

LIMMUD
WEEKEND
OR
SUNDAY

Your Journey, Your Choice

31 Jul - 2 Aug
Indaba Hotel

Weekend
Programme



Friday

Registration

Friday 1pm - 5pm

Session 1

Friday 3pm - 4pm

- **Science and Religion - Are they Compatible? An Orthodox Scientist's Viewpoint**
Barry Schoub - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **A Journey Through Israeli Cinema**
Eran Tahor - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
 - **The Medieval Images of Jews**
Miri Rubin - (History, Politics & Society)
 - **Rediscovering Jewish Identity**
Annika Hernroth-Rothstein - (History, Politics & Society)
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Session 2

Friday 4:10pm - 5:10pm

- **Are You a Fundamentalist? Faith in the 21st Century**
Naftali Brawer - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **Soviet Jewry: Fulfilling the Dream**
Chaim Chesler - (History, Politics & Society)
 - **Lest We Forget: The New Holocaust and Genocide Centre**
Tali Nates - (Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach) (Shoah)
 - **Spiritual Universals: Connecting Southern African Indigenous Wisdom and Kabbalah**
David Cumes (Spirituality)
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Candle Lighting (5:23pm)

Friday 5:10pm - 5:30pm

Session 3

Friday 5:40pm - 6:40pm

- **Orthodox Shul Service**
 - **Progressive Shul Service**
 - **Jewish History: How To Do It?**
Miri Rubin - (History, Politics & Society)
 - **Shabbat Meditation**
Guy Lieberman - (Spirituality)
 - **The Holy or The Broken Hallelujah - King David, Bat Sheva, and Leonard Cohen on Repentance**
Ittay Flescher - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
(Torah, Emunah & Philosophy) (Text)
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Shabbat Dinner

Friday 7pm - 9pm

Session 4

Friday 9pm - 10pm

- **Kabbalah and Jin Shin Jyutsu: The Healing Power in Your Hands**
Tessa Abramovitz - (Integral Jew) (Spirituality) (Workshop)
 - **Orthodoxy: Sliding to the Right**
Samuel Heilman - (History, Politics & Society)
(Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **Give It A Rest: What My Judaism Can Do Without**
David Bilchitz, Dina Brawer, Naftali Brawer, Chaim Weiner, & Joel Hoffman - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **The Knight and The Dragon: BDS and Anti-Israel Sentiments**
Avi Melamed - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
 - **American Exceptionalism: What Makes American Judaism Distinct?**
Adam Mendelsohn - (History, Politics & Society)
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Session 5

Friday 10:15pm - 11:15pm

- **Masters and Disciples: Text Study and Workshop**
Don Futterman - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **Hair (Not The Musical)**
Dina Brawer, Zemach (Charles) Mendelow, Josh Hovsha, & Farryl Roth - (Integral Jew) (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
(Performance)
 - **Legends of The Land of Israel**
Samuel Green - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Israel)
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Session 6

Friday 11:30pm - 2am

- **Niggunim Night: A Limmud Tisch**
with Farryl Roth
- **A Snapshot of (Failed) Messiahs in Judaism**
Ilan Solomons - (History, Politics & Society)
(Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)

Saturday Morning

Breakfast

Saturday 7:30am - 9:30am

Session 1

Saturday 8:10am - 9:10am

- **Orthodox Shul Service** - 8am - 10:15am
 - **Progressive Shul Service** - 8am - 10:15am
 - **Was Mandela a Zionist?**
Benji Shulman - (History, Politics & Society) (SA Today) (Israel)
 - **Kundalini Yoga**
Karen Anne Turis - (Integral Jew) (Movement)
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Session 2

Saturday 9:20am - 10:20am

- **Orthodox Shul Service** - 8am - 10:15am
 - **Progressive Shul Service** - 8am - 10:15am
 - **Spirit Guides and the Dream Time (1 of 2)**
David Cumes - (Spirituality)
 - **Christians Supporting Israel: Why it Cannot be a One-way Street**
Olga Meshoe - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
 - **Shame, Scandal and the Sacred: The Story of Tamar and Judah**
Adina Roth - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **Between Cossack and Jew: The Curious Case of Isaac Babel**
Merle Williams - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
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Kiddush

Saturday 10:30am - 11:15am

- **Young Adults Connect - Creating a Moishe House in Johannesburg: A Kiddush Discussion** - Gilad Amar, Shayni Geffen & Lauren Kessler - (Town hall)
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Session 3

Saturday 11am - 12pm

- **Spirit Guides and the Dream Time (2 of 2)**
David Cumes - (Spirituality)
 - **The Mystery and Majesty of the Dead Sea Scrolls**
Joel Hoffman - (History, Politics & Society) (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **Tell Me Text: Melton Explores Israel through Poetry, Politics & Possibility**
Wayne Sussman, Tali Nates, Merle Williams & Ariella Milner - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
 - **The Unlikely Feminist: From Rebbetzin to Maharat**
Dina Brawer - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **Living with Loss: Can Religion Help, Even If We Don't Quite Believe?**
Ellin Heilman - (Integral Jew)
 - **Kabbalistic Psychology: (Discovering) Tools for Integrated Living and Leadership Excellence in Today's World**
Yochi Ress - (Integral Jew) (Spirituality)
 - **Fez: A Moroccan Experience**
Chaim Weiner - (Journeys)
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Session 4

Saturday 12:10pm - 1:10pm

- **Exit Europe: Is there a Future for European Jewry?**
Chaim Chesler, Annika Hernroth-Rothstein, Annamaria Orla-Bukowska, Miri Rubin & Wendy Kahn - (History, Politics & Society)
- **The Power of Myth and How it Shapes Our Reading of the Bible**
Naftali Brawer - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Searching for Schneerson: Four Portraits of the Lubavitcher Rebbe**
Zemach (Charles) Mendelow - (History, Politics & Society) (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Herzl vs Buber: Two Models of Zionism**
Sa'ar Shaked - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy) (Israel)
- **A Community on the Rockey? Jews and 21st Century Yeoville**
Ilanit Chernick - (History, Politics & Society) (SA Today)
- **Angels in America: Fusing Jewish and Gay Identities**
David Bilchitz - (Arts, Culture & Performance)

Saturday Afternoon

Lunch

Saturday 1:15pm - 2:45pm

- **Creating a Limmud Shul: A Lunchtime Discussion**
Hilton Rudnick & Steven Lowenstein - (Town hall)

Session 5

Saturday 2:45pm - 3:45pm

- **The Other Side of the Coin: The Righteous amongst the Nations**
Annamaria Orla-Bukowska - (History, Politics & Society) (Shoah)
- **Reign of Fear: The Ideological Roots of Radical Islam**
Avi Melamed - (History, Politics & Society)
- **Development, Conflict and Religious Practice**
Ellin Heilman - (Integral Jew)
- **Antithesis: My Story**
Samuel Green - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
- P Immortal Words: The Biblical Tale that Carries Me**
Joel Hoffman, Ilana Stein, Chaim Weiner, Adina Roth & Josh Hovsha - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Enlightened Purpose and Joyous Living: Lessons from Carlebach and Kook**
Brent Davidoff - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy) (Spirituality)

Session 6

Saturday 4pm - 5pm

- **Married at 41, Widowed at 44: A Personal Story**
Michelle Blumenau Alge - (Integral Jew)
- P Auschwitz: Seeking Relevance 70 Years On**
Miri Rubin, Annamaria Orla-Bukowska & Tali Nates - (History, Politics & Society) (Shoah)
- **No Holds Barred: Everything You Want to Ask About Israel**
Michael Freeman - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **A Clash of Civilisations: Can Judaism & Democracy Co-exist?**
Josh Hovsha - (History, Politics & Society) (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Lilith: The Story of the Other Woman**
Sharon Shaked - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)

Seudah Shlishit/Mincha

Saturday 5pm - 6:15pm

Session 7

Saturday 5:15pm - 6:15pm

- **Rebuilding Rwanda: A Jewish Journey**
Ryan Davis - (Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach) (Journeys)
- **Sacred Songs of Iraq**
Yair Dalal - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Journeys)
- **The Second Half of Life: Is It Fun?**
Raphael Sher - (Integral Jew)
- **Meet the Rabbis: Abravanel (1 of 2)**
Chaim Weiner - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Ancient Answers to Good & Evil that were Cut from the Bible**
Joel Hoffman - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)

Shabbat Ends

Saturday 6:17pm

Limmud 2015 Conference Fees

Full weekend

Adult sharing a room (incl with spouse/partner)	R 2950
Adult on own in single room	R 4500
Young Adult (19-29 years) sharing -	R 1100
Children (13-18)	R 900
Children (6-12)	R 600
Children 5 years or younger	FREE

Sunday only

Adult (19 years +)	R 495
Children (13 - 18)	R 275
Children (6 - 12)	R 150
Children 5 years or younger	FREE

Saturday Night

Shabbat Ends Saturday 6:17pm

Maariv Saturday 6:17pm - 6:30pm

Havdallah Saturday 6:35pm - 6:45pm

Break Saturday 6:45pm - 7pm

Session 8 Saturday 7pm - 8pm

- **A Solo Performance**
Yael Benjamin - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
 - **Who Wants to be a Rebbe**
Samuel Heilman - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
 - **To the Ends of the Earth: A Guide to Jewish Travel**
Howard Sackstein - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Journeys)
 - **Strangers from the Desert: Israel's African Refugee Dilemma**
Rosa Manoim - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
 - **Curb your Judaism: The Depiction of Jews in Film and TV**
Ittay Flescher - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
 - **The Middle East Doesn't Speak English: Arab Perspectives on Israel and the Conflict**
Avi Melamed - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
 - **Jewish Stories of Mystery and Delight**
Don Futterman - (One-man Show)
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Dinner Saturday 8pm - 9pm

Limmud Live Saturday 9pm - 10:30pm

Performances by Yair Dalal, & Samuel Green AKA Antithesis

Session 9 Saturday 9:30pm - 10:30pm

- **Raise the Roof (1 of 2)**
(Film)
 - **JVJP Speaks on Jewish Political Activism**
Jessica Sherman - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
 - **A Future Unfolding: The Meaning of 'Qualitative Transformation' in Society**
Alon Serper - (History, Politics & Society) (SA Today)
 - **The Birth of Ashkenazi Jewry: Speyer, Worms & Mainz**
Chaim Weiner - (History, Politics & Society) (Journeys)
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The Epic Limmud Quiz Saturday 10:40pm - 11:40pm

Session 10 Saturday 10:40pm - 11:40pm

- **Raise the Roof (2 of 2)**
(Film)
 - **Shamanic Judaism: the Kabbalah of Enlightenment**
Ray Perkel - (Integral Jew) (Spirituality)
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Session 11 Saturday 11pm - 12:15pm

- **How To Re-Establish A Vodka Empire**
(Film)

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Taking you
one step Further on
your Jewish Journey

Sunday Morning

Registration

Sunday 7am - 9am

Breakfast

Sunday 7am - 9am

- **Shul Services - Shacharit** - 7am - 7:40am

Session 1

Sunday 8am - 9am

- **Zumba: A Latin-American Dance Experience**
Ayala Raichlin - (Movement)
- **Divine Selection: the Evolution of God**
Naftali Brawer - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Zionism and its Critics: Reflections, Historical and Contemporary**
Ran Greenstein - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **Not Our Cross to Bear: Jewish Feelings about the Christian Symbol**
Annamaria Orla-Bukowska - (History, Politics & Society)
- **The High-tech Landscape told as Religious War**
Arthur Goldstuck - (History, Politics & Society)
- **Growing Dreams in the Dust: Lessons Learnt Taking Football to our Children**
John Perlman - (Integral Jew) (Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach)
- **Religion for Atheists: Cultural Judaism in the 21st Century**
Ittay Flescher - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)

Session 2

Sunday 9:15am - 10:15am

- **A Healthy Dose of Introspection: A Panel on Wellness**
Yochi Ress, Nikia Blumenthal, Daniel Israel, Elise Baron & Clive Evian - (Integral Jew)
- **3000 Years of Jewish Continuity as seen through 3000 Years of Hebrew**
Joel Hoffman - (History, Politics & Society)
- **On Eagle's Wings: The Success or Failure of the Ethiopian Aliyah?**
Don Futterman - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **Cradle to Career: Empowering the Future of South Africa**
Marc Lubner - (Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach)
- **Living Ghosts: Why the Past is Indispensable to Our Understanding of the Present**
Nicholas Wolpe - (History, Politics & Society) (SA today)
- **'Out of Line': A Satirist's Memoir of a Changing South Africa**
Dov Fedler - (History, Politics & Society) (SA Today) (Workshop)
- **Learning Without Fear: Non-Violent Communication in Education**
Mark Loon & Maya Loon (Integral Jew)
- **Navigating the Middle East in the 21st Century**
Avi Melamed - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)

Session 3

Sunday 10:30am - 11:30am

- **Baghdad Bandstand: The Musical Journey of Middle-Eastern Jews**
Yair Dalal - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
- **An Open Environment: Towards Robust and Respectful Debate on Campus**
Adam Habib - (History, Politics & Society) (SA Today)
- **IKI Krav Maga: Defend Yourself the Israeli Way**
Anthony Segal - (Movement)
- **Jews and the Temple Mount**
Annika Hernroth-Rothstein - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **How to Deal with Violence in the Hebrew Bible**
Naftali Brawer - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Let's Talk About Dying**
Helena Dolny - (Integral Jew)
- **Integral Praxis: Self-fulfilment and Societal Change**
Paul Cohen & Stephne Fain - (Integral Jew)
(Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach)
- **How Can We Explain Jewish Economic Success?**
Adam Mendelsohn - (History, Politics & Society)

Sunday Afternoon

Session 4

Sunday 11:45am - 12:45am

- **'Oral Sex': Imago Relationship Therapy**
Clive Evian - (Integral Jew)
- **Secrets in the Soil: The Archaeological Evidence of an Untold Peace**
Coenie Scheepers - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **Death: A Ticket to a New Destination**
David Cumes - (Spirituality)
- **To Be Seen from Space: Creating a Giant South African Flag**
Guy Lieberman - (Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach)
- **The Mysticism of Isaac Bashevis Singer**
Maurice Skikne - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Spirituality)
- P **A Nation Divided? The Implications of the Israeli Elections**
Don Futterman, Ben Swartz, Annika Hernroth-Rothstein, Chaim Chesler & Michael Kransdorff - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **Experiences of Jewish India**
Mickie Jacobs & Dan Brotman - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Journeys)

Lunch

Sunday 12:15pm - 2pm

Session 5

Sunday 1pm - 2pm

- **The Photography of Roger Ballen (1968-2015)**
Roger Ballen (Arts, Culture & Performance)
- **The Struggle of Soviet Jewry**
Chaim Chesler - (History, Politics & Society)
- **The Politics of Power: How Israel treats its Bedouin Citizens**
Don Futterman (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **Unexpected Shades of Motherhood: Post-Natal Depression**
Paula Levin - (Integral Jew)
- **Education & Technology: Are Schools Preparing Our Children for the Modern World?**
Michelle Lissoos - (Integral Jew)
- P **Journeys to a Start-Up Nation: Sending Young Entrepreneurs to Israel**
Dan Brotman, Setlogane Manchidi & Phakiso Tsotetsi - (Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach) (Israel)
- **Who is Afraid of Orthodox Feminism?**
Dina Brawer - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)

Mincha

Sunday 2pm - 2:15pm

Session 6

Sunday 2:15pm - 3:15pm

- **The Known, the Unknown and the Unknowable: A Movement Workshop (1 of 2)**
Sara Evian, Balu Nivision & Hayley Berman - (Integral Jew) (Workshop)
- **Chosen People or Service Nomads: Harold Wolpe and His Jewish Comrades**
Steven Friedman - (History, Politics & Society) (SA Today)
- **The Local Story Behind Global Jihad**
Annika Hernroth-Rothstein - (History, Politics & Society)
- **Medieval Visual Images of Jews**
Miri Rubin - (History, Politics & Society)
- **The Secret Life of Family Photographs**
Terry Kurgan - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Shoah)
- **The Jews of China**
Hugh Raichlin - (History, Politics & Society) (Journeys)
- **From Survival to Success: How to Grow a Business**
Ariella Rosenberg - (Integral Jew)
- **The Bible Doesn't Say That**
Joel Hoffman - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)

Sunday Afternoon cont.

Session 7

Sunday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

- **The Known, the Unknown and the Unknowable: A Movement Workshop (2 of 2)**
Sara Evian, Balu Nivision & Hayley Berman - (Integral Jew)
(Workshop)
- **Israeli Culture: Beyond Hava Nagilla and Hummus**
Michael Freeman - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Israel)
- **Please God, Not in the Gallery: The Uneasy Truce Between Contemporary Art & Religion**
Matthew Krouse & Lara Koseff - (Arts, Culture & Performance)
(History, Politics & Society)
- **July's Person: in Memoriam, Nadine Gordimer**
Karen Lazar (Arts, Culture & Performance)
- P **State of the Opposition: A Jewish Perspective on South African Politics**
Glynis Breytenbach, Michael Bagraim, Darren Bergman & Howard Sackstein (History, Politics & Society) (SA Today)
- **The Future of Jewry as Seen by a Sociologist**
Samuel Heilman - (History, Politics & Society)
- **Meet the Rabbis: Ramban (2 of 2)**
Chaim Weiner - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy)
- **Religion and Stress: Cause or Relief**
Ellin Heilman - (Integral Jew)

Session 8

Sunday 4:45pm - 5:45pm

- P **Of Prayer Shawls and Glass Ceilings: The Challenges of Female Clergy in Judaism**
Julia Margolis, Elena Rubenstein, Dina Brawer & Adina Roth - (Torah, Emunah & Philosophy) (Conversation)
- **The Jet Pilot Wears a Veil: Women and the Arab Awakening**
Avi Melamed - (History, Politics & Society) (Israel)
- **The Boys from the Ashes**
Courtneigh Cloud - (Arts, Culture & Performance) (Shoah)
- P **Jewish Vision 2030**
Don Futterman, Samuel Heilman, Annika Hernroth-Rothstein, Howard Sackstein & Leanne Stillerman (History, Politics & Society)
- **Re-thinking Poles and Jews: Troubled Past, Brighter Future - The Story of Polish Jewry**
Annamaria Orla-Bukowska - (Tikkun Olam: Activism & Outreach)
(Shoah)

The End of the Journey

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This year, we would like to encourage even more families to enjoy all that we have on offer - there really is something for everyone! Not only is the adult programme jam-packed with incredible sessions, but we also have a Young Limmud programme & Teen programme, catering specifically to our youth's Jewish journeys.

