

LIMMUD JHB CONFERENCE 2013

DAY 1: FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST

08:00-10:00

REGISTRATION

Session 1
9:00-10:00

A Family of Apps:
Latest Sightings and
Jewish Interactive

**Nadav & Corinne
Ossendryver**
(Society Today)

Dragons and
Butterflies

Shani Krebs
(Life)

Walking through
Warsaw: My March of
the Living

Eda Meltzer
(Now and Then)

Israeli Literature as
a Window to Israeli
Society: Yehuda
Amichai's Jerusalem

Merle Williams
(Society Today, Arts)

Women at the
Window, Women on
the Road

Maureen Kendler
(Knowledge)

Shaping the Two State
Solution: The Three
Kinds of Settlements

Hagit Ofran
(Now and Then)

The Red Carpet into
Africa

**Richard Poplak &
Kevin Bloom**
(Arts, Society Today)

Should I Be
Worried About My
Jewish Genes?

Amanda Krause
(Life)

Session 2
10:20-11:20

Jews Don't Ever Rest:
Hiking in the
Himalayas

**Mickie Jacobs &
Andrew Jacobs**
(Arts)

70 Faces to the
Jewish People:
A Stranger with a
Camera

Jono David
(Society Today, Arts)

My Right Hand's
Cunning: Israel Then
and Now

Michael Belling
(Arts, Now and Then)

The Heroic Role of
Women in the Holocaust:
Life Lessons for Today

Carmen Emanuel
(Now and Then)

From Bantu
Education to...
Education in Crisis

Nikki Stein
(Society Today)

The Ancestors of the
Messiah: Pushing the
Boundaries towards
Redemption

**Shoshana Boyd
Gelfand**
(Knowledge)

Jewish and Latin
Rhythms with a World
Music Approach

Simja Dujov
(Arts, Life)

Looking Ahead Down
Under:
Community, Identity
and Continuity

Manny Waks
(Society Today)

Session 3
11:40-12:40

The Role of the
Holocaust in the
Establishment of Israel

Aviva Halamish (Now
and Then)

Israel and the
Palestinians: The
Prospects for Peace

Dov Waxman
(Now and Then)

Modern Architecture
in Germany, Palestine
and South Africa: The
Jewish Connection

**Brett Wilks and
Melinda Silverman**
(Now and Then)

Keeping up with the
Jonesbergs

Rob Zagey
(Society Today)

No Pain, No Gain, Tragic
Reality or Path to
Enlightenment

Larry Paslovsky
(Life, Knowledge)

Coexist: Part 1:
Documentary Film
Screening

Adam Mazo
(Society Today)

Four Fearless South
African Jewish
Women Meet in a Bar

Claudia Braude
(Society Today)

12:30-14:15

LUNCH - catered by Kosher Nandos

Session 4
13:00-14:00

"Burning Violins":
Depictions of the
Holocaust in
Contemporary Music

Rodney Katzew
(Now and Then, Arts)

The Mentalist

Gilan Gork
(Life)

Business Strategy,
Butterflies, Purim and
Existentialism

Ian Mann
(Society Today)

Cleansing or
Harming? The Use
of Live Chickens for
Kapparot

**David Bilchitz &
Candy Ristic**
(Society Today)

Arguing with our
Mothers:
Feminist Readings of the
Torah

Rob Baum
(Knowledge,
Society Today)

The Bedouin in Israel

Seth Frantzman
(Now and Then)

Archaeology Meets the
Bible:
Jerusalem's City of
David - Canaanites,
Kings David and
Hezekiah Uncovered

Aryeh Shimron
(Now and Then)

In Defence of the
Teacher

**Yael Shalem &
Carola Steinberg**
(Society Today)

Session 5
14:15-15:15

Introducing Klezmer: A
Listener's Guide

Andrew Levy (Arts)

Taking Back the Night:
Addressing the Scourge
of Sexual Violence in
South Africa

**Mickie Jacobs, Erica
Emdon, Ray Wolder &
Yael Shalem**
(Society Today)

The New Flavour of
WAR - Facebook,
Twitter & Social Media

Howard Sackstein
(Now and Then, Soci-
ety Today)

EFT: Healing as the
Transformation of
Consciousness

Ray Perkel
(Life)

Finding the Jew(els): A
Contemporary
Woman's recovery of
Judaism as an
Inspirational Living
Practice

Balu Nivison
(Life, Arts)

Is Limmud the
Answer?

Jonathan Boyd
(Society Today)

The Trouble with
Today's Judaism: How
to Rescue it from
Unhealthy Halacha
and Introduce Genu-
ine Religiosity

Nathan Lopes Cardozo
(Knowledge)

Out of India: The Case
for a Brahmin/ Jewish
Connection

Owen Blumberg
(Knowledge)

Session 6
15:30-16:30

Our Ancestors
Invented the
Alphabet and the
Alphabet Invented the
Jews

Irwin Manoim
(Knowledge, Now and Then)

Authentic Influence

Gilan Gork
(Life)

Spiritual Dimensions
of the Month of Elul

Sara Evian
(Knowledge, Life)

Gender and Justice in
South Africa

Erica Emdon
(Society Today)

Enlivening the Ancestors
- My Personal Journey
through Jewish
Genealogy

Diane Fine
(Life)

Israel's Democracy
Wars

Seth Frantzman
(Now and Then)

1950's Strip Show:
Snippets of American
Jewish Life

Daniel Sieradski
(Now and Then, Arts)

Engage the Page:
Creative Writing
Workshop

Michelle Meyers
(Life, Arts)

16:30-17:30

BREAK

17:00-17:27

CANDLE LIGHTING

Session 7
17:40-18:40

Orthodox Service

Coexist: Part 2: Circle
Conversation: Can
People be Forced to
Reconcile?

Adam Mazo
(Society Today)

Documenting
Catastrophe:
Jews Write in the
Shadow of Death

Tali Nates
(Now and Then)

**Progressive
Service**

**Egalitarian
Service**

Clear Mind, Big Sky:
Meditation

Guy Lieberman
(Life)

American Jews and
Israel: The Erosion of
Consensus

Dov Waxman
(Now and Then)

18:40-20:45

SHABBAT DINNER - catered by Gary Friedman

Session 8
21:00-22:00

Reading the Akeida with
Three Contemporary
Torah Scholars
**Nathan Lopes
Cardozo, Maureen Kendler,
Shoshana Boyd Gelfand &
Leanne Stillerman**
(Knowledge)

Victor Frankl and our
Search for Meaning in
the Modern World

Michelle Meyers
(Life)

Why is a 'Chattis' a
'Chattis'? The Words
that make us Laugh,
Wink or Cringe

Gilad Stern
(Society Today)

Jerusalem: The Core
of the Conflict:
Current Developments
and their Effect on the
Chances for Peace

Hagit Ofran
(Now and Then)

Five Challenges
Facing the Jewish
People

Jonathan Boyd (Soci-
ety Today)

Session 9
22:15-23:15

The Clash of Ancient
Texts with Modern
Values: Torah and
Democracy

Josh Hovsha
(Knowledge)

The Rise of the
Afro-Yiddish Princess

Rosie Motene
(Society Today)

Five Challenges
Facing the Jewish
People

Jonathan Boyd
(Society Today)

On finding myself on the
S.H.I.T List:
Confessions of a Vegan,
Socialist, Feminist, Belly
Dancer

Heidi-Jane Esakov
(Society Today)

Session 10
23:20-late

Tish with **Farryl Roth,
Yochi Ress & Daniel
Sieradski**

(Life, Arts)



Please note that sessions are subject to change

DAY 2: SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

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|---------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| Session 11 08:00-09:00 | Orthodox Service | Egalitarian Service | Progressive Service | Isaac Bashevis Singer: Paradise Lost, Regained and Regretted Maureen Kendler (Arts) | Ve'ahavta Le'reacha Kamocha: Jewish Principles of a Therapeutic Community Naama Hochstein (Life) | Ethiopian Integration in Israel Kasaey Frantzman (Now and Then) |
| Session 12 09:20-10:20 | Orthodox Service | Egalitarian Service | Progressive Service | Is Israel a Broken Society? Seth Frantzman (Now and Then) | Cultural Interpretation in Storytelling: Who tells the story? Adam Mazo (Arts) | Can She Cantor? Conflicting Opinions from Jewish Sources on Women Singing Lewis Levin & Dora Wynchank (Knowledge) |
| 10:20-11:15 | KIDDUSH | | | | | |
| Session 13 10:40-11:40 | Rebuilding a State with Tears: Lessons From Ezra and Nehemiah Sarah Sassoon (Knowledge) | Mover, Shaker, Changemaker: Tikkun Olam Today Michalya Moss (Society Today) | Draft, Settlements, Minorities: Where Should Israel Put its Shekels? Aviva Halamish, Hagit Ofran, Seth Frantzman, Ori Leizer & Daniel Barnett (Now and Then) | When the Silenced Speak: Sexual Abuse in the Jewish Community Manny Waks (Society Today) | Speaking in Tongues: What Do Hebrew and Zulu Have to Say to Each Other? Paul Berkowitz & Cullen MacKenzie | Europe in Zionist Nostalgia: Between Negation of Exile and Search for Identity Aviva Halamish (Now and Then) |
| Session 14 12:00-13:00 | The Importance of Human Faces and Empathy in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Maya Schkolne (Now and Then, Society Today) | Half Jews and Half Truths Gilad Stern Society Today | Is Organ Donation Justifiable in Jewish Law? David Bilchitz (Knowledge) | Did God Really Speak at Sinai? Bible Criticism, Baruch Spinoza, Rabbi Mendel of Rymanov and the First Letter of the Ten Commandments Nathan Lopes Cardozo (Knowledge) | General Elections or General Chaos - SA Elections 2014 Paul Berkowitz and Wayne Sussman (Society Today) | |
| 13:00-14:30 | LUNCH - catered by Gary Friedman | | | | | |
| Session 15 14:30-15:30 | Anti-Zionism: A Local History of the ASHamed Gavin Rome (Now and Then) | Detained in Abu Dhabi: the Trials and Tribulations of a Cape Town Doctor Cyril Karabus & Theo Kopenhager (Life) | Dream Workshop Adina Roth (Life) | Moses: Prophet, Leader, Sinner? Mark Chipkin (Knowledge) | Foundations of Jewish Family Living Lewis Levin & Dora Wynchank (Society Today) | |
| Session 16 15:50-16:50 | 50 Shades of Green: The Role of Trees in Jewish Tradition Benji Shulman (Society Today) | Israel and its Neighbours: The Impact of the Arab Spring Dov Waxman (Now and Then) | Thanks for the Memories Jonathan Boyd (Knowledge, Now and Then) | Possession:... 'A dybbuk has entered the maiden!': Part 1 Maureen Kendler (Knowledge, Intensive) | Jewish Achievement at the Olympic Games Bernard Katz (Now and Then) | |
| 16:50-17:50 | SEUDAT SHLISHIT AND MINCHA | | | | | |
| Session 17 17:10-18:10 | The Bee and the Weasel Iana Stein (Knowledge) | The Fate of Hungarian Jews During the Holocaust Ronnie Mink (Now and Then) | Settlements and the Settlers Hagit Ofran (Now and Then) | Possession:... 'A dybbuk has entered the maiden!': Part 2 Maureen Kendler (Knowledge, Intensive) | Chosen for What? The Mission of the Jewish People Shoshana Boyd Gelfand (Knowledge) | |
| 18:20-19:00 | MAARIV AND HAVDALAH | | | | | |
| Session 18 19:00-20:00 | <i>Ahead of Time</i> Film (Arts, Now and Then) | Two Left Feet and A Barrel of Fun: An Introduction to Biodanza Christos Daskalacos (Life) | God v Gay: Is a reconciliation possible? Nathan Lopes Cardozo & David Bilchitz (Society Today) | Sanctity, Soul and Wilderness: A Photographic and Epidemiological Journey Clive Evian (Life, Society Today, Arts) | Spiritual Activism: An Israeli Testimony Sa'ar Shaked (Society Today, Now and Then) | The Forbidden Tree of Knowledge: Psychedelics and the Bible Daniel Sieradski (Life, Knowledge) |
| 20:00-21:00 | DINNER - catered by Gary Friedman | | | | | |
| Session 19 21:00-22:00 | Jerusalem Underground: Uncovering the Secrets of the family of Jesus, the Resurrection, & Caiaphas Family Burial Tombs: Part 1 Aryeh Shimron (Now and Then) | Yidstock Naami Gottlieb Lieberman Sivan Raphaely Sharon Spiegel-Wagner Deep Fried Man Russ Nerwich Simja Dujov DJ Dean Krain | <i>Never Forget to Lie</i> Film (Arts, Now and Then) | | | |
| Session 20 22:00-23:00 | Jerusalem Underground: Uncovering the Secrets of the family of Jesus, the Resurrection, & Caiaphas Family Burial Tombs: Part 2 Aryeh Shimron (Now and Then) | Yidstock Naami Gottlieb Lieberman Sivan Raphaely Sharon Spiegel-Wagner Deep Fried Man Russ Nerwich Simja Dujov DJ Dean Krain | Session 21 23:10-late | Limmud Quiz Wayne Sussman | OYga: Meditations and Movement Rob Baum (Life) | Yidstock Naami Gottlieb Lieberman Sivan Raphaely Sharon Spiegel-Wagner Deep Fried Man Russ Nerwich Simja Dujov DJ Dean Krain |
| 21:00-23:00 | YIDSTOCK | | | | | |

DAY 3: SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

07:00-09:00

REGISTRATION

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| Session 22 8:00-9:00 | Kundalini Yoga: Reconnecting with Essence on our Jewish Journey Karen Anne Turis (Life) | Jewish Stories: Not Just for Jews Shoshana Boyd Gelfand (Knowledge, Arts) | Spinoza, Maimonides' Dangerous Greek Mind, The Kotzker Rebbe and I: The Tragedy of a Great Philosopher and the Future of Jewish Education Nathan Lopes Cardozo (Knowledge) | Hack Me a Tshaynik Arthur Goldstuck (Society Today) | Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean Naomi Dinur (Now and Then) | The Red Blanket Jew: Being Xhosa and Jewish Bandile Dlabantu (Society Today) | Jewish Mystical Meditation: From the Prophets and the Present Zemach Mendelow (Life) | |
| Session 23 9:20-10:20 | Jezebel Maureen Kendler (Knowledge) | Gelt and Guilt: Do Jews Love Money? Gilad Stern (Society Today) | Bullets in Newtown: Gun Violence and Gun Control Film Screening Adam Mazo (Society Today) | Perpetrators, Traitors, Upstanders - Surviving the Holocaust in Slovakia Aryeh Shimron & Tali Nates (Now & Then) | Anti-Evolution and the other Anti-Science Movements Barry Schoub (Knowledge, Society Today) | The Israeli Wars and their Consequences Maurice Skikne (Now and Then) | Education and Entrepreneurship Will Free Our Nation Taddy Blecher (Society Today) | The Jewish "Secret": How to Truly Manifest the Life You Want Danielle Afriat (Life) |
| Session 24 10:40-11:40 | Memories and Reflections: Dovid Fram's Yiddish Poetry and my Novel <i>Illuminating Love</i> Hazel Frankel (Arts) | Number Crunching the Jewish Future Jonathan Boyd (Society Today) | Exodus 50 Years Later: The Movie, the Myth and the Real Story Aviva Halamish (Now and Then, Arts) | The Battle for Humanity in an Age of Complexity Oran Cohen (Society Today) | Beloved of the Soul: Part 1 Balu Nivison & Sara Evian (Life, Arts) | The Divine Commandment to Irritate: The Miraculous Existence of the Jews and the State of Israel Nathan Lopes Cardozo (Knowledge, Now and Then) | Can We Compare Oppression?: Gays, Jews & Roma in the Nazi Era Sudeshan Reddy, Tali Nates & Ronnie Mink (Now and Then) | <i>Punk Jews</i> Film (Arts, Society Today) |
| Session 25 12:00-13:00 | Scratchy Grooves: Music of the 1920's & 1930's Neil Starr (Arts) | Detained in Abu Dhabi: the Trials and Tribulations of a Cape Town Doctor Cyril Karabus & Theo Kopenhager (Life) | Impure Sky: Multi-faith Discussion on Global Warming Aroona Jevan, Glynis Gyons, Robert Ash, Lydia Mogano & Benji Shulman (Society Today) | Jewish Community 3:0 Manny Waks, Daniel Sieradski, Jonathan Boyd, Wendy Kahn & Brett Wilks (Society Today) | Beloved of the Soul: Part 2 Balu Nivison & Sara Evian (Life/ Arts) | From Larry David to Sarah Silverman: Contemporary Jewish Humour Michelle Meyers (Arts) | The Occupation and the Challenge of Zionism and Judaism in Israel Hagit Ofra (Now and Then) | Privileged Activists Working in Impoverished Communities Naama Hochstein & Barbara Buntman (Society Today) |

12:45-14:15

LUNCH - catered by Gary Friedman

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| Session 26 14:15-15:15 | War and Peace in Shakespeare and Tolstoy Hilary Semple (Arts) | Israel and South Africa: Let's Imagine the Possibilities Presenter TBA (Now and Then) | Jewish and Latin American Music and Context Simja Dujov (Arts, Life) | The Dalai Lama and a Good Jewish Boy Guy Lieberman (Society Today) | Reading or Experiencing? Building Deep Connection(s) Through Prayer Brent Davidoff (Knowledge) | When the Silenced Speak: Sexual Abuse in the Jewish Community Manny Waks (Society Today) | The Avengers: An Unknown Shoah Story Maureen Kendler (Now and Then) |
| Session 27 15:30-16:30 | Fabricating Lithuanian Jewish History: A Critical View from South Africa Claudia Braude (Now and Then) | Occupying Judaism: Jewish Values and Occupy Wall Street Daniel Sieradski (Society Today) | Israel and its Arab Citizens: The Conflict Within Dov Waxman (Now and Then) | JDOV - Jewish Dreams Observations and Visions Simja Dujov, Adina Roth, Nathan Lopes Cardozo & Shoshana Boyd Gelfand (Life, Society Today) | A Mixed Jewish Choir?! Liturgical Music and the Lewandowski Chorale Adam and Di Golding and members of the Lewandowski choir (Arts) | Black Economic Empowerment: Enemy or Friend? Taddy Blecher (Society Today) | |

Track Descriptions

Built along five tracks, the Limmud programme seeks to cover a wide spectrum of Jewish thought, culture and experience. These tracks are KNOWLEDGE, SOCIETY TODAY, NOW AND THEN, ARTS and LIFE. These tracks are broadly defined as follows:

Now and Then includes Archaeology, Biography, SA Jewish Politics & Organisations, Current Affairs & Political History, Historical Documentaries & Films, The Holocaust, International Politics, Israel & the Diaspora

Society Today includes Age, Disability, Gender and Sexuality Issues, Community, Education & Leadership, Environmental Issues, Interfaith Relations, Medical & Business Ethics, Modernity and Social Justice & Action

Life includes Arts & Crafts, Complimentary Medicine & Therapies, Experiential Sessions, Food, Languages, Coaching, Practical Kabbalah, Meditation & Mysticism, Psychology & Spirituality

Knowledge includes Biblical Hebrew, Halacha, Judaism and Science, Midrash, Prayer and Theology, Philosophy, Talmud, Tanach, Theoretical Kabbalah and Mysticism and Spirituality

Arts includes Comedy, Cultural History, Dance, Drama, Film, Literature, Music, Performance, Poetry, Storytelling, Theatre, Visual Arts

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