


Limmudfest07


Monday


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Art Tent

How can lots of children who know Old MacDonald and enjoy sticking shapes and cutting paper and card be in Derbyshire, surrounded by cows and sheep and (hopefully) lots of art supplies and not have a session about farm animals, I thought?!? This is for all two-four year olds! Come with a parent, grandparent or other adult to the Art Tent. You will be able to chose from a selection of farm animals to create and collage, and plant some seeds/plants to take away. We will sing some favourite farm songs and perhaps read a story. Lets have fun! Don't wear your best clothes-you may get a bit messy. Suitable for children aged 2-4. (Max 15 children plus minders)

Monday 09:30-11:00**What if they save the world without us?****Julian Sinclair**
C1

Global warming is undoubtedly the most urgent environmental, ethical and spiritual challenge of our time. Even George Bush now thinks it's a problem. Jews are 0.13% of the earth's population. Trading in our SUVs won't make the crucial difference. What is the unique Jewish contribution to the spiritual ecology of saving the planet?

The Parable of the Matronna**Esther Lapian**
C5

Parables operate surreptitiously... expressing allusive messages through indirect means. It uses ambiguity intentionally.' In this session, we will read a fascinating and beautifully crafted Rabbinic parable that explores the bounds of human faith, particularly in the face of great suffering. Via the parable, the Rabbis are able, almost surreptitiously, to present a radical departure from traditional belief. Keeping this in mind, we will try to 'crack the code' of this very allusive and ambiguous parable.

Poetry-in-motion (3 of 3)**Suzanne Cohen****C6**

Do you like Charlie & Lola? Do you feast on South Park? Want to be part of making a Limmudfest animated film?

Together we'll write a group poem on the Limmudfest theme of Freedom and then we'll bring it to life, using cut out animated sequences.

The animations will be edited together into a short film, which will be put up on the Limmudfest website after the festival. (Max 6 adults only)

Writing the Spirit (3 of 3)**Ariel Kahn****C7**

A series of three creative writing workshops, Utilising a range of writing activities, involving individual and group work in which we will apply Biblical and literary texts to our own spiritual and creative journeys. For the Shabbat session, we will explore the connection between prayer and poetry, as a means to making our own prayers more creative and fulfilling. (Max 20 participants)

Scaravelli-inspired yoga**Ruth Tovim****C8**

Vanda Scaravelli taught ways of bringing more awareness to what is happening inside us as we practice, encouraging the body to unravel and expand into yoga positions from within rather than having to push or pull it into a pose. This class will be offered in that spirit. Suitable for all levels of experience

Limmud Today, Limmud Tomorrow**Elliot Goldstein****C9**

Limmud has grown to be one of the most exciting organisations in British and, indeed, world Jewry. What is next? How will Limmud remain at the cutting edge? Hear an update on Limmud today; share your views and input into the future of Limmud. This is your chance to have a say!

Belly Dance (3 of 3)**Deborah Rosenberg****CH1**

Participants will be introduced to the basic belly dance moves, and we will all dance to some great Middle Eastern music. The Song of Solomon refers, in some interpretations, to dancing hips so you will be able to get in touch with our ancient middle eastern roots.

Same Sex Marriages – who's doing them, who's not, and who should be?**Greg Alexander****Tent Oy (C2 if wet)**

In December 2006, South Africa became the fifth country in the world to grant same-sex couples the same status and rights as heterosexual marriage partners. In May this year, the Progressive movement gave its rabbis the go-ahead to perform same sex marriages. What are the background to and implications of this decision? All views welcome, Greg will give his, you are invited to share yours.

The Jewish Confederates

Andy Finkel

S1

How could Jews, who celebrate freedom from slavery every week on Shabbat and every year at Pesach, support a nation which was fighting to preserve the institution of slavery in the mid-19th century? The vast majority of Jews who lived in the Confederate States in America were loyal to the Confederacy. This session will examine the reasons for this paradox, and will also look at the lives of a variety of Jewish Confederates in the historical context of the times as well as a look at the Bible's views on slavery, as understood by Jews on both sides of the conflict in the American Civil War. The session will be spiced with interesting anecdotes about the people and events of the 1860s. This will be a 'Bitzer' session – bitzer history, bitzer religion and politics, and some entertaining stories.

Living as a Sudanese refugee in Israel – voices from the field

Anat Ben Dor

Tent Vey (C3 if wet)

In this session we will provide testimonies given by Sudanese refugees of their every-day life in Israel. What did they expect when they came? What happened to them? How do they see their future? We will examine the response of the civil society and the private business sector, which identified the refugees as potential source of cheap labour. While their fate continues to be unknown, more refugees arrive every day. How should the Government respond to this challenge (This session is a continuation of the "Refugees or enemies" session).

Monday 09:30-12:45

Deep Water

Jonny Persey

CH2



DEEP WATER is the stunning true story of the fateful voyage of Donald Crowhurst, an amateur yachtsman who enters the most daring nautical challenge ever – the very first solo, non-stop, round-the-world boat race. The film was released to wide critical acclaim in December 2006. Deep Water tells a story which is at once true, and at the same time mythic, a tragedy whose drama transcends all of our experiences, but whose journey we all go through on some level. It is the journey of a person who over commits to his own ambition, and becomes trapped by that. He makes a series of bad decisions, motivated by loyalty to his family and to those he loved. Alone at sea, and stripped of every reference point – the people he loves, his society, his value system, he asks himself the big questions that we all ask ourselves at moments of crisis, philosophical, poetic, mystical questions, and his answers are increasingly detached from the everyday world of those on land. In the follow on session from the film, the panel will look at those questions and Crowhursts answers from a Jewish perspective.

Monday 11:15 – 12:45

It's in the mail!

Meirav Kallush

Art Tent

Do you remember those lovely, glittery Rosh Hashanah cards that we used to get as kids before the days of mobile phones, e-mails and SMS? What fun to get a real life card in an envelope, giving a sense of newness and excitement! Join us for this session where we will recapture the magic of the past and create our own personalised Rosh Hashana cards to send to family and friends.

Effortlessly reaching your goals – 3 Reaching goals beyond our expectations (3 of 3)

Nick Krasner

C1

We all have goals we want to achieve. Some seem so big, our past experience suggests we will never reach them. Yet some people do and it can appear to be effortless. It is almost that we are programmed to succeed or not from an early age. Naturally we should be able to reach higher goals, so what is stopping us? We look into the strategies of the successful and in how to train the mind to effortlessly get what we want to, be it business, health or relationships. Each course follows on from the from the last one. Building up the understanding of the mind and how to control it. 1. We are what we think; 2. How to goal set; 3. Reaching goals beyond our expectation.

The Ten Commandments (3 of 3)

Clive Lawton

C5

Apparently we were given our freedom so we could be given more rules! Interestingly, Jews and Christians don't share the same 10 Commandments. What can we learn from the differences, and anyway are these the most important commandments, for Jews, for humanity, for civilisation? We'll attempt to debunk them through discussion, debate, and of course, Clive telling you the answer at the end. 3 sessions, 3.333 commandments each session, a joy to the mathematically inclined. What kind of freedom does all this amount to and what's the difference between the Land of Egypt and the House of Bondage?

An Ideal Threat: Exploring Revelation on Mount Sinai

Natan Levy

C6

What is revelation? What happened on Mount Sinai? What kind of book is the Torah? For these questions the Rabbis gave us midrash (stories), but these stories are themselves a challenge of understanding. Together we will grapple with revelation, and the midrash that surrounds it. We will be learning in chavruta mode (one to one interaction) guided by the primary texts, so come ready to engage and express in a passionate sort of way.

Building Sustainable Communities – Session three; Putting it into Practice (3 of 3)

Steve Miller

C7

Sustainable communities are places where people and planet can survive and thrive. A simple enough destination yet we sometimes seem to be hurtling in the opposite direction. OK, what, actually does "Sustainable Communities" mean? Drawing from sources including United Nations summits, UK policy initiatives, community empowerment and human rights activists, and the Earth Charter we will explore the meaning of sustainable development and community development – and see if we can fuse these ideas into a holistic picture that makes sense. Can be taken as a series or as separate sessions.

Freedom of the Soul (3 of 3)

Raphael Zarum

C8

Why was Rabbi Akiva grinning when he died? And why did he think he was a fish? We will look at two remarkable Talmudic texts about the astonishing life of this great Talmudic Sage. This will lead to a particular perspective about the nature of being Jewish and how free we are to ignore it

When Words create a World (2 of 2)

Shlomit Naor
Tent Oy (C2 if wet)

In this course you will have the unique opportunity to engage with a Jewish text, and to create your own 'midrash' your own understanding, commentary or teachings, in the form of legal, exegetical or commentaries on Bible. In each session we will study together a specific theme , and through creative writing exercises develop our own new *midrash*.

Treif Tomatoes? The Ethics and Halacha of Genetic Engineering.

Noam Dolgin
S1

Would you eat a tomato you knew had pig genes in it? How about human or fly genes? You may be doing that already and don't know it. Genetically engineered foods have crept their way onto our shopping market shelves. In this session we will explore the Jewish ethical and legal questions surrounding the genetic engineering of food (pro and con), and help forward a Jewish response to this timely issue.

Jewish ethical food shopping – food for thought

Claire Walford
Tent Vey (C3 if wet)



Ethical food shopping! Should we only buy seasonal local produce reducing food miles or should we support the third world farmer by buying fair-trade green beans and peas from Kenya? Maimonides identified eight levels of Tzedaka (Charity), or doing justice. The highest level of charity is to give money and help to prevent another person from becoming poor. For example, teaching a person a trade, finding them a job, lending money, teaching them to fish. Does this include supporting the Kenyan farmer? Come and discuss your views and learn more about this hot topic. (Max 30 participants)

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Sliding Flora Director:
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Limmudfest Film Club
CH2



Flora is waiting in a coffee shop that requires complex acrobatic skills. She is finding it hard to cope but she still has her dramatic talent. – This film only lasts 12 minutes so why not end your Limmudfest07 experience by watching it?