in Contemporary Israel (3 of 3)

David Newman

C1

During sixty years of statehood, the social and political tensions between religious and secular Jews in Israel has never abated. Given social changes and demographic growth, contemporary Israel is, at one and the same time, both more orthodox and more secular than it was sixty years ago, but also more highly segregated and polarised. What does this mean for Israel, and for world Jewry as a whole, during the coming years?

A virtual tour of Hebron (3 of 3)

Yehuda Shaul

C4

Part of Breaking the Silence's educational work is to guide tours to Hebron, In this session, Yehuda will give an overview of the political situation in Hebron, and Breaking the Silence's work there.

Take down and party!

Limmudfest Team

Meet at Helpdesk

We all know Limmudfest is run by volunteers and that this is what makes it special. If you'd like to be part of the volunteer experience, come and help us take down the site. Jobs assigned on arrival – all ages and abilities welcomed.

Depilation and the Jewish Question

Zahavit Shalev

Tent Oy, if wet C2

Part cultural critique, part confessional, part celebration of all things hirsute – come and share your adventures in depilation with a friendly, and almost certainly hairy Jewish crowd. When and why did hairy chests go out of fashion? And what is it with Brazilians (you know which type I mean)? Hairlessness probably isn't great for the Jews so let's reclaim some hairy Jewish icons.

Monday Afternoon

Limmudfest – feedback and the future

Limmudfest Team

C3

Enjoyed yourself? Interested in volunteering for next year's team? Want to share comments and feedback on this year? Have some bright ideas about how Fest could grow? Micah Gold and David Hoffman will lead a discussion for anyone who's interested in how Fest can continue to grow from strength to strength, and especially anyone who is able to spare some time to make it happen.

Halleluya Israel (3 of 3)

Maurice Stone

Tent Sababa

Meet new feet and let your legs do the talking! The Halleluya Israel sessions are for people who would like to learn how to enter the fabulous world of Israeli dance. Enjoy the music reflecting different aspects of Israeli culture. No matter your age or dance floor prowess, try this unique approach to getting fit and having fun.