

Limmudfest08
Sunday



Sunday

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.

Sunday

Morning Sessions

09:30 – 11:00

Waking up the body, Waking up the Soul**Marc Soloway****Tikva Field**

How we wake up in the morning can define our whole day. Do we crawl out of bed and fumble our way to the nearest caffeine? Or do we strengthen ourselves like lions to serve the Creator? Birkot HaShachar, the Morning Blessings are a Talmudic, spiritual prescription for waking up with awareness. We will explore these blessings in a fresh way, including movement, meditation and singing, stretching our bodies and our souls. In case of wet weather this session will take place in C3.

Down and out in London and Manchester**Claire Nacamuli, Raphael Zarum, Hannah Weisfeld****S1**

How has one of the richest countries on the planet ended up with up to 250,000 failed asylum seekers living in abject poverty on its streets, unable or too scared to return home? Find out from Claire Nacamuli from JCORE, Hannah Weisfeld from the JCC and Raphi Zarum from LSJS how we've ended up in this situation, what you can do to help and whether we really do have an obligation as Jews to respond

Limmud: Get Involved

Elliott Goldstein

C5

Limmud's achievements are the "labour of love" of a dedicated and skilled army of volunteers. If you've enjoyed this event, why not consider becoming involved, and shaping the future of our organisation? We are currently recruiting for roles across the organisation. Come and find out more – no commitment required.

Tai Chi Class

Amir Greenstein

Ahava Field

The class will focus on the basics of correct movement, correct breathing, basic exercises and self defence techniques. We will be engaging in 'pushing hands', a unique tai chi exercise practised in pairs and looking into a Daoistic understanding of body and mind. In case of wet weather, this session will take place in Tent Sababa.

Your carbon footprint – uncovered!

Jess Gold

Kef Field

Everyone is talking about it. Your carbon footprint. But what do they mean? Come and find out about how much carbon you are responsible for and compare it with people from other countries around the world. We will explore why this is important to us as Jews and see how you can get your carbon use under control, before the government does it for you! This is a longer session that will run until 12:30.

Tzitzit? Why knot!

Paul Freedman

C1

After being nice to people, the rest is commentary (says Hillel). – Go study! In case you need a reminder, here's a chance to 'study' all the mitzvot with just four pieces of string. We'll have a quick look at some texts connected with those ritual knots that catch your eye, then tie our own rainbow tzitzit to take home. A beautiful reminder of your time at Limmudfest, oh and of the mitzvot of course!

Mosaic challah boards

Sally and Gary Webber

Art Tent

This popular session is here again. Make a mosaic challah board to keep forever. Designs can be suitable for Shabbat or any festival. This session is suitable for children aged 7+ and adults. Children between 7 – 10 must be accompanied by an adult. It is in fact a wonderful opportunity for a child and parent or grandparent etc. to work together.

Hear, I am – voice, presence and stillness

Alexander Massey

Tent Oy, if wet C2

An experiential session of meditation, breath, voice, chant, and reflection. No previous experience or special ability is necessary. It is the quality of our intention that matters. This is an invitation to connect, and be present, at whatever level is right for each of us.

Adapting the model and not getting lost in Translation (2 of 2)

Mariano Schlimovich, Elana Levi, Ofer Shamir,

Clive Lawton, Micah Gold

C4

Limmudfest started 5 years ago as the latest take on Conference – Limmud Galil was the first team to export the model, having had their first extremely successful Tiyul-Limmud in July 2008. What have they found in Fest that is relevant for their own community? Come and hear from some members of their team together with some Limmudfest volunteers which are the key ingredients that make of Fest an extremely successful recipe.

Jewish Immigration at the end of the twentieth century

Alla Kruglyak

The Sukkah, if wet C8

A vivid informal discussion on Jewish immigration at the end of 20th century. Whether through personal experience or via story-sharing, the goal of this session is to travel back in time reflecting together on immigration issues: struggles and achievements.

Sunday

Late Morning Sessions

11:15 – 12:30

The art and craft of loving your neighbour**Helena Miller****Art Tent**

This session will be both serious and great fun! It will be a practical art workshop which will take as its starting point some key texts that look at the Fest theme of “love your neighbour...”. After exploring the texts verbally, participants will have the opportunity to use a range of art media to create a visual response. No special talent or knowledge required – just a little imagination and a willingness to get involved.

Jews and Arabs in Israel: Creating a Different Paradigm**Vivian Silver****C1**

Israel is a country with an 80% Jewish majority and 20% Arab minority. While ostensibly there is no official discrimination, the reality on the ground is quite different. Can we create a better Israel without compromising principles critical to each group?

The Shel Silverstein Session of Silliness**JCC Tribute Troupe****Tent Sababa**

The all-singing, dancing and storytelling JCC Tribute Troupe bring to life the work of Shel Silverstein. Join Ilana Bendel, Jonny Berliner, Jen Charlton and Daniel Hart in a celebration of the late, great poet, songwriter, musician, composer, cartoonist, screenwriter and author of *The Giving Tree* and *The Unicorn*. For all who are children and all who are childish.

We Are the Stories We Tell – For Adults

Jewish Storytelling

CH2

Come explore the world of Jewish folk tales in a fun, fast paced storytelling workshop. Great for teachers, rabbis, parents, and anyone who wants to keep and hold the attention of a crowd (or just have a good time with us for a while!)

Deepen your contact to yourself – an introduction to working with meditation & the non-physical body

June Collier

C3

You will be given tools to help you come back to yourself when feeling blown away by events and have the experience of sensing the aura with your hands.

Bibliyoga® Lovefest: I'm Loving it

Marcus J Freed

S1

Our final 'fest Bibliyoga session will go out on a high. We'll explore the theme of Ahava (love) in the ancient writings and work through a physical sequence that will include heart-openers, heart-healers and heart warmers. We'll be joined by some special guests for a new addition to the classic Bibliyoga experience. Wear loose clothes, all levels welcome, first come first yoga'd.

Loving to Death: The erotic repentance of Elazer ben Durdaya

Raphael Zarum

C5

How low can you go and still make it back to God? Is it ever too late to change? We will learn the captivating Talmudic story of the man who wanted to satisfy his every desire, and the lesson he learnt at the very end. Real repentance isn't for the faint-hearted...

Song of Hope – Hatikva, the Moldovan way!

Lidya Zambilovici

Tent Vey, if wet C7

Did you know that the original music of the Hatikva was from a Moldovan folk song? In this fun session, we will learn about the origin of the tune and music of the Hatikva and also learn some Moldovan dances and songs.

Breaking the Silence- Introductions (1 of 3)

Yehuda Shaul

C4

A powerful visual presentation with pictures taken by soldiers serving in the Occupied Territories. Through these pictures, Yehuda will also tell us about his own army service and the work of Breaking the Silence.

Can the Jewish community really make a difference to world poverty?

Dan Berelowitz

Tent Oy, if wet C2

Today over 1 billion people live under the poverty line. Most of those are not able to guarantee regular meals for their children. Is it our responsibility as Jews to do anything about it? Does the Jewish community have a voice? Will anything that we do really make a difference to those 1 billion people?

Word for Word – Scrabble Schmabble Test your brain power

Simon Rosenstone

Ohel Ochel

An ideal opportunity to unwind and test your knowledge of Hebrew and English spelling and have a go at something you may not have tried before. Scrabble is an exercise for the brain and an opportunity to meet new people and relax

Any Questions on Philanthropy

Charles Keidan

C6

What is philanthropy? What role should philanthropy play in society? Is philanthropy a commitment to the common good motivated by a love of humanity? Or the pursuit of self-interest by other means? Who is the true philanthropist? Pears Foundation Director Charles Keidan explores the history, philosophy and ideology of philanthropy.

Off to a Good Heart: What's Love Got to Do With It

Ariella Levy

The Sukkah, if wet C8

What's inside of me will invariably come out. How to sand down my heart and build a 'Lev Tov', a heart of gold. Methodically working through such issues as criticism, judgmentalism and resentment-we will discover the art of lovingkindness through the eyes of the Torah. Making links to the holy Temple and incorporating Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav's teachings with an optional writing component.

Sunday

Lunch and Learn Sessions

12:45 – 14:15

Food For Thought: an introduction to Hazon's sourcebook on Jews, food and contemporary issues

Nigel Savage

C4

In 2004 Hazon launched the first Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in the American Jewish community. Today our food programs include 19 CSAs, an annual food conference, a blog (www.jcarrot.org), Challah for Hunger, and Food For Thought, a 120-page sourcebook. In this session I'll introduce Hazon's food work, give you a copy of Food For Thought, and provide suggestions to take this back to learn in your community.

Fleeing conflict: life with no family

Hannah Weisfeld, Abakar Hamid, Adam Teneh, Angela Gluck

C6

You may have heard the phrase unaccompanied minors or unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC). Abakar Hamid and Adam Teneh, two people who arrived in the UK as UASC will talk about why they left their homes in Darfur, how they arrived in the UK and the challenges they face as children with no families. Angela Gluck, founder of the Separated Child Foundation, will discuss how the organisation seeks to support people like Abakar and Adam.

The Hungry Caterpillar's Picnic Lunch

Eve Sacks, Rimona Weil

Meet at Helpdesk

So what did the Hungry Caterpillar eat for his lunch when he went to Israel? Come to our picnic lunch and learn session with your small children to retell this classic story and to learn some ivrit words.

The Foundations of Jewish Prayer: The Shema (3 of 4)

Chaim Weiner

Tent Vey, if wet C7

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 II: Mizrahim and Ashkenazim in Contemporary Israel (2 of 3)

David Newman

C1

The State of Israel was founded by Ashkenazi elites from Europe. The Mizrahi (Sephardi) population argue that they were no more than second class citizens. But the past two decades has witnessed Mizrahi empowerment in all sectors of society. Are we finally witnessing a true integration of the diverse population groups? How is this affected by the mass Russian immigration? And what role is played by the growing number of inter-ethnic marriages?

The State of the State of Israel @ 60

Adam Overlander-Kaye

Tent Oy, if wet C2

V'ahavta l'reicha k'mocha... love you neighbour as yourself... who are people's neighbours in Israel? Who makes up Israeli society? Does the 'average Israeli' exist?

Lazy Sunday Fest Collective

Daliah Sherrington, Linden Berelowitz,

Jonny Berliner, Dan Berelowitz

Tent Sababa

Chill out to some laid back yet funky grooves of Dan and Linden Berelowitz, Daliah, Jonny Berliner plus special surprise guests. Playing a mix of original creations and a few that you'll recognise.

Israel: Through the eyes of a child

Esty Namdar

S1

Presenting short Films from Tel Aviv University Film School, which use the point of view of a child protagonist to present complex social and political issues in Israeli society. Screening of the films: Roads by Lior Geller and Pinhas by Pini Tavger. Followed with Q&A and group discussion. Films contain some violence and bad language. Suitable for those aged 18 and above.

Reading Group: When We Were Bad by Charlotte Mendelson**Zahavit Shalev****C5**

Come and share your views on an Anglo-Jewish novel about “a big old family mess” – surely something we can all identify with.

The Tel Aviv Music Scene Today**The Apples****CH2**

In this session Zach Bar, Ofer Tal and Erez Todres from The Apples talk about the local Tel Aviv music scene; the music industry, underground artists, the contemporary Israeli music movement, the Revival of Groove in Israel, Tel Aviv venues and club nights, music production, promotion and documentation of what is happening in Tel Aviv these days on the music and club scene.

Sophie Hannah – A poetry reading**Sophie Hannah****C3**

Sophie Hannah’s poetry is poignant , punchy , painfully accurate about life , and often completely hilarious. Her first book was greeted with amazement. The Poetry Review declared , ‘Shall I put it in capitals? SOPHIE HANNAH IS A GENIUS.’ Each subsequent collection has been formally more inventive , thematically more complex , yet each has met with a similar welcome , and she has become that rare thing , an acclaimed and best-selling poet.

Sunday

Early Afternoon Sessions

14:30 – 15:45

Share Herzl's Journey**Bernard Zissman****C5**

Imagine you could meet Theodor Herzl, travel through time to the great capitals of Europe, witness the degradation of Dreyfus and be a 'fly on the wall' at the First Zionist Congress. Discuss Herzl's dream for a Jewish national home in Palestine and how he might produce the elusive peace Israel has sought for 60 years. Listen to Bernard Zissman as he shares extracts and views from his award nominated new book "Herzl's Journey".

A Jew, a Quaker and God**Jonathan Samuel, Catherine Brewer*****The Sukkah, if wet* C8**

Quakers are impressive at loving their neighbours: Quaker Ambulance units were among the first that went into the Concentration camps. The Quakers saved thousands of Jewish children from the Nazis. Quakers worship in silent meetings, have no creed, do not missionise and have had women ministers from the start. Together, Catherine (Quaker) and Jonathan (Jewish) hope to present a taste of their interfaith journeys and involve you in interactive discussion about prayer and worship.

Who is God anyway and how can I believe in Him/Her/It?**Shira Solomons****C3**

"Judaism is a load of mumbo-jumbo. How can I believe in, let alone pray to, one God, Creator of Heaven and Earth?" We explore the approach of the philosopher Moredechai Kaplan, whose radical approach to belief led many to brand him as an atheist, yet whose ideas are deeply religious and, if properly understood, can deepen the belief of those who already do believe as well as helping those who cannot.

Drawing for Observant Jews

Jacqueline Nicholls

Art Tent

Let's take time to look, really look, at this beautiful world. Using just pencil and paper we will slow down time and practice our ability to simply see. We will be drawing and learning Torah in the open air – please bring something comfy to sit on outside. Drawing materials will be provided and no previous drawing experience is required.

Defending Muslim Prisoners in Guantanamo Bay

Zachary Katznelson

S1

Zachary Katznelson, an American lawyer who has visited Guantanamo Bay ten times in the course of representing more than 30 prisoners, will provide an eye-witness description of Guantanamo and the men inside. He will also discuss what it is like to be a Jew defending Muslims suspected of terrorism. Zachary is Legal Director of the British legal action charity Reprieve.

Tell me Text: Torah in Modern Rock

Y Love

C4

Listen and learn as hiphop artist Y-LOVE teaches Kabbalistic and Scriptural concepts found in Zohar and other classical sources using only lyrics from System of a Down and other modern rock bands as source texts. Not to be missed!

Family Games

Limmudfest Team

Kef Field

Can the Levys beat the Cohens? Who is the fastest family on the block? Come and find out at this fun session for families.

I have a dream – Israel 120

**Raymond Simonson, Colin Shindler, Shlomit naor,
Smadar Levi, Yehuda Shaul, Vivian Silver, Anat Hoffman,
David Newman**
C6

In this panel we will look forwards not backwards. A varied panel of British and Israeli presenters will present their vision for Israel 120. Where will the Jewish state be in 2068?

Write Reaction to Friendship

Naomi Soetendorp
Tent Oy, if wet C2

We are going to do some deep thinking and a little light writing about friends. The friends we have and the friends we are. And the relationships we would want to create. No previous writing experience required.

I'm not there

Zahavit Shalev
Tent Vey, if wet C7

OK. You're here and so am I but where are the others? The ones in your mostly-but-not-exclusively Jewish circle of friends who you go to bars, gigs and festivals with? They wouldn't be caught dead at anything "Jewish" would they? Are they missing out, or do they know something the rest of us don't?

Los Tres in concert

Los Desterrados
Tikva Field

"Richly textured, vibrant, rhythmically complex and melodically compelling" Songlines Magazine

Since their debut at Conference 2000, Los Desterrados have delighted audiences with their exciting arrangements and performance of the Sephardic repertoire. With the imminent launch of their third album 'Miradores', Los Desterrados are gearing-up for a season of concerts, culminating in Limmud Conference December 2008. Three of the band members (Drew, Jean-Marc and Mark) will be appearing at fest as 'Los Tres'.

Is the future of photojournalism on the small screen?

Judah Passow

CH2

Judah Passow, renowned photographer of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been exploring new ways of delivering photojournalism in the age of New Media. His photographic essays go beyond the scope and ability of traditional newspapers and magazines in documenting and interpreting the turbulent history of our times. In this session he explores what the future of photojournalism holds.

Meet Sophie Hannah and Matt Rees

Sophie Hannah, Matt Rees

C1

Join award-winning thriller writers in a session curated by Jewish Book Week. Matt Rees and Sophie Hannah discuss two very different approaches to the genre. Based in Jerusalem, journalist turned novelist Matt Rees explores the complexities of Israeli and Palestinian societies. His books offer little-seen insights featuring sleuth Omar Yussef, 'not a detective but a seeker of truth and justice.' Sophie Hannah's thrillers zoom in on a more domestic setting, focusing on complicated human relationships.

Sunday

Late Afternoon Sessions

16:00 – 17:30

Honey from the Rock: Stories & Songs from the Jewish Tradition – For Adults

Jewish Storytelling

Tent Achla

Rollicking, touching, soulful, thought provoking, and often funny – Celebrate the warmth and richness of Jewish culture through folk tales and contemporary stories woven together with a musical thread (and amazing juggling feats!)

Torah on the Trail

Marc Soloway

Meet at Helpdesk

Join Marc for a short hike, accompanied by some teaching, talking and reflecting on our spiritual connection to the natural world and our environment. Bring water, good shoes and hat.

Festjam

Fest Music Team, Limmudfest Team

Tikva Field

Come and enjoy a leisurely musical Sunday afternoon – you are welcome to come and sing along, play an instrument, or just enjoy the ambience... songbooks provided, just add enthusiasm! In case of wet weather, this session will take place in Ohel Ohel.

JCC and Separated Child Foundation Packathon

Hannah Weisfeld, Angela Gluck

Tikva Field

Join the JCC and the Separated Child Foundation in creating Welcome Packs for unaccompanied asylum seeking children, who fleeing conflict, often arrive on the shores of the UK with not one single possession to their name. In case of wet weather, this session will take place in Ohel Ohel.

Stories About Neighbours

Joan Michelson

C3

We all have stories to tell. So this will be a directed workshop on telling and writing stories about neighbours. We will draw on stories we've read, stories we've heard, and on our own experience. Time for writing may be included in the session.

Between the Stones and the Hard Place

Anat Hoffman

CH2

Presenting the Struggle of “Women of the Wall”, a group of Israeli women, seeks the right for Jewish women to conduct prayer services, read from a Torah scroll while wearing prayer shawls, and sing out loud at the Western Wall- Judaism’s most sacred holy site. In 2006, the Supreme Court has ruled that it is illegal for women to pray out loud at the Western Wall, bring a Torah scroll there and don prayer shawls.

Tabun Pita

Ofer Shamir, Elana Levi

Art Tent

“Hinei ma tov u ma na’im – kemach, melach, ma’im”. As the song goes, we’ll sit together, taking flour, salt and water in a creative activity for families. We will use our hands to make bread, with the blessing “motzi lechem min ha’aretz” through story with the whole family, bake the pita in a natural oven and eat our feast in nature.

Let’s play... football!

Limmudfest Team

Kef Field

You know the rules, you know the game so come along and play! All ages and abilities welcomed. Come on your own or with friends and we will battle it out to find the Fest champions.

Letakeyn – Transforming Lives... Transforming Worlds: Ahavah (2 of 3)

Steve Miller

Tent Vey, if wet C7

How do we acknowledge and deepen our most important relationships, and build communities and networks that are enriching and inspiring? How do we connect and learn from the past, and from those living in other parts of the global village? This is 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.

Koliphone – The story of an Israeli record label

The Apples

C4

In this session Uri Wertheim and Ofer Tal from The Apples will introduce you to Koliphone, an independent record company that is owned by the Azoulay family from Jaffa. Koliphone has released thousands of records between the 1950's and the present day. The first records were of folk oriental artists that arrived in the new country from Arabic countries like Morocco & Egypt. During the 60's and 70's their sound was updated with drums, electric guitars and synthesizers, to create a unique oriental/funk/rock sound trademark that is dug by today's DJs and producers.

Tel Aviv – Inside Out

Esty Namdar

S1

Presenting short documentaries from Tel Aviv University Film School that bring a unique inside look at the social, cultural and political texture of the city of Tel Aviv and Israeli society in general.

Screening of the films:

Jaffawiye by Dan Deutsch

Bloomfield, or Childhood Memory by Eran Barak

For All to See by Galia Osmo

Followed with Q&A and group discussion. Films contain some violence and bad language. Suitable for those aged 18 and above.

Limmud International (1 of 2)

Elliott Goldstein, Andrew Gilbert

C6

Limmud usually is referred as the biggest export from British Jewry. The Limmud International family went from quiet beginnings 9 years ago in Australia and the Netherlands to over 40 Limmud groups in 21 countries in 5 different Continents doing Limmud in 11 different languages. To hear more and how it happened, to understand why and even to find out how you can contribute to this amazing chapter of the Limmud story... come along.

Jewish Craft Project**Ariella Levy, Natan Levy****Art Tent**

Craft Session for adults and children alike: mezuzah making for the crafty or not so crafty. Make your own besamim topiary, smelly, or should we say aromatic besamim flowers.

Sunday

Early Evening Sessions

18:00 – 19:30

Hidden Side of Peace: The Role of People-to-People Organizations in the Middle-East Conflict**Vivian Silver****C3**

Is there a role for non-governmental organizations to play in advancing peace in the Middle-East? In spite of the ongoing violent Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the stagnation of formal peace endeavors, should NGOs persist in their efforts? What are the challenges? What are the benefits?

Jen Charlton in Concert**Jen Charlton****Tikva Field**

Become enraptured by Canadian singer/songwriter Jen Charlton's original yet timeless songs. In case of wet weather, this session will take place in C6.

AkivaTheBeliever in Concert**AkivaTheBeliever****Tent Achla**

Experience the "soul and flying fingers" of a spiritual drummer. AkivaTheBeliever, famed master drummer, brings his special brand of drumming, singing and stories. His music is ecstatic, soulful, catchy and compelling, with rhythms from around the world. Bring a drum or just come prepared to clap and stomp. Or listen. Leave feeling nourished, entertained and spiritually uplifted.

Can you love your neighbour too much?

Zvi Solomons

C1

The Torah tells us that we are to love our neighbour as ourselves. Is this really feasible? What does it really mean and is it possible to go too far? In this session we shall investigate some texts and ask some difficult questions.

Suffering Servants! How to Deal with the Missionary at the Door

Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz

Art Tent

For centuries certain texts in the book of Isaiah have been used by (some) Christians to try to convert Jews. What are these texts and what is the Jewish perspective on them? We'll look at the texts themselves, classic Jewish commentaries, and Christian commentaries, and develop some skills that might prove useful next time your doorbell rings...

I'm in – are you?

Kevin Sefton

Tent Oy, if wet C2

What kind of Limmud volunteer are you?

This session will try to match the sort of person you are to the wide range of Limmud volunteer roles, and try to come up with some ideas of our own for new Limmud activities in the year to come. Got a suggestion? Kevin is saying 'I'm in'.

Simchah Dancing – Take the Oy Out of Dancing for Joy

Susan Marco

CH2

Ladies – have you ever seen the other women doing fancy dance steps at a wedding and wished you could join in? Gentlemen – do you get bored with dancing round in circles and wish you could dance like the women? Well, now's your chance to learn. Come and join us as we go through the steps to the most popular simchah dances.

“Aftershock” (2 of 3)

Yehuda Shaul

S1

Screening of the movie, “Aftershock”, telling the story of the impact of service in the Territories on their own lives after they were dismissed.

Hairplay

Hillel Athias-Robles, Avivit Katzil

Tent Vey, if wet C7

In this session we will be focusing on hair, its meanings and connotations. We will explore Jewish traditional texts and some anthropological studies on hair, taboos connected to its covering and grooming, gender issues surrounding it, etc. We will then have a creative play time when we will be using our hair, hair products, and hair accessories as a medium to express ourselves. Be as wild and crazy as you want! For men and women.

Human Rights versus Jewish Responsibility

Daniel Anderson

C5

In this interactive workshop, we will explore together the Jewish perspective on human rights, tikkun olam and ethical living in general, as well as ask, in this context, just what we as individuals can do to help make the world around us, well, a jolly nice place to be. Health Warning – this session could seriously change your life!

“How Much Evil Can We Swallow?” – An Israeli Author; One Hundred and Twenty Car Bumper Stickers; a Hip-Hop Band; and the Politics of Protest

Raymond Simonson

C4

Israeli author David Grossman spent much of 1995-1996 jotting down 120 examples of Israeli bumper stickers – that unique Israeli expression of political opinion. A decade later Grossman turned these slogans into the lyrics of one of the biggest-selling Israeli records of the new millennium; “Shir Ha Sticker” by Israeli Hip-Hop outfit, Hadag Nachash. Come and explore the lyrics, the video and the slogans as we delve into the Israeli art of making a statement.

21st-century slavery: seeking a Jewish response

Leonora Samuel

***The Sukkah, if wet* C8**

We can define slavery as working for zero pay, under threat of violence and unable to escape the situation. If we go by this definition, slavery is still present across the world, albeit modernised. Some 27 million people are enslaved in places as disparate as Asia, the UK and the USA. Participants will start by learning where and how people are becoming enslaved, and we will study some relevant Jewish texts.

Sunday

Evening Sessions

19:45 – 21:15

Smadar Levi in Concert

Smadar Levi, Los Desterrados

Tent Sababa

Come and enjoy the vocal stylings of stunning vocalist Smadar Levi, backed by three members from leading Sephardi music band Los Desterrados, as they present a range of Ladino music from throughout the centuries.

Healing in Judaism

Paul Silk

C3

Research seems to suggest religious people spend less time in hospital, meanwhile so many Jews look east for healing that India puts up signs in Ivrit. This session intends to explore the Jewish understanding of health, illness and healing using text and participation. No level of health, understanding or belief is required!

You and planet earth: what next?

Nigel Savage

C4

We'll look at some of Jewish tradition's resources in regard to contemporary environmentalism; and I'll talk about developments in the American Jewish community and in Israel. The heart of this session will be about brainstorming next steps for the British Jewish community in the relationship between Jewish life and planet earth. How do you relate to the physical world around us, and how would you like that relationship to evolve in the coming year?

Angel Walk

Avivit Katzil, Amir Greenstein

Ahava Field

Today's society teaches us to be wary of simple human contact and often eye-contact, smiling and hugging are misunderstood as unwanted sexual contact so we distance ourselves from those around us. An 'Angel Walk' is a spiritual space and healing tool, which allows us to give and receive human touch in a safe and loving environment, relinquish our fears and allow our 'inner angels' to communicate with each other through the pure act of touch.

Halleluya Israel (1 of 3)

Maurice Stone

CH2

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.

The Dark Knight Dilemma: What if the Rabbis Ran Hollywood?

Natan Levy

S1

From 'Batman' to 'Saw', movies often confront us with morally difficult questions on a most visceral level. But what if Hollywood scripts were written by Rabbis, would the characters make the same decisions? Join us as we look at clips of moral dilemmas on the big screen, and ask what would the Torah do?

Sunday

Nightfest

21:30 – 23:00

The Apples in Concert

The Apples

Tent Sababa

The Apples bring their explosive live sound to Fest – big band jazz funk meets beats and samples – get ready to party until late.

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23:00 – 00:30

The Apples – DJing into the night

The Apples

Tent Sababa

The Apples keep the party going with a DJ set heading into the night and all the way to tomorrow!

Sunday

Nightfest

00:30 – 03:00

MAUDY – CHAI

Mark Greenfield

Tent Sababa

Music to kanoodle, cavort and Kanaidle to! Let your hair down and tear your hair out, to a wide selection of soulful tunes... With some special guests; not forgetting late night cereal, The Fake Dance Circle... and much much more.