



December 4, 2016
4 Kislev 5777

Welcome to **LimmudBoston 2016**. We are thrilled you have joined our growing learning community by attending today's conference. Your participation is what makes LimmudBoston so special!

We are excited to be in our new space at **Temple Reyim** and **Mayyim Hayyim**. We thank Rabbi Dan Berman, Temple Reyim member David Stollar, who has served as our Temple Reyim liaison, and Mayyim Hayyim's Lisa Berman, for their welcoming ways.

Follow your passion! Explore something new today...

- **Find “encores” under Session Descriptions** for concrete ways to continue exploring today's many and varied topics.
- Join us for the **Musical Finale in the lobby at 4:45!**
- **Volunticipate!** Go to the Registration Desk to **discover how you can help us today!**
- **Bid early! Bid often!** in the **Silent Auction!**
- **Visit our Exhibitors!**
- Purchase books and music and storytelling CDs from our presenters at the **Lunchtime Author Tables.**

A special thanks for the hard work of the following very special people...

- **Program, Volunteer, Site & Signage, Performance** and other **Volunteer Teams.**
- Our **presenters, volunteers and many community partners.**
- The **JCC Early Learning Center** for coordinating **Camp Limmud**
- **Keshet Newton** for use of their space and materials.
- And a special thank you to LimmudBoston's **Board of Directors and Advisory Team.**

Help us plan next year's conference! Sign up for tomorrow night's dinner debrief that will take place here, at Temple Reyim.

Register before December 31 for the very lowest conference rate for next year's LimmudBoston on **Sunday, December 3, 2017.**

Here's to a day filled with inspiration and fabulous learning!

Steffi Aronson Karp
Founder and Director

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Our Mission Statement:

LimmudBoston is both the annual, volunteer-driven conference celebrating Jewish life *and* the resulting collaborative community that our events inspire.

Limmud International Core Values:

Learning | Expanding Jewish Horizons | Enabling Connections | Participation | Empowerment Diversity | Community and Mutual Responsibility | Respect | Arguments for the Sake of Heaven | Religious Observance

LimmudBoston honors the core values of Limmud International. We celebrate learning, diversity and community involvement.

We honor tradition and explore expanding our Jewish horizon. We value all members of the community. We foster connections and encourage participation.

Core Value: Learning

- Everyone should be a student and anyone can be a teacher. Learning embraces personal development, knowledge and skills.
- Learning changes people, inspires action and opens new worlds.
- We encourage the creation of a learning environment in which people are able to reflect and grow.
- There are many inspirations that can offer opportunities for learning.

Core Value: Enabling Connections

- We aim to create opportunities for communities and individuals to connect.
- We recognize the strength of providing a space where spiritual, emotional and intellectual connections are made.

Core Value: Participation

- Volunteerism is a key feature of almost everything we do.
- We are all responsible for each other and for the communities we create – everyone has an important contribution to make.
- We encourage participants to take an active part in all we do.

Core Value: Respect

- No-one is more important than anyone else.
- We expect all participants to be respectful of one another, and to recognize that all volunteers are also participants.
- Personal attacks are not acceptable in any Limmud context, especially within sessions at events.

Core Value: Empowerment

- We inspire people to be ambitious about their contribution.
- We challenge people, and trust them to rise to that challenge.
- We see the potential of individuals and communities, and support their development.
- We empower people to make choices and provide the information they need to inform those choices (including in the biographies which we ask presenters to provide).

Core Value: Expanding Jewish Horizons

- We strive to create individual, collective and communal experiences, through which we strengthen and develop our Jewish identity.

Core Value: Diversity

- We value the rich diversity among Jews, and so we seek to create cross-communal and intergenerational experiences.
- We value accessibility, and aim to be accessible to all.
- We value choice in form, content and style in our programs.
- We encourage people not to stereotype others.

Core Value: Community and Mutual Responsibility

- Limmud is a community of learning.
- We can achieve more together than we can individually.
- We gain from, and should give something back to, the Jewish and wider community.

Core Value: Arguments for the Sake of Heaven

- We recognize and appreciate that ‘arguments for the sake of heaven’ can make a positive contribution to furthering our education and understanding.
- We do not participate in legitimizing or de-legitimizing any religious or political position found in the worldwide Jewish community. Anyone coming to Limmud seeking opportunities for this will not find them. We have no part to play in the debates between/across denominations.
- Sessions which encourage vigorous debate are entirely acceptable but we will seek to avoid religious or political conflict. Sessions should be educational, and not polemical.

Core Value: Religious Observance

- We seek to create an inclusive environment for all participants whatever their religious observance practices.
- We believe in the importance of enabling Shabbat and kashrut to be kept in all public areas as far as possible, so that Jews do not have to separate themselves one from another.
- We recognize that in private areas, people will behave as they wish.
- We ask that in matters of Shabbat and kashrut all participants behave in a way which is respectful of the religious observance of others.

**No matter where you are on the spectrum of Jewish living,
there is more to learn and more to do at LimmudBoston.**

LimmudBoston 2016 Volunticipants

You are the model of volunticipation! Whether in meetings, phone calls, emails, tweets, Facebook buddies or just over dinner, your ideas and energy and creativity and suggestions and hard work make this day!



Sheila Berenson, Nancy Aronson, Lisa Berman, Garrison Corbin, Arnie Davidson, Wendy Feldman, Leslie Fishman, Bonnie Greenberg, Naomi Gurt Lind, Bill Hamilton, Ken Hausman, Van Lanckton, Marcy Lidman, Ed Lidman, Wendy Liebow, Joel Match, Barbara Miller, Arnie Miller, Bill Novak, Paula Spies, Marcia Plumb, Marcia Plumb, Larry Saloman, Jane Silberberg, Sharon Solomon, Paula Spies, Emma Stitcher, David Stollar, Benny Summer, Terri Swartz Russell, Alan Teperow, Rona Trachtenberg, Shawn Wald, Pam Weil, Jordan Weil, Julie Wolkoff.

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- **Temple Reyim** for welcoming LimmudBoston into your community
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- **Meri Bond Photography**
- **Keshet Newton, Suzuki Preschool of Newton** for Camp Limmud space & sharing your toys!



Eric Karp and all the other volunticipant spice.

We thank you for your generosity and patience!

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LimmudBoston 2016 General Information

Please remember that LimmudBoston is a volunteer-driven organization.

Ask Me:

- There are **volunteers** around the building wearing **LimmudBoston t-shirts**. Please ask them for assistance with any questions you have, and they'll do the best to meet your needs.
- The **Help Desk** is in the lobby for emergencies, first aid, lost & found and other helpful information.

Name Tags: For your security, **wear your name badge at ALL times.**

Lunch:

- If you ordered a kosher lunch on-line before the conference, lunch sticker is on your name tag.
- A limited number of **lunches are available for purchase** today at the Walk-In Registration Table
- Yes! You may eat or drink in classrooms. (*Please do not take any food into the Sanctuary.*)
- **We are a volunteer-driven conference! Kindly 'stash the trash'!!!**

Kashrut: Temple Reyim has a strictly kosher building. Please honor their policy. Do not bring any food into this building.

Accessibility: This is an accessible building with ramps for those who require them. Look around. Offer to assist!

Volunteering: We can always use more help! Please pitch in! Check out list posted at the Registration Desk in the lobby. Join us as a volunticipant for LimmudBoston 2017.

Apologies in advance: We apologize for any errors or typos in this program.

End of Day Cleanup: At Limmud conferences everywhere, participants clean up after themselves. Join us at the end of the day to help make sure that we leave Temple Reyim in the same beautiful shape that we found it.

Emergencies:

- There is a first aid kit in the lobby at the Help Desk for minor scrapes & bruises.
- In the event of an emergency, call 911. Be prepared to state the nature of the problem (medical, fire, etc.) and give your location. Also notify a LimmudBoston volunteer at the Registration or Help Desk. In the event of a medical emergency, Newton-Wellesley Hospital is just down the road.



Cultivate Limmuditude!!

Join a volunticipant team for next year's LimmudBoston:
Sunday, December 3, 2017



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Dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to congratulate you on Limmud Boston 2016. I am sure the event will build on the success of past years. We look forward to hearing all about it.

2016 represents the 36th year of Limmud's existence and its growth around the world has been astounding. Limmud's unique model of volunteer-led, cross-communal, multi-generational and transformational Jewish experiences is now truly global. There are now 83 Limmud groups in 43 countries round the world, and in 2015 there were 66 Limmud events run by 3,000 volunteers with 33,000 participants. These events are all inspired and supported by Limmud International and you can find out more at www.limmudinternational.org. Limmud is now truly a global community and we encourage you to attend Limmud events in other parts of the world if you are able to.

Limmud seeks to take every individual who attends our events one step further on their Jewish journey. Each individual will have a different Jewish journey yet I have no doubt that given the excellent and diverse programme that has been developed, Limmud Boston will achieve this goal. I would like to extend my congratulations to the wonderful team who have put so much effort into creating this event and Limmud community and I wish you every success.

David Bilchitz
Chair Limmud International,

December 2016



Shalom!

CJP is delighted to be a sponsor of LimmudBoston, and to be part of this vibrant Jewish learning experience! The Jewish Learning and Engagement Commission at CJP connects people to Jewish life, learning, and community. We do this by employing strategies that increase excellence and innovation, lower barriers to participation, and create a sense of community and social networks.

We hope that you will join us not only at today's LimmudBoston sessions, but also at the programs that CJP supports throughout the year. In adult learning, we are proud to offer *Me'ah* (100 hours of adult Jewish learning), *Me'ah Select* (one semester courses), *Me'ah Online*, Parenting Through a Jewish Lens, Genesis Forum (this year in three different locations), our new Open Circles Learning, and *Eser* for young adults. CJP also supports a wide range of Jewish opportunities for children and teens and their families, including overnight camping, day schools and our work to transform and innovate in supplementary schools through Jewish Learning Connections.

We are excited to welcome many teachers and educators from across the Greater Boston area to participate in all that LimmudBoston offers. Their involvement in both offering and attending sessions is a testament to the value of Jewish education in our community.

We wish everyone a wonderful day of learning, growth, and exploration!

Barry Shrage
President,
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Jewish Learning and Engagement

Julie Vanek
Director, Jewish
Learning Connections

December 2016

Dear Limmud Participants,

On behalf of Hebrew College, I am honored and pleased to welcome you to the seventh annual LimmudBoston. LimmudBoston has become an exciting destination for Jewish learning and has created diverse opportunities that foster intellectual and spiritual growth.

My own experience teaching at LimmudBoston and the experiences of my colleagues have reinforced for me the meaning of this unique forum for Jewish study and engagement. The enthusiasm and thoughtfulness of the participants is inspiring and signals great hope for the Jewish future.

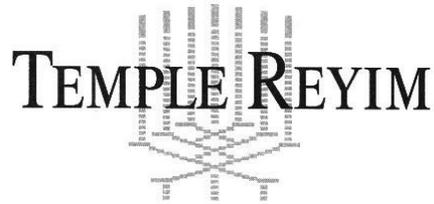
Hebrew College has been a partner with LimmudBoston from its inception. Steffi Aronson Karp, who also serves on Hebrew College's Leadership Council, has shared her passion and vision with the entire community. Hebrew College is proud that our faculty, students and alumni learn and teach at LimmudBoston every year.

It is my sincere hope that LimmudBoston will whet your appetite for further Jewish study. Throughout the year, Hebrew College offers a variety of exciting adult education programs and graduate studies that can deepen your Jewish learning. We have launched new classes and public events this year which will engage your mind and soul. Please visit our website at www.hebrewcollege.edu to learn more. May your Jewish study go from strength to strength.

B'vracha - with blessings,



Rabbi Daniel Lehmann
President



Rabbi Daniel Berman
ומרב לאינד ברה

December 4, 2016

Dear Friends

I am honored and delighted to welcome you to Temple Reyim for the seventh annual LimmudBoston. When Steffi Aronson Karp first raised the idea of partnering with Reyim to bring LimmudBoston here, we were thrilled. The serious, innovative, wise and inclusive qualities of this extraordinary day of learning are what we all aspire to bring to our own communities. The experiences of both teachers and participants at LimmudBoston have been wonderful, and I'm delighted to offer a session this year as well. According to our ancient rabbinic sources, Talmud Torah, meaning lifelong learning, is our most profound mitzvah; it connects us to our religious roots while helping us imagine a strong, spiritually uplifting and vital Jewish future.

We hope you enjoy this wonderful day and you feel at home here. Temple Reyim is a community of close friends who pray and learn together, seek to positively impact the broader community, and are present for each other at the most important moments in our lives. We are a traditional egalitarian, inclusive and spiritually-focused congregation that nurtures the mind and engages the soul. We invite you to join us anytime, for programs, Shabbat and holiday services, our special Beit Midrash scholarship series, and many other opportunities to grow and strengthen our Jewish, spiritual lives. You are always welcome here.

May you be inspired to a lifetime of joyful and passionate learning.

Warmly,

Rabbi Daniel Berman

Lori Sidman
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Vice Chair
Governing Board

Mark Sokoll
President/CEO

Dear Friends,

Welcome to LimmudBoston2016! The JCC of Greater Boston is excited to be part of this day of interactive Jewish learning and culture as we come together in education, in doing, and in unity.

As you move through your day, I'm proud to share that the JCC is supporting LimmudBoston by running Camp Limmud, managed by two of our experienced professionals from the JCC Early Learning Centers. Our new after school enrichment program Discovery Club is offering experiential workshops for both adults and children and I welcome you to join me at my workshop "What a Long Strange (Jewish) Trip it's Been," where I'll look at Talmudic text, Grateful Dead lyrics, contemporary wisdom and other sources to learn about what Jewish identity looks like in 2016.

I hope you not only join us in our sessions today, but also at our wide array of programs offered through the 98 communities we serve across Greater Boston. Pick up a PJ Library subscription, explore our three summer camp offerings or engage in meaningful conversation through our Hot Buttons Cool Conversations program.

Here at the JCC, we continue on our journey to create a space where our community will connect, engage, learn, grow and dwell together for generations to come. I look forward to welcoming you to the inclusive, non-judgmental tent we call the JCC.

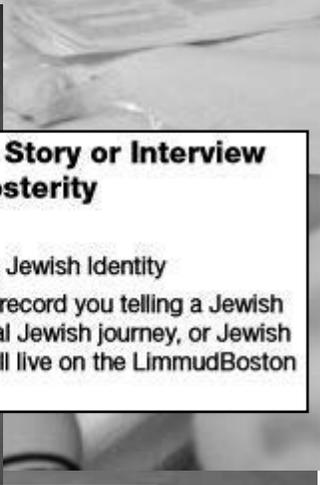


Mark Sokoll
President and CEO

Camp Limmud is presented by the Early Learning Center of the JCC of Greater Boston



Some of the many activities at Camp Limmud today include:

<p>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Room 114</p> <p>Yoga for Families Ellen Allard <i>Subject Area:</i> Family Program</p> <p>Kidding Around Yoga, and its Jewish counterpart Yoga Yeladim, are the ultimate fusion of Jewish learning, body awareness, and spiritual understanding all rolled up into a Yoga mat. It provides teachers a tool to incorporate Yoga and meditation with a Jewish curriculum. Whether you practice Yoga daily or simply like wearing Yoga pants, this session is for you! No previous knowledge of Yoga is necessary to successfully use this program. Children and parents learn the poses, breathing practices, moral behavior, how to meditate, and so much more through this unique and high energy class.</p> <p>Encore: www.EllenAllard.com</p>	 <p>Chai Alive! Record Your Story or Interview A Family Member for Posterity Ken Hausman <i>Subject Area:</i> Chai Alive! Videos, Jewish Identity</p> <p>Videographer Ken Hausman will record you telling a Jewish memory about your own personal Jewish journey, or Jewish memory. Chai Alive! moments will live on the LimmudBoston website.</p> 	
	<p>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Room 114</p> <p>Does God Have Ears That Really Work? Talking about God with Your Young Children Ma'ayan Sands <i>Subject Area:</i> Family Program, Spirituality & Prayer</p> <p>Talking about God can be very challenging-especially in our role as parents, because adults often don't know what or whether they believe. Ma'ayan Sands will read her book "Does God Have Ears That Really Work?" and facilitate a multi-generational, supportive discussion about God. Having answers is neither necessary nor important. Being curious, open-minded, and willing to engage in discussion will help parents develop enduring tools for challenging discussions with their children, and even their peers. For parents and their young children (4-8 years).</p> <p>Encore: <i>Does God Have Ears That Really Work</i> by Ma'ayan Sands</p>	

*Thank you to Keshet Newton and the Suzuki Preschool
 for sharing their toys & spaces.*

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Through brainstorming, advising, outreach, and evaluation, the Advisory Team helps LimmudBoston's Board and volunteers meet our challenges and envision our future.

LIMMUDBOSTON SESSIONS

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9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

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Lobby 1

A History of Hebrew Typography

Ari Davidow

Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Education; Jewish Identity; Spirituality & Prayer; Holidays & Life Cycle

We picked up modern Hebrew script and shapes in Babylon. The first Hebrew books came from the Soncino family in Italy. Learn how to set Hebrew on your computer without special software so that your printouts are readable and aesthetically pleasing.

Encore: Yardeni, Ada, *The Book of Hebrew Script*.
Posner, Raphael & Ta-Shema, Israel, *The Hebrew Book: An Historical Survey* Oded Ezer website: www.odedezer.com

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 104

Aligning Jewish Values and Care Preferences as We Age

Amy Goodman

Subject Area: Food & Science, Health, Jewish Identity

Learn how to get your medical team to understand and respect your medical decisions based on your personal, religious and Jewish spiritual values when taking charge of end of life issues.

Encore: That You May Live Long, So That Your Values Live On, Deathbed Wisdom of the Hasidic Masters

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 101

Ashrei - Happy: What Does It Really Mean?

Aliza Arzt

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Education

Ashrei means "happy" and is the first word in the morning/afternoon prayers as well as in other parts of the Bible. Investigate what being "happy" means in the Torah and in our own lives.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

4 Main Street

Chai Alive! Record Your Story or Interview A Family Member for Posterity

Ken Hausman

Subject Area: Chai Alive! Videos, Jewish Identity

Videographer Ken Hausman will record you telling a Jewish memory about your own personal Jewish journey, or Jewish memory. Chai Alive! moments will live on the LimmudBoston website.

Encore: www.HHHVideo.com

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 102

How to Change the World According to the Sublime Thought of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

Jeremy Bruce

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Spirituality & Prayer

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov is one of the most enigmatic Jewish thinkers of all time. He has been compared to both Freud and Kafka and remains immensely influential today. Explore one of his most famous teachings - the incredible power of change inherent in each of us.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 105

Making Sense of Kabbalat Shabbat

Yossi Pollak

Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer, Text & Thought

Jump-start your Kabbalat Shabbat experience and "feel" more by learning the meaning to the words of the melodies, which can help you connect to G-d, the world, others and enhance your neshoma (soul).

Encore: Holistic Prayer by Rabbi Avi Weiss Koren Ani Tefilla Shabbat Siddur

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 109

Paper Cutting: An Art Making Session

Laura Mandel

Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Jewish Identity

Participants 13 years and older will create a simple paper cut, an art form shared by Jewish and Chinese cultures, while discussing its rich history. All materials, including exacto blade, will be provided.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 112

Reiki, Jewish Thought, and Refuah Shlemah

Elise Brenner

Subject Area: Food & Science, Health, Meditation, Movement, Music-making

In the Misheberach, we ask for "healing of spirit, healing of body." Reiki, a healing and meditation practice from Japan, allows us to reach toward shleimut/wholeness in all levels of our being. We will learn about the intersection of Reiki practice and Jewish teachings with both a demonstration and hands-on experience.

Encore: www.BrennerReikiHealing.org

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Lobby

Silent Auction

Subject Area: Shopping!

Shop for your friends and family while supporting LimmudBoston! Silent Auction sheets are in the main lobby. Bid early and often! Visit our Exhibitors, too!

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

5 Main Street

The History and Meaning of Jewish Memory

Daniel Berman

Subject Area: History, Text & Thought, Jewish Identity

Using the lens of Professor Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi's 1982 book, *Zachor*, we will reflect on the existence of Jewish history and spiritual communal consciousness.

Encore: *Zachor* by Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 106

The Only Thing Greek About Me is My Name: A Jewish Storyteller's Insights Into the Past

Thea Iberall

Subject Area: Performance, Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity

Learn why Storyteller Thea Iberall spent Yom Kippur on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the Pope's visit. She will bring her 102-year-old mother to life and entertain you with stories that have hidden layers of meaning and emotion.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 110

What's at Stake in Being Alive? Heschel's Wisdom

William Hamilton

Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer, Text & Thought

If the Torah's wisdom-voice seeks the good life and its prophetic-voice demands a better life, it is the priestly-voice that imparts a life organized by values. Hear fresh insights from Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's work to refurbish our inner lives and learn lessons for today's world.

Encore: *The Insecurity of Freedom* (Heschel)

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Room 114

Yoga for Families

Ellen Allard

Subject Area: Family Program

Kidding Around Yoga, and its Jewish counterpart Yoga Yeladim, are the ultimate fusion of Jewish learning, body awareness, and spiritual understanding all rolled up into a Yoga mat. It provides teachers a tool to incorporate Yoga and meditation with a Jewish curriculum. Whether you practice Yoga daily or simply like wearing Yoga pants, this session is for you! No previous knowledge of Yoga is necessary to successfully use this program. Children and parents learn the poses, breathing practices, moral behavior, how to meditate, and so much more through this unique and high energy class.

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Room 101

Belief in G-d: Commandment or Good Advice? An In-Depth Look at the First Commandment

Jo Bruce

Subject Area: Text & Thought

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Room 110

Exploring Jewish Spiritual Direction – A Panel Discussion

Julie Leavitt; Carol Glass

Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer

Learn what Jewish Spiritual Direction (JSD) is; how it is different from and similar to therapy and theology; and how we connect to our own questions and experience our own spirituality. A limited number of short, private JSD sessions will be available.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

6 Main Street

Find The Miracle Deep In Your Heart

Roslyn Schwartz

Subject Area: Performance, Spirituality & Prayer

This performance of original explores Jewish stories of miracles and self-discovery. A miracle is a transformative experience at the intersection of the sacred and the mundane. Come get nourished, inspired and healed.

Encore: ros@singingthroughthenight.com

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Room 104

Giborim: Developing a Curriculum for a Small Religious School

Dale Rosenberg

Subject Area: Education

The Giborim Program energized our entire, semi-rural congregation through its age-appropriate, innovative curriculum that uses major Jewish heroes to teach Torah, mitzvot, values, history, Israel, ethics, and customs.

That Person!

You don't want to be "that person!"

Arrive on time so that sessions may start on time.

Depart so that the next session may meet in that space.

Leave each room neater than you found it!

If you need to leave mid-session, do so quietly!

Turn off your cellphone!!

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: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel:
: "Wonder rather than doubt is the root
: of all knowledge."
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10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Room 104

How Can Special Needs Children Be Included In Their Community Through Educational Technology?

Jonathan Stiebel

Subject Area: Education, Holidays & Life Cycle

Jewish educators and clergy are invited to share their experiences with special needs children in their congregations. We are particularly interested in the struggles and challenges during Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation. What techniques work and how do you know which ones to apply for each student? How can educational technology help??

Encore: www.singingtorah.com

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Lobby 1

Jewish Tales - Live! Part I

David Arfa; Bruce Marcus; Moderator – Bonnie Greenberg

Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Performance / Film

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10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Room 102

Joseph Stalin and the Jews During the Final Months of his Life

Joshua Rubenstein

Subject Area: History, Arts & Culture

Explore the facts and myths surrounding Stalin’s death, in March 1953, which ended the anti-Semitic campaign (Doctor’s Plot) to deport Jews to Siberia. Learn how the US administration responded to the opportunities created by the transition in the Kremlin.

Encore: Talks on other areas of Soviet Jewish history: the Soviet Jewish emigration movement, the Holocaust in German-Occupied Soviet territory, the role of Soviet Jewish intellectuals during WWII, the life and times of the controversial Soviet Jewish writers.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Lobby

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Room 106

The Idolatry of Anger

Maurice Harris

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Food, Health, Medicine

Using the Tanach, early rabbinic literature, Maimonides, and the Hasidic masters, explore the subject of anger in light of current scientific understandings of the brain.

Encore: Rabbi Jonathan Sacks podcast and essay: www.rabbisacks.org/anger-management-chukkat-5775/ “Slowness to Anger” – from URJ: www.reformjudaism.org/slowness-anger-middah-erech-apyaim

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

5 Main Street

Why Courts Matter: NCJW’s Campaign for a Fair and Independent Judiciary

Nancy K. Kaufman

Subject Area: Social Justice

Federal court decisions impact every aspect of our lives: the schools we can attend; our privacy; our ability to marry whom we choose and start a family when we choose; the safety of the products we buy; our religious freedom; and our voting rights. All federal judges hold lifetime appointments and must be confirmed by the US Senate. The composition of the courts, therefore, defines how justice is delivered in our nation. Yet, the number of judicial vacancies we are experiencing in America is at an all-time high. Let’s explore the importance of the federal judiciary and how the Jewish community can help ensure that court vacancies are filled in a timely manner.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Room 105

Wise Aging

Louise Enoch; Marion Ross

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

Using both panel and audience participation presenters will demonstrate the ways in which the Wise Aging program from the Institute for Jewish Spirituality can help older adults discover who they want to be at this stage of life, find an acceptance of what it means to age, and explore spiritual practices to reinforce a life of purpose, joy, and resilience.

Encore: *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit* by Rachel Cowan and Linda Thal

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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5 Main Street

Bob Dylan’s Jewish Blues

Jeff Klepper

Subject Area: Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity; Social Justice

Bob Dylan is 75 years old and received the 2016 Nobel Prize for Literature. Through rare historical video, photos, Biblical verses and commentary, we will explore his spiritual journey from the early 1960s through today.

Encore: www.jeffklepper.com

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

4 Main Street

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Ken Hausman

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Encore: www.HHHVideo.com

Join Us! Become a Friend of LimmudBoston at www.LimmudBoston.org

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Room 112**

Converting to Judaism: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Van Lanckton

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

What are the basics of conversion? Where do we study? What are the many implications for marrying a Jew, and/or moving to Israel? What are the attitudes toward converts among Jews and within the families of converts? Converts, friends and family members are invited to participate actively in this discussion.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **6 Main Street**

Creating Shabbat Music that Invites Participation

Arnie Davidson; Shelly Aronson

Subject Area: Performance

Shabbat invites soul soothing music worship, but not always participation. Hear original music, creative bimah techniques and proven methods to focus on getting your congregation engaged and filling the sanctuary with their voices.

Encore: www.facebook.com/ShirHamakom/

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Room 114**

Does God Have Ears That Really Work? Talking about God with Your Young Children

Ma'ayan Sands

Subject Area: Family Program, Spirituality & Prayer

Talking about God can be very challenging—especially in our role as parents, because adults often don't know what or whether they believe. Ma'ayan Sands will read her book "Does God Have Ears That Really Work?" and facilitate a multi-generational, supportive discussion about God. Having answers is neither necessary nor important. Being curious, open-minded, and willing to engage in discussion will help parents develop enduring tools for challenging discussions with their children, and even their peers. For parents and their young children (4-8 years).

Encore: *Does God Have Ears That Really Work* by Ma'ayan Sands

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Lobby 4**

Hearing Men's Voices: On Work & Worth & Jewish Values

Arnie Miller

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

During this interactive, men's-only session, participants will share concerns about work, self-worth and Jewish values. How do we see ourselves, how do others see us? Where does Judaism fit into all of this? This session is based on the award-winning Federation of Jewish Men's Club's program.

Encore: www.fjmc.org/content/hearing-mens-voices

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Lobby 1**

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Room 109**

Making the Change: A Life of Torah and Service as a Second Career

Daniel Klein; Daniel Berman; Judy Ehrlich

Subject Area: Jewish Identity, Spirituality & Prayer

While hiding in the Garden of Eden, God asks Adam and Eve "Ayecha?" (Where are you?) - Genesis 2:9. God's real meaning is "Where do you need to be?" Former lawyers and business people will share how and why they answered "Ayecha" by transitioning to a life of Torah and service as educators, chaplains and rabbis.

Encore: www.hebrewcollege.edu/on-torah

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Room 102**

Nu, So Where Was Your Bubbie From?

Fred Davis

Subject Area: Jewish Identity, Education

Fred's "Five Fun Phases of Family Research" will provide a key to researching the "old country" and it's not through googling! Fred will choose one lucky audience member and reveal his/her roots for the first time. Non-genealogists and experts are equally welcome.

Encore: Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Room 106**

Read Hebrew Now: Hebrew Reading Made Fun and Easy for Beginners age 5 to 95!

Diana Yacobi

Subject Area: Education

During this hands-on Hebrew reading lesson, participants will be busy finding 'toes and tails' and 'beats and baskets' and end the session on their way to reading Hebrew.

Encore: www.readhebrewnow.com

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Room 101**

Sefer Bereshit: A Book of Holy People or a Holy Book of People?

Sandra Lilienthal

Subject Area: Education, Jewish Identity

The Book of Genesis talks the first human families on Earth - Adam and Eve; Noah; Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel and Leah; Joseph. What makes this book and these people so special? Is the Book of Genesis describing the life of holy people? Or is it a holy book which talks about people like you and me? Sandra Lilienthal's session is provided by a grant from The Covenant Foundation.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Lobby**

Silent Auction

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Please remember that LimmudBoston is a volunteer-run conference. Kindly clean up after eating, so that others may enjoy the space after you.

Lunchtime! 12:30—2:30

Food! Music! Exhibitors! Silent Auction! Sessions!

If you pre-ordered lunch, **your ticket is a sticker on the back of your nametag**. There are some additional meal tickets available for purchase at the Registration Desk in the main lobby.

Respect the Temple Reyim kosher policy. Do not bring food into this building!

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Authors & Exhibitors 1 Main Street

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Open Mic Concert: 12:40 – 2:20 6 Main Street

Musicians may bring their instruments. Everyone else is welcome to simply enjoy this wonderful lunchtime concert MC'd by Arnie Davidson and friends.

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Bring Your Lunch & Enjoy These Lunchtime Sandwich Sessions

12:40 – 1:25

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Your Individual Spiritual Direction Session Lobby 3

12:35 – 1:05 – 1:35 – 2:05 – 2:35 – 3:05

Spiritual Directors, Carol Glass and Julie Leavitt, are here for you today for a private 25 minute session. Check the door of Lobby 3 for availability.

Additional Spiritual Direction sessions may be found in the Silent Auction!



The Silent Auction Closes at 4:00PM Bid Early! Bid Often!



11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Room 104

The College Admission Process & Jewish Values

Cheryl Weisman-Cohen; Eric Stutman

Subject Area: Education, Jewish Identity

How do you balance the college testing and application process with Jewish values and teenage life? Participants will build skills and learn strategies for self-confidence and staying calm!

Encore: Cheryl Weisman-Cohen 781-799-6484, Eric Stutman www.topchoicecollegeconsulting.com

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Room 105

Your Jewish LifeStory-Your Legacy: Inspiring the Future With the Past ... the LifeJourney Books Way

Deborah Fineblum

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

Join us as we take the first steps in our LifeStory adventure by retracing family histories, by preserving our precious stories, by discovering cherished core Jewish values, and by inspiring loved ones to keep that spirit and commitment alive. Please bring a childhood photo of yourself.

Encore: LifeJourney Books Do-It-Yourself Memoir Workbook

12:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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1 Main Street

Lunchtime!

Subject Area: Mmmm!

Lunchtime! For those who purchased in advance, lunch may be picked up in 1 Main Street. A limited number of lunch tickets are available at the Registration Desk. Go to the Open Mic in 6 Main Street, visit our Exhibitors, and bid! bid! bid! at the Silent Auction.

12:30 AM – 2:30 PM

1 Main Street

LimmudBoston Authors, Composers & Artists Selling Table

Subject Area: Shopping!

Your opportunity to bring home LimmudBoston! Purchase the books, CDs, and other works of today's presenters.

12:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Lobby

Silent Auction

Limmud Boston

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6 Main Street

Music Open Mic!

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12:40 AM to 1:25 PM

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Ken Hausman

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Room 110

Constructing a Biblical Harvest Calendar

Elizabeth Kaplan

Subject Area: Holidays & Life Cycle, Jewish Identity

The Jewish calendar is intricately connected to the cycles of agriculture. Many of our holidays celebrate stages of the harvest throughout the year. We will learn together about the seven species (sheva minnim), the crops that were spoken of in the Torah as the Jews made their way to the Promised Land. Then, we will explore where these species fit in to the agricultural year.

Encore: www.temple-beth-el.org - "Biblical Garden"

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

Room 101

Count your B'rachos

Rustin Shenkman

Subject Area: Text & Thought

Rabbi Meir said that, "Man is obligated to make 100 blessings every day." Jewish Tradition accepted this as a literal and binding interpretation, which resulted in our Siddur. We will examine the seminal order of prayers and its dissemination from the Babylonian academies in the 9th century.

Encore: Igeres Rav Shereira Gaon (Moznaim) Seder Armam Gaon (Mossad haRav Kook)

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

Room 106

Jewish-Plus:

Breaking the Icon of a Single Jewish Narrative

Andrea Kamens

Subject Area: Jewish Identity, Arts & Culture

Bring your hammer! During this iconoclastic workshop, we'll breakdown stereotypes of the "single Jewish story" a la novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, who said "Stories can break the dignity of people, but stories can also repair that broken dignity." Beginners, advanced storytellers, and curious onlookers will create or re-create Jewish stories rich with diversity from our queer, Southern, Mizrahi, differently-abled, PoC, converted etc... selves.

Encore: Jewish Identities: Educating for Multiple and Moving Targets by Stuart Charm and Tali Zelkovic

**You cannot hear with your mouth open...
Let others speak, so that you may politely respond!**

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM **Room 102**

Jews and Comic Books

Dale Rosenberg

Subject Area: Arts & Culture

Explore Jewish comic characters and themes to learn how their portrayals have changed over time. Look at anti-comic book sentiment to see if it was motivated by anti-Semitism. Whether you think comics foster truth, justice and the American way or believe they seduce the innocent, you'll learn how American Jews influenced this art form.

Encore: Bibliography will be distributed.

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM **Room 105**

Jumpstart Your Memoir: Save Your Family Stories for the Next Generations

Leah Abrahamsr

Subject Area: Jewish Identity, Holidays & Life Cycle

Have you ever wished you had asked your parents or grandparents more about their lives? Your children and the next generations will have the same questions for you. Now is the time to document life from your unique perspective. This workshop explores ideas for a memoir and teaches about self-publishing.

Encore: We Are What We Remember by Rabbi Jonathan Sachs

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM **Lobby**

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Mayyim Hayyim Tour Guide

Subject Area: Health

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12:40 PM – 1:25 PM **Lobby 1**

ReStorying Judaism (like it's always been done)

David Arfa

Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Education; Jewish Identity; Social Justice; Spirituality & Prayer; Text & Thought; Performance / Film

Imagine the role stories and storytellers have played in the past, present, and future of Jewish life by exploring how old images are bundled with bold new themes. Use playful prompts and safe story circles to create this story-arts workshop.

Encore: Reimagining the Bible by Howard Schwartz

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM **5 Main Street**

What a Long, Strange (Jewish) Trip It Has Been!!

Mark Sokoll

Subject Area: Jewish Identity, Text & Thought

Using Talmudic text, Grateful Dead lyrics, contemporary wisdom and other sources we will learn what Jewish identity looks like in 2016 and discover why the teaching, "predicting is difficult especially when it comes to the future," is so true!

Encore: "If you marry a Jew you are one of us." -Steven Cohen and Joy Levitt

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1:35 AM to 2:20 PM

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM **Lobby 4**

Helping A Loved One Grieve Through the Holidays

Renee Gelin

Subject Area: Holidays & Life Cycle

Everyone will face a devastating loss at some point in their lives, and for married or coupled people, one partner will obviously have to cope with the death of the other. This session will discuss how to help someone you love, or maybe you, to grieve through the holiday season and all year.

Encore: Resource lists will be available, as will Renee's book "Adventures in Widowland".

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM **Classroom 8**

How To Advocate For Israel In 5 Minutes Or Less

Carl Kaplan

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

Learn valuable tools to advocate for Israel in almost any setting. This is not a program on confronting hard-core haters but to educate those who think they understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and are open to persuasion in a non-strident way.

Encore: To provide additional points: *Myths and Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict*.

Everything Jewish! Everyone Together! That's **LimmudBoston!**

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

9:00 - 10:00 am

- Lobby 1 A History of Hebrew Typography
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- Room 101 Ashrei - Happy: What Does It Really Mean?
- 4 Main Street Chai Alive! Record Your Story or Interview A Family Member
- Room 102 How to Change the World According to Rebbe Nachman
- Room 105 Making Sense of Kabbalat Shabbat
- Room 109 Paper Cutting: An Art Making Session
- Room 112 Reiki, Jewish Thought, and Refuah Shlemah
- Lobby Silent Auction
- 5 Main Street The History and Meaning of Jewish Memory
- Room 106 The Only Thing Greek About Me is My Name
- Room 110 What's at Stake in Being Alive? Heschel's Wisdom
- Room 114 Yoga for Families

10:15-11:15 am

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2:30-3:30 pm

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- 3 Main Street Easy as Pie: Make a No Fail, No Cholesterol, Parve Apple Pie
- Room 109 Finding Calm Amidst the Storm: Mussar on Equanimity
- Room 112 Hineini: Finding Personal Presence in Torah through Theatre
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- Room 102 Jewish Power and Its Dangers
- Room 106 Jonah the Run-Away Prophet and Climate Activism
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- Lobby Silent Auction
- Room 105 The Adult Jewish Learner of the 21st Century Education

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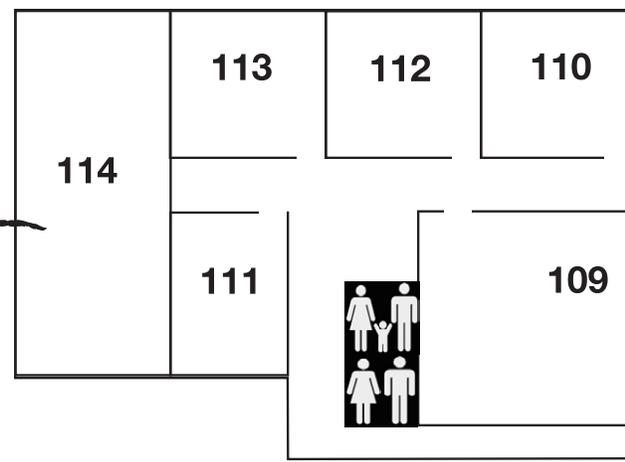
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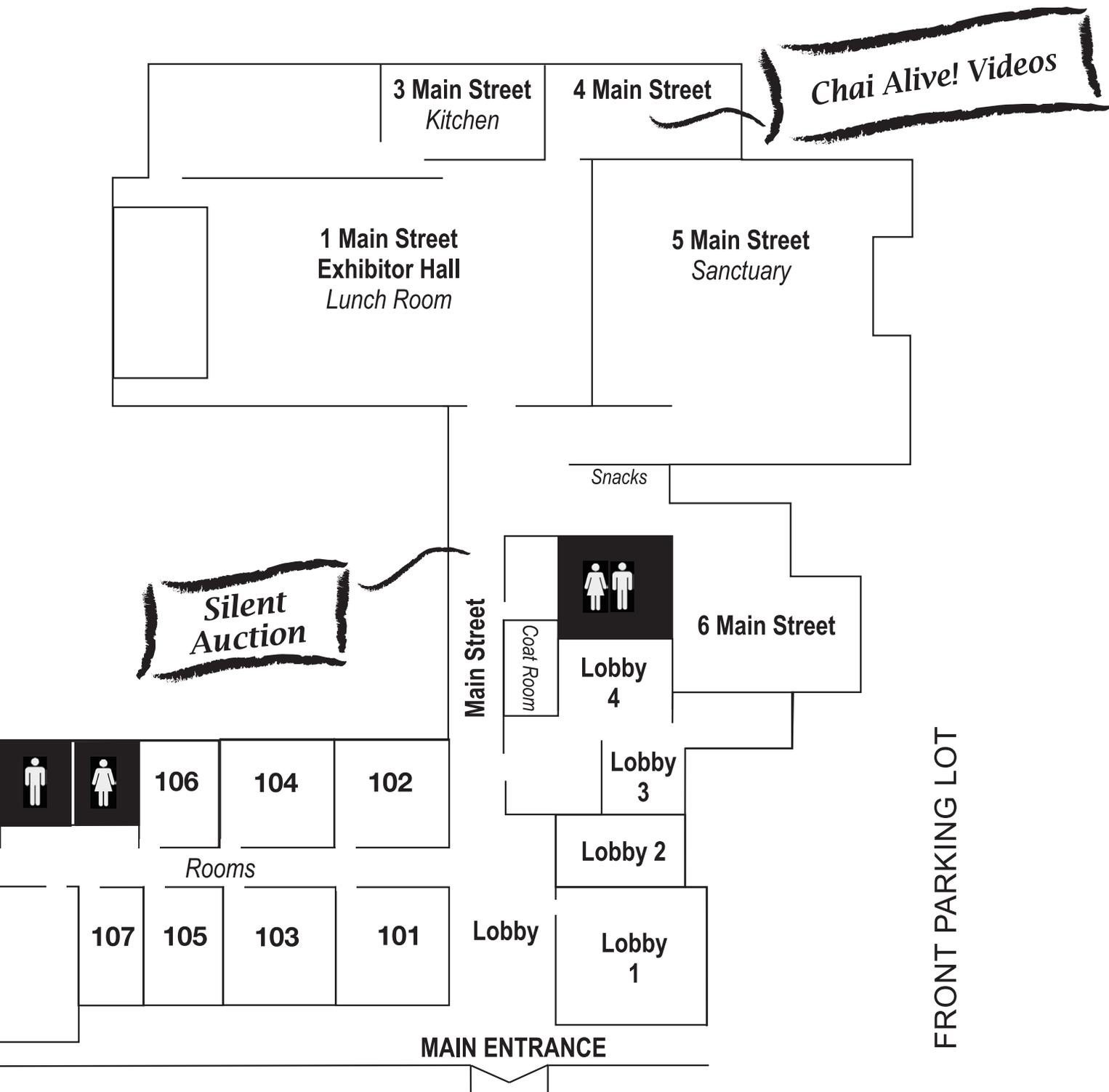
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- Room 102 Sacred Listening - What Do Chaplains Do? (A Panel Discussion)
- Lobby Silent Auction
- Room 109 U.S. Jewish Identity, White Privilege, and Black Lives Matter

4:45-5:30 pm

- Lobby LimmudBoston 2016 Musical Finale



SIDE PARKING LOT



1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

Room 101

Kashrut for the Unkosher

Aaron Seidman

Subject Area: Jewish Identity, Text & Thought

Many Jews follow special dietary rules called “observing kashrut” or “keeping kosher.” Some follow all the laws, some follow a modified version and others want to establish and add eco-kashrut requirements/restrictions to traditional rules. This session will explore the question of why we observe kashrut at all.

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

Lobby 1

L'dor Vador (From Generation to Generation)

Moshe Givental; Audrey Broner; Jessica Hammermesh

Subject Area: Family Program

Meet energized JCHE residents from Golda Meir House. Hear their stories, consider their values, traditions and wisdom. Children, adults, and elders are invited to share family stories across generations in order to help dispel age-related myths and stereotypes.

Encore: Generations Together program

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

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Room 104

Religious and Secular in Israel. Room for Optimism?

Alex Israel

Subject Area: Text & Thought

Relations between Religious and Secular in Israel are often portrayed as a violent intractable battlefield. Using statistics, modern Israeli music and an analysis of recent trends in Israeli Reality-TV, we will trace a more nuanced positive perspective and identify room for optimism in religious-secular relations.

Encore: www.shacharit.co.il, www.tzohar.org.il/English/

1:35 PM – 2:30 PM

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Room 110

Volunteering as a Spiritual Practice

Sara Smolover; Amy Goodman

Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer, Text & Thought

Volunteering one’s time and energy is an imperative for many people. We know that volunteering helps the recipient(s), but what of its role in the spiritual life of the volunteer? Have you explored on a deeper level the aspects of volunteering that affect your connection to the Universal or the Divine? What are you doing to bring kavannah (intentionality) to your volunteer commitments? Join Hebrew SeniorLife Hospice Care’s Sara Smolover, Volunteer Coordinator, and Rabbi Amy Goodman, Rabbinic Director, as we invigorate your volunteer practice with depth and understanding.

Encore: www.hebrewseniorlife.org/hospice

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

Room 106

What’s in Bubbie’s Jewelry Box?

Aimee Berrent

Subject Area: Family Program, Arts & Culture

Pretty, Bright, Shiny ... But Is It Real? Learn how to discern the value of jewelry or the jewelry box that was left to you by your beloved relative. Discover if you have trinkets from the treasures.

Encore: www.ambappraisal.com

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 114

Celebrating the New Moon!

Elizabeth Kaplan

Subject Area: Holidays & Life Cycle, Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity

A Camp Limmud Session - The Jewish calendar is determined by the moon, which makes a complete cycle every month. Explore the moon as it goes through its cycle. Form a human model of the moon, earth, and sun to show how they rotate around each other. End the session with a fun celebration of Rosh Chodesh.

Encore: www.movingtraditions.org/programs/rosh-hodesh-its-a-girl-thing/ www.myjewishlearning.com/article/rosh-chodesh/

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

4 Main Street

Chai Alive! Record Your Story or Interview A Family Member for Posterity

Ken Hausman

Subject Area: Chai Alive! Videos, Jewish Identity

Videographer Ken Hausman will record you telling a Jewish memory about your own personal Jewish journey, or Jewish memory. Chai Alive! moments will live on the LimmudBoston website.

Encore: www.HHHVideo.com

No matter where you are on the spectrum of Jewish living, there is more to learn and more to do at LimmudBoston!

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 101

Daniel: The First Diaspora Jew?

Marc Stober

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Education; Jewish Identity

Daniel rejected a good job and life in assimilated Babylonia to keep his Jewish identity. He encouraged other to do the same, rose to an influential position, and helped Jews return to Israel. Study the Book of Daniel to learn if its lessons are relevant to Diaspora Jews today.

Encore: Let's talk about studying other texts together and making them relevant!

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

3 Main Street

Easy as Pie: Make a No Fail, No Cholesterol, Parve Apple Pie

Leslie Fishman

Subject Area: Health, Food & Science, Medicine, Food

See a delicious pareve, no cholesterol apple pie form right before your eyes. This pie can be assembled quickly and takes only an hour to bake. It is a wonderful treat for Shabbat or any time of the year. Apple pie samples will be provided!

Encore: Recipe will be handed out in class, and posted at www.LimmudBoston.org

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 109

Finding Calm Amidst the Storm: Mussar on Equanimity

Marcia Plumb

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Spirituality & Prayer

Mussar is a genre of Jewish literature that focuses on character development and spiritual practices to help us shift our bad habits or find better ways to manage our reactions to hard situations and relationships. Study texts (in English) on how to find inner calm as chaos and stress surround us.

Encore: *The Mussar Institute Everyday Holiness* by Alan Morinis

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 112

Hineini: Finding Personal Presence in Torah through Theatre

Ken Hausman

Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Education; Text & Thought; Meditation, Movement, Music-making

Hineini, Hebrew for “here I am,” appears 14 times in our Torah. Discover your own “hineini” moment through improvisational theatre. Step into the shoes of the Biblical “characters” to understand, analyze, empathize, and bring our ancestors to life by turning scripture into script with this dynamic Bibliodrama experience of text study.

Encore: *Scripture Windows: Toward a Practice of Bibliodrama* by Peter A. Pitzele

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 110

Jewish Entrepreneurs

Jonathan Stiebel; Eugene Buff; Ethan Freishtat; Lisa Newmann; Steven Peljovich; Moderator, Matt Robinson

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

Jewish and Israeli entrepreneurs will discuss what it takes to make it in today's competitive (startup) market; what it is about Jewish culture that allows and encourages so many to become entrepreneurs and successful in their fields of expertise.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

3 Main Street

Jewish Power and Its Dangers

Alex Israel

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Israel

In the story of Dina, brothers Simon and Levi kill her rapist and massacre his entire town. Does the Bible condemn or laud this violence? Discuss the empowerment of the modern Zionist movement, Yitzchak Rabin's assassination, and the current violence in Israel.

Encore: www.vbm-torah.org

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 106

Jonah the Run-Away Prophet and Climate Activism

Moshe Givental

Subject Area: Social Justice, Food, Medicine, Text & Thought; Health

Jonah is both the most successful and the most farcical of our Biblical prophets. Discuss the parallels between this reluctant prophet and today's climate crisis. Explore a spectrum of responses from fatalism to naïve hope, from compassion for our “enemies,” to the potential for change and awe-inspired action.

Encore: *The Mussar Institute Everyday Holiness* by Alan Morinis

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

5 Main Street

My Favorite Jewish Jokes

William Novak

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

Let's laugh. A review of Jewish jokes from classics to obscurities, with commentary from the co-editor of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor* and the author of *Die Laughing: Killer Jokes for Newly Old Folks*.

Encore: Novak and Waldoks, *The Big Book of Jewish Humor*. William Novak, *Die Laughing: Killer Jokes for Newly Old Folks*.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 104

Rhymes with Chutzpah

Ben Berman

Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Text & Thought

Explore the overlaps between Judaism and poetry, the role of kavanah in the writing process, what it means to transform our neuroses into creative material, and how to answer questions with questions. We will use works from contemporary poets to help write our own pieces, with time for shared feedback.

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2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Lobby

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2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Room 105

The Adult Jewish Learner of the 21st Century: What Works and What Doesn't in Adult Jewish Education

Sandra Lilienthal

Subject Area: Education, Jewish Identity

Today's adult Jewish learner is highly educated and has been exposed to a sophisticated market of general adult education. Explore characteristics of adult learners and discuss effective techniques for successful adult Jewish education. Sandra Lilienthal is at LimmudBoston thanks to a grant from The Covenant Foundation.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Mayyim Hayyim

Waters of Creation

Leeza Negelev

Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer

Meet in the lobby to join Leeza Negelev for a walk across the parking lot to Mayyim Hayyim, the community mikveh (Jewish ritual bath). We will experience interactive, hands-on learning by the water. Explore the mikveh with all of your senses: Learn about water as an agent of change from biblical, rabbinic and contemporary lenses and create a mixed-media watercolor painting inspired by your learning. *Session limited to 15 people.*

Encore: mayyimhayyim.org

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3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 106

And Then The World Goes Kaput: An Exploration of That Strange Hymn, 'Adon Olam'

Davin Wolok

Subject Area: Text & Thought

"Adon Olam," speaks of the world God created as simply ceasing to exist. It speaks of God reigning (but over what?) before anything was even created. And it concludes a service in which almost all prayers are communal by speaking of "my God," who enables me to conquer fear. Unlock the riches of this perplexing, beguiling, popular hymn.

Encore: Your favorite siddur

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 110

Avishag: The Tragedy of King David's Hot Water Bottle

Maureen Mintz

Subject Area: Text & Thought

"Now King David was old, advanced in days, and they covered him with garments, but he could not get warm." (I Kings 1:1) A young maiden (Avishag) was found and brought to the palace to warm up the shivering king. Explore her story to learn about power and powerlessness, youth and old age, familial relationships and the health of the nation.

Encore: What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That's the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary. Now go and study.

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 105

Beyond Prayer: The 13 Attributes of God as a Guide to Be Your Best Self

Ora Weiss

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Meditation, Movement, Music-making

Moses understood the "13 Attributes of God" as guidelines for how we are to live. Our Yom Kippur "mantra" prayer of forgiveness is really 13 "meta-mitzvot." Through a short guided meditation, learn what it might mean to take on the 13 Attributes of God as a personal practice.

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 104

From Spain to Amsterdam and Beyond: The World of Western Sephardim

Joshua Mendes

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

Sephardim voyaged westward to Amsterdam, England, France, and the New World where they made an important mark on their new homelands. Learn about these fascinating people, their contributions, their rich traditions, and their communities that still exist today.

Encore: www.sandpcentral.org

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 112

G-d save the Queen? Hail to the Chief? Who Would Judaism Vote For?'

Jeremy Bruce

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

We have just experienced a bruising election season. You might want to forget all about it, instead come to this session to look at some fascinating Jewish perspectives on leadership, politics and the essential questions of how we should decide who has power over the community.

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Lobby 4

Messiah through Metaphor: Exploring the Symbolism of Messianic Language and Liturgy in Judaism

Mollie Feldman

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Education; Spirituality & Prayer

Judaism includes the concept of a messianic future. The aspiration of a messianic time period is preserved through our texts and liturgy. Have you ever felt disconnected from this imagery? Put off? Confused? Inspired? Come to this session to explore the symbolism and complexity of messianism within the Jewish tradition.

Encore: www.sefaria.org

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 102

Sacred Listening - What Do Chaplains Do? (A Panel Discussion)

Judith Kummar; Jeff Foust; Katy Allen;

Moderator: Julie Wolkoff

Subject Area: Jewish Identity

All Jews are commanded to listen, but chaplains have a unique task to listen to people tell their stories of suffering. Chaplains provide a non-judgmental, encouraging presence as their role is often the counter-intuitive "don't just do something, sit there!" The JCCM presenters will discuss responding to the challenges posed by their clients.

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Lobby

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3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Room 109

U.S. Jewish Identity, White Privilege, and Black Lives Matter - Time for an Internal Conversation

Anna Tesmenitsky; Melissa Patrick

Subject Area: Jewish Identity, Social Justice

The U.S. Jewish community must confront "white privilege." President Obama said that Jews should share their story of working to advance civil rights as a means of inspiring change at a time of racial tensions. The first step is an internal discussion. Are Jews "white"? Can Jews benefit from "white privilege"? How is that benefit experienced?

Encore: Keep reading! Stay alert!

4:45 PM to 5:30 PM

LimmudBoston 2016 Musical Finale

LimmudBoston 2016 Musicians

Subject Area: Performance and DANCE!

Join our musicians in the lobby for a rousing finale from 4:45 to 5:30. Everyone welcome!

Encore: The CDs of our performers will keep the LimmudBoston groove going all year long!



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Adamah Farm & Fellowship/Hazon

Kosher and organic pickles and jams.

Alexander Muss High School in Israel

International study abroad program in Israel.

Ari Institute

Ari Institute is a non profit promoting globally aware humanity for meeting the challenges of today's interdependent world.

Brandeis University DeLeT Program

DeLeT (Day school Leadership through Teaching; the Hebrew word for "door") offers an opportunity to earn a Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree and MA state initial teaching license through a 13 month, internship-based program.

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Family values make the difference.

Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston

The Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston (Burial Society) is a diverse group of volunteers, both women and men, who carry out the time-honored Jewish tradition of Tahara, preparing the deceased for burial.

Emily Sper, Author

Children's books and games with bold, colorful graphics and stylish design that appeal to kids and adults

Fair Trade Judaica

Fair Trade Judaica links fair trade principles with Jewish values, and is expanding the line of fair trade made Judaica products.

Harold Grinspoon Foundation

Community-Culture-Connection. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation enhances Jewish and community life in Massachusetts, N. America, and beyond

Hebrew College

Founded in 1921, Hebrew College is dedicated to the principle that rigorous, pluralistic Jewish education is essential to building and sustaining a vibrant Jewish community.

Jewish Climate Action Network

Jewish Climate Action Network and Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club of MA.

Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston

Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston is welcoming destination for Jewish engagement, a hub of learning and celebration for all ages, and a dynamic center for social, cultural and fitness activities.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

Dedicated to helping people discover and research their Jewish family history. www.jgsgb.org

Jewish Women's Archive

Located at the intersection of Judaism, feminism, and history, the Jewish Women's Archive is a national hub for discovery, connection, and engagement with the stories of Jewish women and issues of gender, equality, and Jewish identity.

Kahal B'raira

Greater Boston's congregation for Humanistic Judaism

Kolbo Fine Judaica Gallery

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Koren Publishers

Koren Publishers offers books of Torah and Jewish Interest for synagogues, schools, and personal libraries.

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Materials from community organizations.

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Our bags and challah covers combine traditional Jewish symbols with a modern sensibility in color and fabric choices. Express your own unique spirit with our embroidered judaica items.

Mosaic Jewish Outdoor Club of Massachusetts

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Moving Traditions

Moving Traditions' programs, Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! and Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood draw on Jewish wisdom and gender analysis to help teens think critically about social norms and challenge narrowly defined stereotypes.

Progressive Asset Management Boston

Progressive Asset Management Boston has provided individuals, nonprofits, and small companies with socially and environmentally responsible investment services that include fossil fuel investment options for over 20 years.

Read Hebrew Now

Offering teachers and students an effective and easy-to-use curriculum for Hebrew reading.

Renewal by Anderson

Energy-efficient, high quality replacement windows & doors.

Temple Israel Riverway Project

Temple Israel is a warm, urban congregation where all are welcome to live Judaism together through discovery, dynamic spirituality, and righteous impact.

Union for Reform Judaism

URJ Reform Jewish Outreach Boston, supporting interfaith couples and individuals exploring Judaism.

Bios

Schedules Happen! Kindly check notice boards and daily handouts for up-to-date schedule announcements.

Leah Brojde Abrahams is creator/operator of Mixed Media Memoirs, LLC that produces beautiful, award-winning heirloom books and videos. She is an editor, ghost writer and personal historian who has written and produced family histories, for her clients, for more than a decade.

Ellen Allard is an Early Childhood Music Specialist, a performer, a certified children's Yoga teacher, and a certified Holistic Health Coach from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition in NYC. She has made 13 recordings, 6 songbooks and her concerts have everyone singing, dancing, moving and grooving.

Katy Allen is a staff chaplain at Brigham & Women's Hospital, is involved in Transition Wayland, and is the co-convener of the Jewish Climate Action Network (JCAN). As founder and leader of Ma'yan Tikvah (A Wellspring of Hope) Katy holds Jewish and interfaith outdoor programs.

David Arfa is Director of Education for CBI in North Adams, leads outdoor contemplative Shabbat services, and is enrolled in Clinical Pastoral Education. As a Maggid (storyteller), he has won awards for his two CDs and full-length performance The Jar of Tears: A Memorial for the Warsaw Ghetto Rebbe.

Shelly Aronson is co-founder and worship leader at Shir Hamakom, a music worship chavurah. She has partnered with songwriter Arnie Davidson extensively. Shelly's unique interpretation and soothing alto voice welcomes worshippers to prayer through contemporary and traditional song.

Aliza Arzt is a long-time member of Havurat Shalom in Somerville MA. She occupies 18 hours of each non-Shabbat day working as a home care speech therapist, making ceramics and breeding geckos among other things. On Shabbat, she is mostly asleep.

Joel Baron was ordained at Hebrew College, where he did his senior thesis on Sefer haHistalkut and end-of-life pastoral care. He has been a chaplain, a teacher, and a rabbi at many Hebrew Senior Life facilities and at the HSL Hospice

Ben Berman is Poetry Editor at Solstice Literary Magazine and an award-winning author of Strange Borderlands and soon-to-be released Figuring in The Figure. He has received awards from the New England Poetry Club and fellowships from the Mass. Cultural Council and Somerville Arts Council.

Daniel Berman is rabbi at Temple Reyim. He received his B.A in Jewish History from Columbia University, studied political science at Hebrew University, received his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and his ordination from Rabbinical School at Hebrew College in 2010.

Aimee Berrent is an independent appraiser, qualified in evaluating diamonds, gold, silver, and heirlooms. She is a certified graduate gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) and a member of The National Association of Jewelry Appraisers (NAJA).

Elise Brenner provides comprehensive training in all levels of Reiki, as well as in-depth mentoring for Reiki professionals at Brenner Reiki Healing in Newton, MA. She serves as Executive Director of the non-profit Celebration of Reiki educational organization.therapy.

Audrey Broner recently returned to her hometown of Boston after 23 years of living in Arizona. She is delighted to be reconnecting with the local Jewish community at JCHE, and enthusiastically promotes passing down Jewish religious and cultural traditions to the next generation of Jewish youth.

Jeremy Bruce is the Head of the Hebrew High School of New England in West Hartford, CT. He is passionate about Jewish philosophy and how Judaism interacts with the modern world. He was born in the UK and has been involved with Limmud for 25 years!

Jo Bruce has a BA in Economics and Politics from Leeds University and is a recent graduate of the UJIA Ashdown Fellowship program. Jo currently teaches Bible at the Hebrew High School of New England.

Eugene Buff is an MD/PhD in Genetics, a Certified Licensing Professional, a Registered Technology Transfer Professional, and owns an innovation and technology transfer consulting company that provides support and matchmaking between large and small companies across industries and geographies.

Ari Davidow has been involved with Hebrew typography since the advent of the personal PC. Today, now that Hebrew is freely available on computers and smartphones, he is focused on bringing more Jewish culture online. He served for 7 years as Director of Online Media at the Jewish Women's Archive.

Arnie Davidson is a singer/songwriter of contemporary Jewish worship music. He has released 4 CDs and shared the stage and studio with Julie Silver, Josh Nelson, Beth Schafer and Peri Smilow. He is co-founder of Shir Hamakom, a music worship chavurah based in central Connecticut.

Fred Davis is a past president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Boston, a Meah graduate, Chair of Adult Education at Temple Beth David in Westwood, a Fellow in the first cohort of Hebrew College's Leaders in Adult Learning program, and Vice-President of the Jewish Climate Action Network.

Judy Ehrlich is a rabbi and chaplain at Hebrew Senior Life.

Louise Enoch is a clinical social worker who helped elders at JF&CS and now sees adults in her Watertown practice. She trained as a Wise Aging facilitator with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and has led Wise Aging groups at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek. At age 70, she took a walking tour in Ireland!

Mollie Feldman is a graduate of the Pardes Center for Jewish Educators in Jerusalem, a Wexner Graduate Fellow/Davidson Scholar, has a Certificate in Jewish Experiential Education from Hebrew Union College, and is working towards her double M.A. in the Hornstein Program at Brandeis University.

Deborah Fineblum In 2008, Deborah Fineblum and Naomi Grossman founded LifeJourney Books (LJB) to empower seniors and boomers to rescue, preserve and pass on their priceless LifeStories. In 2013, they created LJB's Do-It-Yourself Memoir Workbook. In 2016, they will launch the online version.

Leslie Fishman is a volunteer art docent for children at the Museum of Fine Arts. She was a French, English, and Learning Disabilities Teacher, a Career Counselor at Jewish Vocational Service helping Russian émigrés, and taught "Easy as Pie" classes, where twice she took first place in a baking contest.

Jeff Foust is a rabbi, Jewish Adviser and member of Spiritual Life at Bentley University. He is a student and teacher of Kabbalah, emphasizing embodied spirituality through breathing, dancing and living it. Meditation, movement, teaching, and pastoral care are all part of Jeff's daily routine.

Ethan Freishtat As a financial planner who specializes in charitable giving, Freishtat brings his familial traditions of tikkun olam to other families and also to the trading table by advising clients how to best give to their favorite charities and not-for-profits. His is also helping Jewish charities and donors on legacy giving programs to ensure long-term support and sustenance.

Renee Gelin teaches middle school math and is a non-fiction author of Adventures in Widowland. She is currently working on her second book. Her writing style has been compared to Erma Bombeck's as readers feel Renee is sitting right beside them telling the story.

Moshe Givental is a former psychotherapist, currently in his last year of Rabbinic School at Hebrew College. Inspired by Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Moshe “comforts the afflicted, and afflicts the comfortable,” by combining pastoral work with teaching, a commitment to active hope, and community organizing.

Carol Glass was one of the first 100 female rabbis ordained worldwide. She is a Jewish Spiritual Director in private practice, facilitates Mussar groups in Greater Boston, studied Reiki healing, gardens, bird-watches, re-purposes others’ discards, and is a mother of two boys with husband Rabbi Michael Swartz.

Amy Goodman is Rabbinic Director for Hebrew Senior Life Hospice Care, where she is responsible for spiritual/pastoral, bereavement and complementary care, and volunteer services. She was Associate Director of Development for MJHS Foundation in NYC and Director for the Center for Jewish End of Life Care.

Bonnie Greenberg is an experienced educator who transports listeners into the heart of Jewish Fairytales/Folklore with a guitar strum, a bongo beat, and a wink of the eye. Her CD “From the Hearts of the People” won a Parents’ Choice Award and she is featured in 120 Contemporary Storytellers.

William Hamilton received his rabbinic degree from Jewish Theological Society of America and has been the rabbi of Congregation Kehillath Israel since 1995.

Jessica Hammermesh joined Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly almost 6 years ago as Director of Generations Together. Jessica loves to tell people that she has hundreds of grandparents looking out for her!

Rabbi Maurice Harris is Associate Director of Affiliate Support with Jewish Reconstructionist Communities in Association with RRC. He is a veteran Jewish educator, author of two books, has worked as a congregational rabbi and as an adjunct instructor in the Judaic Studies Department of the University of Oregon.

Ken Hausman combines his passion for filmmaking with his desire to help people show off what makes them special. Families shine through Ken’s Personal Legacy Videos. Business look their best through Ken’s custom marketing videos.

Thea Iberall is a writer, storyteller, activist, scientist, author of three scientific texts, a team leader with the Jewish Climate Action Network, host at the Express Yourself Coffeehouse in Medford, MA and she has a Ph.D. In 2015, she was inducted into the International Educators Hall of Fame.

Alex Israel is a rabbi and Tanach teacher at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi, Matan; a Director of Community Education at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies; an author of two books; and a volunteer for Tzohar bridging tensions between religious and secular in Israel. He was born and raised in London.

Andrea Kamens is a writer, teacher, storyteller, community volunteer, mom of 5, and a board member of The Story Space in Cambridge. She opens up dialogue between her listeners and her stories, interacting and adapting on the spot. She’s partial to folk, fairy, and Jewish tales that tremble with truth.

Carl Kaplan is a former trainer/educator for IBM and a lifelong supporter of Israel, who is filling a perceived gap in current efforts to advocate successfully for Israel. Over the past decades of interaction with people for and against Israel, Carl has created a simple and concise approach for Israel’s advocacy.

Elizabeth Kaplan directs a new program called The Discovery Club for children ages 5-8 at the JCCs of Greater Boston. She was an Urban Adamah fellow in Berkeley, CA and summered at URJ Camp Kalsman near Seattle, WA. She has an MS in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition and a Master’s of Public Health.

Nancy K. Kaufman is CEO of National Council of Jewish Women (since 2011). She was Executive Director of Boston’s JCRC for 20 years, founding Executive Director of a community action agency, Assistant Secretary of Health & Human Services, and Deputy Commissioner of the Welfare Department of Mass.

Daniel Klein, a rabbi, is in love with Torah and is the Director of Admissions for the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. A Newton native, he taught middle school history prior to ordination. He has worked for years in informal education at Camp Yavneh, Genesis at Brandeis and Gann Academy.

Jeff Klepper has been cantor of Temple Sinai, in Sharon, MA since 2003. He teaches at the School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College in Newton, MA. He was raised in NYC, played guitar at age eight, graduated HUC-JIR, and creates original Jewish songs with Kol B’Seder singing partner Dan Freedlander.

Judith Kummar is a rabbi and Executive Director of the Jewish Chaplaincy Council of Massachusetts, where she provides pastoral care for Jewish patients and their families in 10 rehabilitation hospitals and brings programs to Jewish residents isolated in 15 non-Jewish nursing homes, within the CJP area.

Van Lanckton is rabbi of Temple B’nai Shalom in Braintree. He converted in 1967 (Reform), in 2002 (Conservative), and was ordained at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. He has guided candidates for conversion and participated in Batei Din. He was President of Temple Emanuel in Newton.

Julie Leavitt is Spiritual Director at Hebrew College and a body-centered psychotherapist with a private practice in Newtonville. She dances and creates choreography at Sereda Dance Works with Carla Castelli and Joan Rutenberg, under the direction of Carol Sereda.

Sandra Lilienthal is an adult educator in South Florida, where she is Program Co-Chair for Limmud Miami 2017. She is a 2015 winner of the prestigious Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. Sandra believes Judaism is a living religion and infuses her true passion for it among those who study with her.

Laura Mandel is Executive Director of the Jewish Arts Collaborative and a multi-media artist/teacher with a degree in Art and English from Carnegie Mellon. She works in non-profit management for Hillel. Her appreciation of Jewish culture stems from Jewish day school and trips to Israel.

Bruce Marcus is a storyteller who has been wowing audiences since 1990 with his original stories, poems, crowd-pleasing rhyming tales, and interactive activities, while conveying the cleverness, warmth and humor of Jewish and other tales. His programs are general or themed around holidays and events.

Cindy Rivka Marshall teaches storytelling, communication, interviewing and listening skills, and story-based approaches to teaching in synagogues and schools. Her multi-cultural and Jewish stories have universal lessons that resonate with a sense of wonder. Cindy creates safe environments for participants to speak and be heard. She was a presenter at Limmud UK in 2012.

Joshua Mendes is a former journalist (with Fortune and CNN) and investment analyst, currently developing his own website ideas. He earned his Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He is a devoted member of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue.

Arnie Miller is Past Regional President of New England Region of Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs (NERfjmc) and a Member of FJMC’s International Board of Directors. He is an avid Limmudnik.

Hal Miller-Jacobs is a teacher and a graduate of the Davening Leadership Training Institute. As a reporter for The Canaan Times, he makes Torah come alive, interviewing participants who take on the roles of Torah characters. His life’s work is making technology, Torah and Tefilah user-friendly.

Maureen Mintz is a religious & day school teacher, a middle school head, an educational consultant, and a certified Wellness Coach, who helps people craft healthier lives. As a Jewish Educator, for the past 35 years, Maureen is writing curriculum and running educational workshops.

Leeza Negelev is a Jewish Educator who reaches for the joy of learning, while making room for many voices. She is the Associate Director of Education at Mayyim Hayyim, a Community Mikveh and Education Center, in Newton, MA. Leeza is a Combined Jewish Philanthropies 2016 Chai in the Hub honoree.

Lisa Newmann is a noted food industry pioneer, who has been developing tasty, innovative snacks for over 30 years. Her current innovation is Java Me Up, a line of portable, chocolate-dipped coffee bars for the hurried coffee lover when an espresso is not within reach.

William Novak is a noted humorist and well-known ghostwriter who has collaborated on the memoirs of Lee Iacocca, Tip O'Neill, Oliver North, Magic Johnson, Nancy Reagan, the Mayflower Madam, Tim Russert, and Natan Sharansky.

Melissa Patrick earned an MSW from Columbia. As a Jewish woman of color, she draws from her multiracial experiences to facilitate conversations about identity and racial equity. She has devoted her life to eliminating discrimination and promoting diversity and inclusion in schools and organizations.

Steven Peljovich owns Michael's Deli in Brookline and was administrator at John Harvard's Brew House and the Hard Rock Café. This "Corned Beef King" infuses Yiddishkeit into his kugel chopped liver, knishes, and charitable giving. He formed a minyan, at his shul, for friends and neighbors to pray and study.

Marcia Plumb is rabbi at Congregation Mishkan Tefila and chaplain/rabbi at Orchard Cove, with Hebrew Senior Life. She leads Jewish meditation and is an experienced Mussar teacher leading retreats for the Mussar Institute.

Yossi Pollak is Director of Synagogue & School Outreach for Koren Publishers in the Northeast US. He graduated from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School; has served pulpits in Washington DC, NYC, and Westport, CT.; and taught in day schools in Brooklyn, Bridgeport, CT, and East Brunswick, NJ.

Rebecca (Becky) Price teaches drama in Newton and Cambridge Public Schools and theatre electives in Prozdor's Makor, Keshet, and Congregation Shir Tikva. She has a Masters in Directing from Roosevelt University, is a Birthright trip staffer and volunteers for Eser and the Jewish Arts Collaborative.

Matt Robinson was an editor in the Jewish and secular press, for 20 years, writing over 4,000 articles in over 150 international publications. His most popular columns related to Jewish entrepreneurs. Today, Matt works with creative individuals to tell their stories and bring their products to market.

Dale Rosenberg is a graduate student at Hebrew College, a Jewish educator, and a sometime comic geek. She lives in Keene, NH with her wife, Rabbi Amy Loewenthal.

Marion Ross is a clinical social worker, who trained with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality's Wise Aging Program and has facilitated groups exploring the challenges and possibilities inherent in growing older. She finds engaging with the mystery of this stage of life to be especially meaningful.

Joshua Rubenstein is an Associate of Harvard's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. He was an organizer and regional director for Amnesty International USA for 37 years. He has written and edited ten books, with one "Stalin's Secret Pogrom: The Postwar Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee" receiving a National Jewish Book Award.

Ma'ayan Sands received ordination from the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College in 2016. She was Director of BJEP, the independent Hebrew School on the Brandeis University campus, and the family educator at Temple Israel of Natick. She loves helping people have access to a meaningful Judaism.

Roslyn Schwartz is a physician, psychotherapist, composer, performer, Cantorial Soloist & Music Educator in Kingston, Ontario, and founder/director of the Kingston Jewish Community Choir. She believes that music and medicine flow from the same healing source. Her Jewish music is nourishing and inspiring.

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Rustin Shenkman and his young family were summoned to the Boston area by the pharmaceutical industry. In his limited free time he enjoys walking, history, yiddishkeit, and day trips..

Sara Smolover is the Volunteer Coordinator at HSL Hospice Care and is responsible for recruiting, training, mentoring, supporting, educating, evaluating, and appreciating the exceptional Hospice volunteers.

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Anna Tesmenitsky has taught Sociology, "Race, Class and Gender." She is the grand-daughter of a Holocaust survivor, raised by refuseniks, and is a Zionist. She holds a JD from Northeastern and believes the Jewish community must define its identity relative to "whiteness" in order to engage black communities.

Cheryl Weisman-Cohen has been a successful teacher/tutor for 30 years working with children, teens, and adults. She now prepares high school students for standardized testing by assessing their learning style and requiring participation in their personal learning and growth.

Ora Weiss was recently ordained as a rabbi at Hebrew College. She is exploring the 13 Attributes of God to learn who we humans truly are. She is passionate about delving deeper into the "white spaces" of Torah to find layers that are waiting to be uncovered.

Rabbi Julie Wolkoff was one of the first 100 women rabbis ordained from HUC-JIR, and received her Doctor of Ministry degree from HUC-JIR in 1996. She is a chaplain with Ascend Hospice in Marlborough, MA. Julie is Program Chair of LimmudBoston, and incoming Chair of the LimmudBoston Board of Directors.

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Diana Yacobi and her daughter Lily Safrani developed Read Hebrew Now, which is used in synagogue schools, by homeschooling families, adult learners, and special needs students. Diana has a M.A. in Jewish Education from JTS and has been the Educational Director of Conservative synagogue schools.



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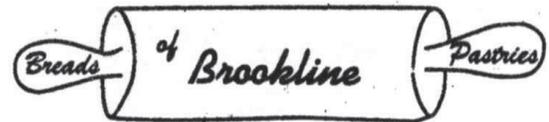
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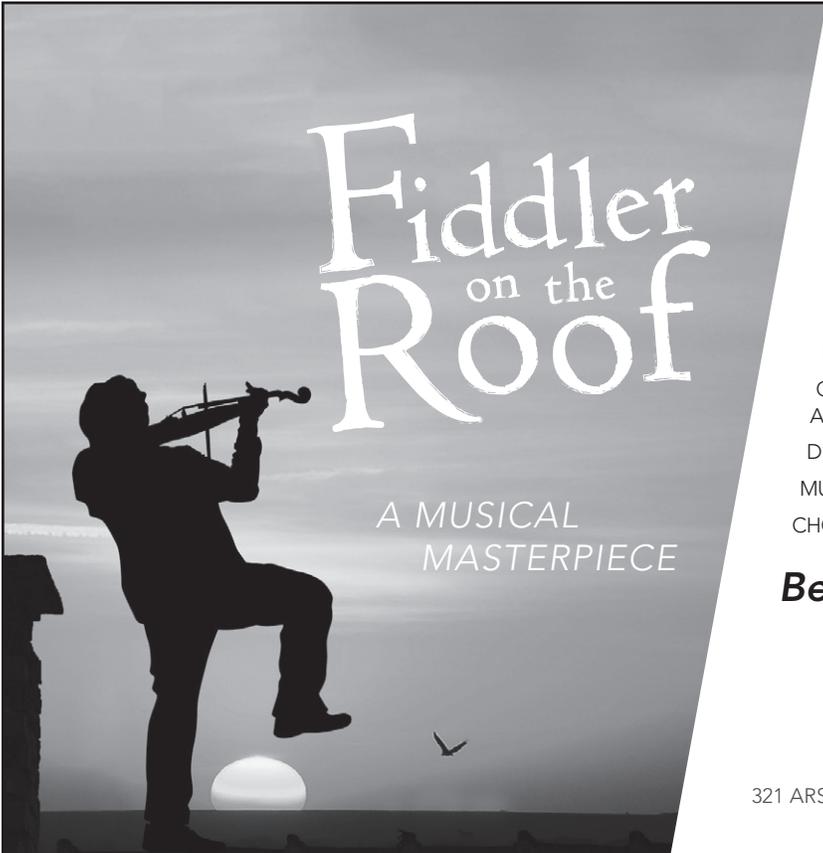
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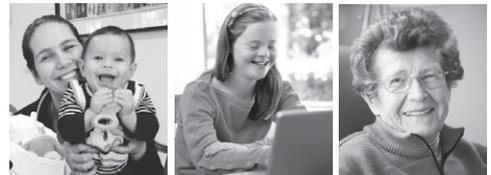
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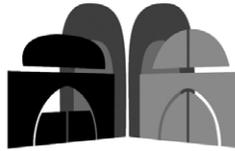
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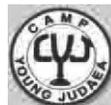


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