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December 7, 2014
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Shalom and welcome to **LimmudBoston 2014**, our annual volunteer-driven celebration of lifelong Jewish learning.

Today's conference offers more than 80 incredible sessions on a huge array of topics – from music, storytelling and hands-on art to text study, discussions about Israel, social justice, spirituality, and more. Follow your passion or explore something new!

We have two new offerings this year: **LimmudNEXT** are sessions presented by members of the young professional community. **Sandwich Sessions at 12:45** are enticing lunchtime teaching moments. Discover the musical and storytelling talents of **today's concert from 1-2:15PM**.

For families, we are so pleased that Keshet Newton has joined us to run **Camp Limmud**.

As exciting as today's programs are, **LimmudBoston** is really about lifelong Jewish learning. See the Encore options, listed under session descriptions, for concrete suggestions to follow up on what you learn today.

In the coming year, look for new **LimmudBoston Pop-Ups**: program offerings throughout the area. Watch for announcements of Pop-Ups on the South Shore, in Worcester, in the Pioneer Valley, as well as the Berkshires next summer. Keep your eye on **www.LimmudBoston.org** for more information.

Special thank you to the **LimmudBoston 2014** Program Team, to Board Chair Terri Swartz Russell, to our team leaders, to our presenters, and to all the other volunteers, whose names you will find in this program book.

Volunticipate! Today's events could not happen without scores of dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to make today possible. Join a planning team now!

And mark your calendars for **LimmudBoston 2015 –December 6, 2015**.

Steffi Aronson Karp
Founder

Julie Wolkoff
Program Chair



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.

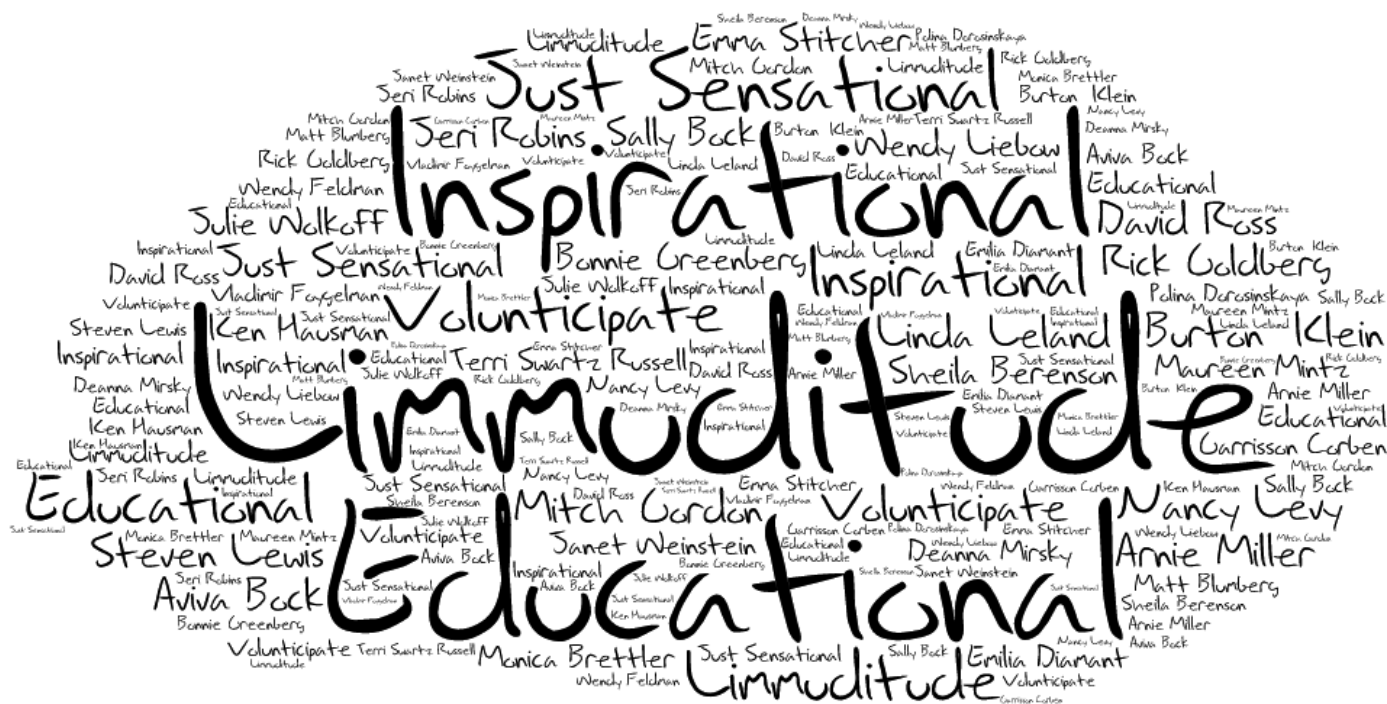
Core Value: Religious Observance

- 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 2014 Volunticipants

You are the backbone of volunticipation! Whether via 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, Matt Blumberg, Aviva Bock, Sally Bock, Monica Brettler, EJ Cohen, Garrison Corben, Emilia Diamant, Polina Dorosinskaya, Wendy Feldman, Vladimir Foygelman, Rick Goldberg, Mitch Gordon, Bonnie Greenberg, Ken Hausman, Burton Klein, Linda Leland, Nancy Levy, Steven Lewis, Wendy Liebow, Arnie Miller, Maureen Mintz, Deanna Mirsky, David Ross, Emma Stitcher, Terri Swartz Russell, Janet Weinstein, Julie Wolkoff, Jeri Robins, Julie Vanek

Special Thanks

- **Congregation Mishkan Tefila** for welcoming LimmudBoston into your community
 - **Catering by Andrew**
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 - **Ilana Snapstailer** and the **Keshet Newton** team for their work on Camp Limmud
 - **Ellie Ash, Terry Goldzier, Jacob Horowitz, Jen Kaplan & Becca Latimore**, LimmudBoston office
 - The many representatives from Limmud conferences worldwide, who share, share, share!
 - **Eric Karp & David Russell** and all the other volunticinant spice.
- We thank you for your generosity and patience!

LimmudBoston Board: Terri Swartz Russell, *Chair*, Elisha Gechter, Eric H. Karp, Jamie Stolper, Alan Teperow, Steffi Aronson Karp, *President*

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LimmudBoston 2014 General Information

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**, Please see registration desk if you lose your name badge.

Lunch:

- If you ordered a kosher lunch on-line before the conference, the colored ticket is in your name tag.
- A limited number of **lunches are available for purchase** today at the Walk-In Registration Table
- The Chubby Chickpea Kosher Food Truck will be in the parking lot after 11:30.
- Yes! You may eat or drink in classrooms.
- **We are a volunteer-driven conference! Kindly 'stash the trash!'!!!**

Kashrut:

- Mishkan Tefila is a strictly kosher synagogue. Please honor their policy by not bringing outside food (other than Chubby Chickpea) into the building.

Accessibility:

- This is an accessible building. The elevators are for those who really need them. If we all take the stairs, we'll not only get a little exercise, we'll make it possible for others to attend more **LimmudBoston** sessions.

Prayer:

- All participants are welcome to attend Congregation Mishkan Tefila's Conservative egalitarian minyan at 6:00 pm. If you would like to organize another service option, please come to the Registration Area to arrange a time and location.

Volunteering:

- We can always use more help! There are lots of volunteer opportunities today (ask at Registration Desk in lobby). Join us as a volunticipant for LimmudBoston 2015.

Apologies in advance:

- Please remember that LimmudBoston is a volunteer-run organization.
- 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 Congregation Mishkan Tefila in the same

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.

Cultivate Limmuditude!!

Join a volunticipant team for next year's LimmudBoston:

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Friends of LimmudBoston

These organizations & individuals make it possible for us to create meaningful programs for the entire community, and encourage the entire community to discover the joys of lifelong Jewish learning.

Prophet Level

Temple Isaiah of Lexington
 Temple Reyim of Newton
 Temple Shalom of Newton
 ShalomBoston.com
 Temple Emanuel of Newton
 Congregation Mishkan Tefila

Scholar Level

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 Congregation Beth El of Sudbury
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 Congregation Dorshei Tzedek of W. Newton
 Congregation Kehillath Israel of Brookline
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 Temple Beth Am of Framingham
 Temple Beth Avodah of Newton
 Temple Beth David of Westwood
 Temple Beth David of the South Shore
 Temple Beth Elohim of Wellesley
 Temple Beth Shalom of Needham
 Temple Beth Shalom of Peabody
 Temple Beth Zion of Brookline
 Temple Emeth of Chestnut Hill
 Temple Emunah of Lexington
 Temple Israel of Boston
 Temple Shir Tikva of Wayland
 Tremont Street Shul

Student Level

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom of Hingham
 Congregation Shaarei Tefillah
 Hillel Council of New England
 New Israel Fund
 Temple Hillel B'nai Torah
 Temple Ohabei Shalom of Brookline

Shabbat: the REST of Limmud

This weekend, LimmudBoston presenters spoke at area congregations and organizations.



Friday night: December 5, 2014

✧ Rick Jacobs
 Temple Isaiah, Lexington

 ✧ Michal Morris Kamil
 Temple Beth Am, Randolph

 ✧ Peninnah Schram
 Temple Emanuel, Newton

Saturday morning: December 6, 2014

✧ Michal Morris Kamil
 Temple Beth Am, Randolph

 ✧ Jewish Spiritual Education Shabbat Lab
 Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill

 ✧ Rabbi Maurice Harris
 Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, W. Newton

 ✧ Peninnah Schram
 Temple Emanuel, Newton

 ✧ Contemplative Shabbat with Music
 Temple Beth Avodah, Newton

 ✧ Henry Morris
 Shir Hadash Reconstructionist Havurah

Ask how you may sponsor a Shabbat program for LimmudBoston 2015!



Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you to wish mazel tov to everyone at Limmud Boston on this year's Limmud event.

Limmud was launched more than 30 years ago in the UK and has now spread around the world. Limmud's unique model of volunteer-led, cross-communal, multi-generational and transformational Jewish experiences is now truly global.

There are now 80 Limmud groups in 38 countries round the world. In 2013 there were over 50 Limmud events run by 3,000 volunteers with 25,000 participants, including first time events in Belarus, Peru and India. 2014 will see new events being planned or taking place in Vancouver, Italy, Haifa, Barcelona, Miami, Tel Aviv and the Czech Republic. These events are all inspired and supported by Limmud International, which provides training and support to Limmud groups all round the world. You can find out more about what we do at www.limmudinternational.org.

My congratulations, therefore, to the wonderful team of volunteers who have put so much effort into creating Limmud Boston this year and wish you a very successful event. I know how dedicated the teams are from having had the great pleasure of joining you last year, and I am only sorry not to be able to do so again this year. I have no doubt that this year's event will see Limmud in Boston going from strength to strength.

With warmest wishes,

David Hoffman

Chair, Limmud International, December 2014

December 2014

Dear Limmud Participants,

On behalf of Hebrew College, I am honored and pleased to welcome you to the fifth annual LimmudBoston. Building upon the success of the first four years of the program, LimmudBoston has created diverse opportunities for Jewish learning in the greater Boston area.

My own experience teaching at LimmudBoston and the experiences of my colleagues have reinforced for me the meaningfulness 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 has 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. May your Jewish study go from strength to strength.

B'vracha - with blessings,



Rabbi Daniel Lehmann
President



Shalom!

CJP is delighted to be a sponsor of LimmudBoston, and to be part of this vibrant Jewish learning experience! Boston's CJP has a long history of excellent Jewish learning through adult learning programs such as *Me'ah*, Parenting Through a Jewish Lens and now *Kevah*, bringing personally meaningful, small-group Jewish learning to our community. As well, CJP is committed to vibrant Jewish learning for children through overnight camping, day schools and our work to transform 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.

There are sessions throughout this program book marked "ED" (Education) that may be of particular interest to teachers and educators. Everyone is invited to attend any of these sessions, to learn from some of our community's most innovative educators

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

Barry Shrage
President, CJP

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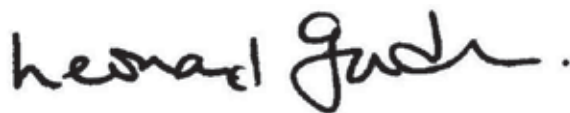
December, 2014
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Dear Participants in LimmudBoston:

Welcome to Mishkan Tefila. Our congregation is delighted to once again host the Boston Jewish community's premier learning event, LimmudBoston 2014. We share Limmud's dedication to egalitarian lifelong learning. Please take the opportunity of being in our building to visit our Library and historical Judaica collection in our Museum. We hope you will return often to visit, to pray, to study, and for public events.

Our thanks to the wonderful staff and volunteers of LimmudBoston 2014 for making this day of study a regular part of the community calendar.

B'shalom,



Rabbi Leonard Gordon



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Dear Fellow Learners:

In the Talmud we are taught,

"Do not say: I will read that I may be called wise, and study that I may be called a scholar; do it out of love, and honor will come at the end!"

—Talmud, Nedarim

Torah L'shma. Torah for its own sake. That's what LimmudBoston is about, and that's why hundreds of people have converged on Congregational Mishkan Tefila for this magnificent opportunity to learn and grow.

On behalf of the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, I am privileged to add my voice to those who welcome you to LimmudBoston. A transdenominational, pluralistic organization representing more than 120 member congregations and minyanim, SCM is proud to be one of LimmudBoston's original organizational co-sponsors.

I hope you will enjoy soaking up the learning, sitting at the feet of some of the area's greatest teachers, enjoying the arts and culture that abounds at LimmudBoston and coming together with serious like-minded learners from throughout New England.

Please join me in expressing gratitude and admiration to Steffi Aronson Karp (who claims that the Synagogue Council was the inspiration for many of her pluralistic impulses), the leadership of LimmudBoston, our host Congregational Mishkan Tefila, and the large number of voluticipants and sponsors who have made this amazing day possible.

L'limmud,

Alan Teperow, Executive Director
Synagogue Council of Massachusetts

JEWISH SPIRITUAL EDUCATION (JSE)
 OPEN Sessions: FRIDAY THROUGH MONDAY
 with visiting faculty from the Reclaiming Judaism
MAGGID-EDUCATOR ORDINATION PROGRAM



*Danny
Siegel*



*Rabbi Goldie
Milgram*



*Peninnah
Schram*



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Sagan*



*Mindy
Shapiro*

Option: Each JSE-designated session at LimmudBoston, earns credits [C] toward becoming a Maggid-Educator

JSE Sessions at LimmudBoston on Sunday, December 7, 2014

9:00am.-10:00am	Storytelling Workshop on Jewish Names: Peninnah Schram [1C]
10:15 pm-11:15am	Mussar and Zentangle: Mindy Shapiro [1 CR]
11:30 am-12:30pm	What's Jewish about Social Justice: Jewish Ways of Giving Support: Danny Siegel [1C]
11:30 am-12:30pm	InterPlay Prayer: Maggidah Cassandra Sagan [1C]
2:30p-4:45pm	Addressing Spiritual Needs: Powerful Jewish Principles & Practices Goldie Milgram [2C]
5:00pm-6:00 pm	Do You Always Have to Forgive? Rabbi Goldie Milgram [1C]

Open JSE intensives before and after LimmudBoston
 at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, unless otherwise indicated

SUN Dec 7 (*post-LimmudBoston conference*)

7:30-9:30 pm Kelm Mussar Awareness Intensive with Mindy Shapiro. \$18. Location: Hotel Indigo, Newton [2C]

MON Dec 8

\$36 half-day (morning or afternoon); Evening training requires all day participation: 9am to 9:30pm: \$65

9:00 am-noon	Jewish Storytelling Workshop with Peninnah Schram [3C]
1:00-2:00 pm	Creating Your, and Your Students Personal Mitzvah Connections with Danny Siegel [1C]
2:00-4:00 pm	InterPlay Intensive for the Jewish Educator's Toolkit with Magiddah Cassandra Sagan [2 C]
4:00-5:00 pm	Jewish Spiritual Education: Curriculum Development Approaches, Rabbi Goldie Milgram [1]
6:00-7:30 pm	Dinner in small faculty/student evening JSE example unit planning groups [2C]
7:30-9:30 pm	Participant faculty-mentored storytelling & teaching program components groups' designed [2.5C]

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Program Details, Full-Length Faculty Bios & JSE Resources: www.ReclaimingJudaism.org

Inquiries & Registration: Rabbi Goldie Milgram, Dean | 914-500-5696 cell | rebgoldie@gmail.com

FIND THE HIDDEN TREASURES: EXPLORE MISHKAN TEFILA'S RUBENOVITZ MUSEUM

Established in 1940, the Rabbi Herman H. and Mignon L. Rubenovitz Museum and Archives is a gem to explore during LimmudBoston. See if you can answer the questions below about some Jewish ritual objects.

Answers at www.limmudboston.org.

THE TREASURE HUNT BEGINS HERE!

Walk around the museum to find out just which Jewish holidays are represented.

Question 1 - Can you list all the holidays represented and what items are connected to each holiday?

Check out the beautiful Sephardic Torah scroll from Morocco with its accompanying Torah objects.

Question 2 - The Torah is read each week. How many times a week do we read from the Torah and when?

Each Torah scroll is made of parchment from a kosher animal. Writing of each Torah is done by hand. We try not to touch the parchment so it won't wear out when we read from the Torah.

Question 3 - What do we use to point to words while reading from the Torah? What does this word mean?

Question 4 - What is the difference between a Sephardic Torah scroll and an Ashkenzic scroll? Which do most synagogues in America use?

Walk to the large case on the far left wall. Jewish communities all over the world use this ritual object to celebrate a holiday. Note that some of these are lit using oil and some with candles.



Question 5 - What is the name of the ritual object in this case? When is this used?

Question 6 - Some of these candelabras have 9 branches and some only have 7. Why?

Question 7 - Which countries are represented in this case?

Question 8 - Some of these are built small for travelling? Why?

Walk to the case that's in the center of the back wall of the museum.

Question 9 - How many scrolls are there in this case? What is the name for this type of scroll? On what holiday is this scroll read? Do you know the story? What is the name of the other ritual object in this case that is also used for this same holiday? How is this object used?

Check out the case of Spice Boxes in the case all the way on the left, front of the museum.

Question 10 - How many spice boxes can you count in this case? When is this ritual object used? How is it used?

This Congregation Mishkan Tefila Museum Treasure Hunt was created by Terri Swartz Russell to honor the memory of her mother, Edith Liberty Swartz, a longtime member of the congregation.



Fun Jewish Learning at Camp Limmud2014!

Camp Limmud for ages 3-13 (Pre-Registration Required)

Note: Schedule is subject to change. See HELP DESK for updated Camp Limmud Schedule

Starting at	Ages 3-8	Ages 9-13	
8:45	Classroom play	Game time	
9:30	Hanukah Craft	Visit to the Magen David Adom Ambulance	
10:00	Storytelling with Andrea Kamens	Storytelling with Mark Covitz	
10:30	Snack time!	Snack time!	Snack time!
10:45	Playground time outside	Morning at the Museum A Scavenger Hunt Activity	
11:30	Visit to the Magen David Adom Ambulance	Biblio-Drama with Costumes!	
12:15	Dress-up time!	Hanukah Candle Making	
1:00	1:00-2:00 PM Camp Limmud is closed for Lunch & Concert Parents must pick up children for lunch.		
2:00	Play-dough Aleph Bet	Klezmer Kids with Benjamin Gerson	
2:40	Playground time outside	Basketball and outdoor games	
3:00	Happy Hanukah Paint party	Let's talk about B'nei Mitzvah projects with Danny Siegel	
3:45	Engaging Children During T'fila: The Attraction of MagneticShul Camp Limmud Gym Parents invited to join their kids		
4:45-5:45	Jewish Holiday Legos	K'nex with Jewish Holidays	
5:45-6:00	Parents Pick up Children		



Thank you to New England Yachad for helping to make Camp Limmud as inclusive as possible!

LimmudBoston Sessions

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

SMILE: You're on LimmudBoston Camera

We are taking photos at this event for promotional use.

If you prefer not to have your image used in LimmudBoston promotional materials, please sign a form at the Help Desk. *Your attendance at this event constitutes your approval for LimmudBoston to use your likeness for promotional purposes.*

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Yamins Chapel

What's in a Name? A Storytelling Workshop on Jewish Names

Peninnah Schram

Jewish Spiritual Education; Arts & Culture; Education; Jewish Identity; Performance; Spirituality & Prayer; Text & Thought

Jewish tradition gives our names many meanings and blessings. Names can shape our lives and our personalities. This participatory workshop will explore sources, name stories, meanings, connections of our names to the Torah and how our names and their interpretations can influence us.

Encore: www.ReclaimingJudaism.org

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 11

What Do I Believe?

Boaz Heilman

Jewish Identity; Text & Thought

Join in for a discussion and exploration of individual journeys of faith, based on the 13 principles of faith that Maimonides presented as essential to being Jewish. Explore, reflect, share.

Encore: Back To The Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts by Barry Holtz. For text study, The Queen You Thought You Knew by David Fohrman

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 15

What's So Jewish About the News?

Jonathan Golden

Jewish Identity; Education

Drawing from top Jewish news stories of 2014 in the United States, Israel, and around the globe, let's discuss what sparks our interest when we read the newspaper. Join the discussion on what it means to be well-informed and Jewish.

Encore: www.jta.org

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 10

Attending to One's Own Relationship with the Sacred: If Not Now, When?

Roslyn Weiner Heafitz

Spirituality & Prayer

Can you have meaningful conversations with your own soul? Yes! The practice of Spiritual Direction calls our attention to God's presence in our everyday lives. It can deepen and nourish our relationship with what is sacred within and to us. Through poetry, Jewish text, and questions, our session will blend sharing (non-obligatory) and contemplation.

Encore: Contact Roz (Heafitz) Weiner - r.g.weiner@comcast.net.

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 5

The Valley of Tears - Analysis of the 1973 Yom Kippur Battle

Jeffrey Goldberg

Israel

In 1973, on Yom Kippur, the Syrian Army nearly succeeded in retaking the Golan Heights and perhaps the entire Galilee. This session will analyze the conflict and the commanding officers' decisions on both sides. We will debate some "myths" about the epic battle in "the Valley of Tears."

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 6

Reaching Out: Redefining The Religious School Educator & Expanding Inclusive Religious School Communities

Ellie Goldman

Education; Jewish Identity

What can you do to involve more of the adults in your community into your religious school? At Temple Shalom, we have gathered a faculty of more than a dozen people with a budget for two, which has created a robust menu of courses and programs for teens. Come discuss how you can develop your own teen program.

Encore: www.tsyouth.org

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Feinberg Library

Relationships with Non-Jews: from Amalek to Jethro, from Fear to Love

Rick Jacobs

Text & Thought

We will consider Biblical, Talmudic and contemporary texts about the varied ways our tradition guides us in our relationships with non-Jews.

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!!

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 9

For Tzion's Sake, I Will Not Be Silent: Can Learning Still Occur Amidst Widening Polarization?

William Hamilton

Israel; Text & Thought

Israel's plight stirs passion. Is there still a place for new insights - for timely ideas rooted in timeless texts - that can shed light and inspire fresh beliefs in tomorrow's potential?

Encore: Like Dreamers by Yossi Klein Halevi

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 8

Creating Passover Seders in Interfaith Families

Esther Kosofsky

Holidays & Life Cycle; Education; Family Program; Parenting

According to tradition, we are to tell the Passover story "as if it happened to us." How do we make it welcoming, relevant and engaging when there are those at our seder of other faith backgrounds? Let's share ways and resources for making Passover accessible and fun for those in intermarried/interpartnered relationships and interfaith families.

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Leffell Conference Room

Bet Hillel, Bet Shammai and Jewish Boston: In Search of an Educational Philosophy

Elliot Goldberg

Text & Thought; Education

Through a guided chevruta-study of texts from Avot d'Rabbi Natan, this session will explore two different rabbinic educational philosophy statements and challenge participants to see how each may apply in our community.

Encore: Visions of Jewish Education edited by Seymour Fox, Israel Scheffler, and Daniel Marom

LimmudNEXT is keeping an eye on the future of Judaism by engaging NextGen 20s and 30s. Watch for the "LimmudNEXT" label on sessions that may be of special interest to young(er) adults. To get involved, in LimmudNEXT programs in the coming year, please write Emilia Diamant emilia.diamant@gmail.com

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 7

Wise Aging: Becoming Our Authentic Selves

Marjorie Sokoll, Barbara Sternfield

Spirituality & Prayer

How can we live our later years with spirit, resilience and wisdom? How can we become our authentic selves? With thoughtful, interactive sharing, we will experience exercises and new resources from the Wise Aging Project of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, to be launched in the Boston area through JF&CS.

Encore: Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, & Spirit by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Available Spring 2015.

Snacktime - 10:00AM

Snacks available in elevator lobbies.



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Alan Teperow

Executive Director, Synagogue Council of Massachusetts

Mazel tov on your upcoming retirement. Thank you for the many ways you have brought harmony to the Jewish community through dialogue, learning, music and humor.

10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

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Classroom 11

The Kav Ray, or How Love Permeates Creation

Daniel Sheff

Spirituality & Prayer

In the Kabbalistic story of creation, the Kav Ray appears as duality emerges from nonduality. Join us as we explore the Hebrew letters at the root of the Kav Ray, and what they reveal about love and our human nature.

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 16

Special Needs Inclusion at Temple Emunah, Lexington: A Positive Model

Sandy Miller-Jacobs, Elizabeth Pressman

Education; Health & Food & Science; Jewish Identity

Temple Emunah received a Ruderman Inclusive Synagogue Project grant this year. Join us to learn about accommodations we provide and ways members and guests know about them. Programs will be highlighted. Participants will brainstorm barriers to inclusion and possible solutions. Leave this workshop with ideas to make your synagogue more openly inclusive!

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 6

Introduction to Jewish Genealogy

Marilyn Okonow

Jewish Identity

What do you need to start Jewish genealogical research and find your own family history? Which resources are relevant? You may be astounded by the wealth of documents available about your ancestors!

Encore: www.jgsgb.org

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 5

Intro to Traditional Jewish Texts, aka How Did The Jewish Bookshelf Get To Be So Big?

Beth Lesch

LimmudNEXT, Text & Thought

Take a whirlwind tour through the Jewish bookshelf, from the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) to the Mishnah to the Talmud to the present day. Come and learn about the major genres, texts and thinkers in the enchanting world of Torah study.

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 14

Mussar and Zentangle

Mindy Shapiro

Jewish Spiritual Education; Arts & Culture; Spirituality & Prayer

After using Mussar techniques to relax into a meditative state, we will create fun Zentangles--paper tiles made with pen and paper. Participants will create at least one completed Zentangle and learn the skills to continue with this artistic, contemplative practice.

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 8

Magen David Adom: Saving Lives, Pikuach Nefesh

Gary Perl

Israel; Health & Food & Science; Text & Thought

In life-threatening situations, the most qualified persons available need to provide all possible help. Pikuach Nefesh means preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious consideration. Study traditional texts about saving lives, Pikuach Nefesh & Israel's emergency medical and blood services.

Encore: www.afmda.org

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Youth Lounge

What's it Challabout? Teaching Torah Through Challah

Susan Abramson

Health & Food & Science; Family Program; Holidays & Lifecycle

Come shape bakeable challah dough with Susan! Explore the many creative shapes of Torah, shaping challah dough for baking. We will fashion loaves in ways that reflect the weekly Torah portion.

Encore: Challah: A Chewish Guide To The Torah.

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 7

Kulanu: The Emergence of Jewish Communities in Africa, Asia, South/Central America

Judy Manelis

Jewish Identity

What are the historic events leading up to the embrace of, or return to, Judaism in some surprising corners of the world? Come see an intimate portrait of Jewish personalities and communities. Discover how the organization Kulanu ("all of us") serves these isolated, emerging, and returning Jewish communities--strengthening their ties to the worldwide Jewish community.

Encore: www.kulanu.org

If it rings, beeps, shakes or sizzles—or disturbs anyone else, turn it off!

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 15

The Chanukah Story: Historical Fiction or Spiritual Narrative?

Nechama Goldman-Barash

Text & Thought

Hannukah is one of the most beloved Jewish festival but its origins are hard to pin down. Military victory or a miraculous cruse of oil? Merely a coincidence that the holiday of lights takes place at one of the darkest times of the year? Looking at historical, rabbinic and hassidic sources to try and create a more nuanced picture of this holiday.

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 10

Translating the Bible Anew: The Early Prophets

Everett Fox

Text & Thought

Bring new life to the stories of Samson, David and Elijah, illuminating even familiar passages in this compelling part of the Bible. Pay attention to the texture and rhythm of the Hebrew, in English translation.

Encore: Use the Fox translation and the second edition of the Jewish Study Bible for your Bible study group.

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 9

50 Shades of Torah: The Stories They Don't Teach in Hebrew School

Aviva Fellman

Text & Thought; Education

Come and get dirty as we study the text of the Lot story. Did Lot sin? Did his daughters? Why would these stories be in the bible? We will engage in chevruta study while learning some midrashim about the extended family of the patriarchs.

10:15AM - 11:00AM

Feinberg Library

In the Image of God: A Debate between Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Darwin

Davin Wolok

Text & Thought

We will explore the Bible's claim that we are created "in the image of God" in light of the debate between Darwin and Wallace, the originators of the theory of evolution by means of natural selection -- one remembered and the other mysteriously forgotten.

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Leffell Conference Room

Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom

Svetlana Grinshpan, Julie Vanek

Education

New technology can engage active students. K-12, teachers from CJP's Teaching and Technology Fellowship will share curriculum that they have created.

Encore: CJP's Teaching & Technology Fellowship

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

11:30AM - 12:30PM

InterPlay Jewish Prayer

Cassandra Sagan

Jewish Spiritual Education; Arts & Culture; Education;
Family Program; Parenting; Spirituality & Prayer; Meditation,
Movement, Music-making

Enter the doorway of Jewish prayer practice - through song, movement and meaning. The InterPlay system integrates personal midrash, insight & embodied Torah. Create soulful family and Jewish connections using simple improvisational forms with stillness and movement, story and voice, and silence.

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Teshuvah and the Jewish Medicine Wheel

Jeffrey Mazur

Spirituality & Prayer; Holidays & Life Cycle

Come explore meanings for the seven directions (east, west, north, south, up, down and center) from a Jewish context. See how this understanding can be used as a map to assist us when working on teshuvah.

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Hiking the Shviel: Discovering the Land and Yourself on the Israel National Trail

Hal LaCroix

Israel; Jewish Identity

Hiking the epic, 500-mile Israel National Trail, the Shviel, is a powerful way to encounter Israel and meet Israelis outside of tour bus routes. We will discuss the background of the Shviel, setting this experience as a metaphor for the joyful struggle of discovering Jewish identity.

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Dream Journeys Through The Tree of Life

Yael Linda Schiller

Spirituality & Prayer; Meditation, Movement, Music-making

An introduction to the ancient Jewish arts of dream incubation, dream work, and dream healing. We will experience a shamanic dream journey through the layers of the Pardes and the Etz Chaim (Tree of Life).

Encore: www.lindayaelschiller.com

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Shmita: How an Ancient Idea Sheds Light on Sustainable Living in the Modern World

Layah Kranz Lipsker

Text & Thought; Jewish Identity; Social Justice; Health,
Medicine, Food

In this 466th year of Shmita, the Sabbatical year for farmers in Israel, let's explore how Shmita works and what it means in the modern world. How might the Shmita concept hold a key for approaching several major economic, environmental and societal changes that we face today? How can we integrate Shmita into our lives today?

Encore: www.getyourget.com

Classroom 10

11:30AM - 12:30PM

What's So Jewish About Social Justice? The Jewish Way of Giving Support

Danny Siegel

Jewish Spiritual Education; Education; Jewish Identity;
Social Justice; Text & Thought

A text-based discussion of tikkun olam and tzedakah: What are the distinctly Jewish values for giving tzedakah and bettering the world? How can we enrich understanding of true tikkun olam?

Encore: Danny Siegel's Workbook: "To Help You Decide Where, When, Why, and How You Can Do Your Best Tikkun Olam"

11:30AM - 12:30PM

The Truest Act of Kindness: Who Prepares the Dead?

Melinda Strauss, Alan Radding

Holidays & Life Cycle; Education

A panel from the independent, non-denominational Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston share what it's like to perform Tahara, the ritual washing and dressing of the deceased--the truest act of kindness--and how it impacts their lives. There will be ample time for Q&A. This panel includes: Irle Goldman, Alan Redding, Wendy Russman-Halperin, Enid Shulman, Allen Spivack and Andrew Vogel. Moderator: Melinda Strauss

Encore: www.hevrakadisha.org & Chesed Shel Emet: The Truest Act of Kindness by Rabbi Stuart Kelman and Dan Fendel

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Ketiv: Emerging Jewish Writers Panel

Emily Jaeger, Jason Henry Simon-Bierenbaum, Joshua Elbaum, Elana Friedland

LimmudNEXT; Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity;
Performance / Film

Jewish people are called the "People of the Book," but what does it mean to be a Jewish author? What is so special about the Jewish literary tradition? In this panel, four emerging Jewish writers will share their work and offer fresh insight into Jewish cultural and religious topics, as well as identity.

Encore: The Literary Round Table, a monthly Boston-area Jewish writer's workshop.

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Dreaming Dreams and Seeing Visions: The Future of American Judaism

Rick Jacobs, Barry Shrage, Moderated by Alan Teperow

Jewish Identity

Two of today's greatest Jewish visionaries will discuss the future of American Jewish life. What roles will synagogues play? What other kinds of communities will be important? How should individuals and Jewish institutions respond to current challenges and trends?

Encore: www.CJP.org & www.URJ.org

Feinberg Library

Classroom 9

Classroom 16

Schwartz Social Hall

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 8

Journeys of Transformation: Descendants of the Shoah Encounter Descendants of the Third Reich

Rosalie Gerut

Jewish Identity; Education; Holidays & Life Cycle;
Performance / Film; Meditation, Movement, Music-making

One-by-one is an organization which over the years has brought together three generations of both Jews and Germans impacted by the Holocaust and the Nazi Regime. The concept of tshuvah and its life altering results have been brought to life by these encounters.

Encore: www.RosalieGerut.com & www.one-by-one.org

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Youth Lounge

Open Up My Lips! Making Personalized Prayerbooks for Babies and Toddlers

Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg

Spirituality & Prayer; Arts & Culture; Education; Family Program;
Jewish Identity; Parenting; Text & Thought

Interactive exercises will lead to a conversation on what belongs in a siddur for babies and toddlers. Educators, parents, family members, and the young-at-heart will create personalized prayerbooks.

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 7

Parenting in the Present Moment: How to Stay Focused on What Really Matters

Carla Naumburg

Parenting; Meditation, Movement, Music-making

What is mindful parenting and why does it matter? How can parents bring more attention, awareness, and kindness to interactions with their children? Participants will learn several concrete practices rooted in the Jewish tradition for keeping them connected, grounded, and present.

Encore: Parenting in the Present Moment, by Carla Naumburg

Young Professional Lunch Meetup

LimmudNEXT, the Young Professional
Meetup 12:45-1:30 Room 10

A limited number of extra lunches are available—If you did not pre-order a meal, please purchase a lunch ticket now at the Registration Desk—supply is limited) B'tayavon! Bon Appetit!

12:45 PM to 1:30 PM SANDWICH SESSIONS

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Feinberg Library

Behind the Scenes of LimmudBoston

Terri Swartz Russell & Friends

Jewish Identity

Discover the many ways you can get involved in creating LimmudBoston 2015. What would you change? Bring lunch to chat with Terri Swartz Russell and other volunteers.

Encore: LimmudBoston 2015

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Classroom 15

Sparks of Shmita: Growing New Programs to Honor the Land's Shabbat

David Arfa

Education; Arts & Culture; Health & Food & Science

What new program sparks might the Shmita year bring? Come and join colleagues for creative group brainstorming on the future of Shmita. We'll quickly move beyond gardens and food and explore new ways to bring the land alive and make economic justice real for our communities. Everyone leaves with seeds for new projects, programs and partnerships.

Encore: Hazon Shmita Sourcebook

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Leffell Conference Room

Gee, I Never Heard of That: A Sneak Preview of the 2015 Boston Jewish Music Festival

Joey Baron

Arts & Culture

Here's your chance to be the first to hear many of the artists who will be coming to Boston in March. With a theme of "Music Builds Bridges," the 2015 festival is shaping up to be the most fascinating and enjoyable one yet. Come hear why!

Encore: Boston Jewish Music Festival, Feb. 27-March 15, 2015 www.BostonJewishMusicFestival.org

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Classroom 5

What Happens to "Honor Your Father" When You Take Away Dad's Car Keys

Herman Blumberg, Robyn Cohen

Science, Health, Food; Text & Thought

What insights from Jewish teachings can help guide us when we are faced with caring for and honoring our elders?

Encore: Elliot Dorff - Matters of Life and Death - A Jewish Approach to Modern Medical Ethics.

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Classroom 10

LimmudNEXT Meetup with Emilia Diamant

Emilia Diamant

LimmudNEXT; Jewish Identity

Bring your lunch and join us for this 20s / 30s / Young Professional networking opportunity.

Encore: LimmudNEXT events

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

Mid-Day Concert Celebration of Song & Story

Grab your lunch and join us for amazing LimmudBoston 2014 talent. Sing along to the music of **Sue Horowitz** whose warm and engaging style creates a feeling of community wherever she sings. Be entranced by the ASL interpretation of **EJ Cohen**. When Peninnah Schram tells a story, even the leaves on the trees stop trembling to listen. **Kesher Shir**, a collaborative group of cantors, soloists and songwriters, will share their new, original liturgical music.

Lunchtime!

Food! Glorious, Kosher Food!

Lunch in Copleman-Clarke Social Hall: 11:30-1:30

Chubby Chickpea Food Truck in driveway: all afternoon

Snacks in elevator lobby areas: 10AM & 3PM

Please respect the kosher policy of this building. Do not bring any food from home.

Food from the Chubby Chickpea kosher food truck may be brought inside.



Use your colored lunch ticket for your pre-ordered meal in Copleman-Clark Social Hall.
or

Purchase a lunch ticket from the lobby
Registration Desk for a
Catering by Andrew lunch (*until supplies run out.*)
or

Purchase a meal from the Chubby Chickpea food truck
— parked outside (*accessible from the second floor*)

12:30-2:30 Author/Artist Signings
Main Lobby

12:45-1:30 Sandwich Sessions:
Bring your lunch to these lunchtime sessions (see facing page)



Behind the Scenes @ Limmud
Boston Jewish Music Festival
Shmita
Taking the Car Keys
LimmudNEXT Meetup

1:00-2:15 Concert Celebration of Story & Song with Concert in Schwartz Social Hall

All-day:
Visit our Exhibitors!

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Feinberg Library

Voice, Place, Fire: God in Metaphor

Toba Spitzer

Spirituality & Prayer; Text & Thought

Traditional images of God as King or Supreme Being can be alienating. How might we reclaim and reconstruct our thinking about the Ultimate? We will explore some of the myriad ancient metaphors for the Divine, moving beyond God as person.

Encore: Metaphors We Live By by George Lakoff and Mark Johnson. I Is An Other: The Secret Life of Metaphor and How it Shapes the Way We See the World by James Geary.

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Leffell Conference Room

End-of-Life Pastoral Learnings from Sefer haHistalkut

Joel Baron, Sara Paasche-Orlow

Text & Thought; Spirituality & Prayer

Sefer haHistalkut collects 42 end-of-life stories of 16th-20th century Hasidic rebbes. Study in English with Hebrew text available, with related rabbinic and Biblical texts. Glean an understanding of Jewish views of end-of-life, after-life, and the ways in which we care for the dying.

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 9

When Interfaith Marriage Touches Your Life: Challenges and Opportunities for Parents

Julie Zupan

Parenting; Jewish Identity; Holidays & Life Cycle

In this supportive conversation, parents can expect to gain a perspective about interfaith relationships and changing demographics. Learn strategies for strengthening communication with your adult children.

Encore: Inside Interfaith Marriage by Jim Keen

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 8

The Jew that Shakespeare Drew: The True Story of Dr. Lopez

Dominic Green

Arts & Culture

Roderigo Lopez, doctor to Elizabeth I, was part of a small and secret group of Sephardim living in Shakespeare's London. Treating the queen and her court, Lopez also dealt in intelligence and diplomacy, and, it seems, was an inspiration for Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

Encore: The Double Life of Dr. Lopez by Dominic Green

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 5

Are you a Jacob or an Esau? How to Teach to Different Learning Styles

Beth Goldstein

Education; Text & Thought

Can different learning styles be traced back to the Bible? What can we learn from our biblical ancestors about the needs of our diverse learners? Discover this and more as we explore Jewish tradition and modern educational thought on differentiated learning and how to create the best environment for meeting our students where they are.

Encore: Howard Gardner, Rabbi Steven M. Brown

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 10

Monopoly: Unraveling the Israeli Political System

Ilana Snapstailer

Israel; Jewish Identity

Still trying to figure out your Likud from Labor? Try this Monopoly-style game that teaches about the Israeli political and electoral system. Debate current issues in Israel today, such as religion and state, peace and security, immigration, women's rights, the Israel-Diaspora connection and more!

Encore: Be'et Ha'am Z-talks run by the WZO.

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 16

The Jewish World in Stamps: The Bible, Famous Jews and Jewish History

Ronald Eisenberg

Jewish Identity; Arts & Culture

This audience-participation presentation uses a wealth of colorful postage stamps to illustrate famous Jews in the worlds of entertainment, science, literature, and politics over the past 300 years.

Encore: The Jewish World in Stamps by Ronald Eisenberg

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 14

Projects with a Purpose: The Difference Between Projects and Project Based Learning

Kim Bodemer, Ronit Ziv-Kreger, Judy Spicehandler

Education; Jewish Identity

Explore the difference between making projects and project-based learning. Learn about supplementary schools which have created opportunities for deep student engagement. Brainstorm ways to creatively use this strategy!

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Yamins Chapel

Jewish Tales Live! Part I Emcees: Cindy Rivka Marshall, Bruce Marcus.

Bonnie Greenberg, Peninnah Schram, Rona Leventhal, Andrea Kamens

Performance

Presenting several enticing storytellers performing contemporary/traditional Jewish tales geared toward adults and families. Come join us as we welcome this year's feature, the Doyenne of Jewish Storytelling, Peninnah Schram, with Rona Leventhal, Andrea Kamens, and Bonnie Greenberg. Each session will include an open mic on Jewish Journeys.

Encore: www.JewishStorytelling.org

Snacktime - 3:00PM

Snacks available in elevator lobbies.

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Youth Lounge

A Taste of Judaic SoulCollage®

Heidi Shira

Spirituality & Prayer; Arts & Culture; Meditation, Movement,
Music-making

Access your inner wisdom using imagery in this creative, simple, and fun workshop designed to whet your spiritual appetite. In this exciting Judaic adaptation, learn ways to use SoulCollage® in daily meditation, prayer, or Mussar practice. No artistic experience necessary.

Encore: SoulCollage.com, Kaleidosoul.com

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 6

Jerusalem Behind the News

David Gurevich

Israel

Jerusalem is often in the news. UN, CNN, Obama, Bibi and Abbas- all make headlines. But, where IS East Jerusalem? Why does the media describe people on one side of a street as ordinary citizens and those on the other as illegal settlers? Why was an international expedition sent to retrieve a dental prosthesis?

Encore: Jerusalem - Some Legal Issues by Ruth Lapidoth

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Schwartz Social Hall

Keshar Shir - A Model of Creative Collaboration between Singer/Songwriters and Cantors

Martin Levson, Alan Gold, Susan Glickman, Lisa Doob, Sue Horowitz, Shira Nafshi, Eliana Light, David Rothberg

Spirituality & Prayer; Meditation, Movement, Music-making

Ever wanted to be a (song)writer? Join Keshar Shir, a songwriting collaborative, and learn how they studied and composed music in chevruta. Then, write in chevruta: sharing text study and word painting together. Not for musicians only! This session is for anyone who wants new collaboration models for learning.

Encore: www.keshershshir.org

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 11

B'nei Mitzvah Beyond God: Jewish Values, Ethics & Community Service

David Ross, Philip Katz, Becky Khitrik

Holidays & Life Cycle; Family Program; Parenting

Discover ways to create a meaningful ceremony & wonderful experience for families & guests while focusing on Jewish values, ethics & social service. Those in Humanistic Jewish congregations do all that--without referencing God. Includes video and discussion.

Encore: www.kahalbraira.org

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 7

Act It Out for Jewish Education: Beyond Sedra Scenes

Becky Price

LimmudNEXT; Arts & Culture; Education

Looking for a new and fresh approach to text study? The answer is in applied drama and theatre techniques for hands on, active, engaged learning. We will explore improvisation, tableaux, and teacher-in-role. For educators, creative types, theatre fans, and anyone sharing creative midrash & Jewish learning.

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

2:30PM - 4:45 PM

Classroom 17

Addressing Spiritual Needs: Powerful Jewish Principles & Practices

Goldie Milgram

Jewish Spiritual Education; Education; Spirituality & Prayer

We benefit--and even thrive--when we bring a Jewish spiritual lens to our lives. Bring your questions and yearning to this focused session on relevant wisdom from the Jewish spiritual masters.

Encore: Reclaiming Judaism as a Spiritual Practice, by Goldie Milgram; Seeking and Soaring: Jewish Approaches to Spiritual Guidance and Development



Got Frequent Flier Miles?

One way to support LimmudBoston is to help us send volunteers who want to experience other Limmud conferences--so that they can bring their knowledge and expertise back to us. So far, LimmudBoston has sent scouts to Limmud Atlanta, Limmud Philly and Limmud New York. Each Limmud informs our creation of LimmudBoston.

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3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

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Encore: www.JewishStorytelling.org

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Feinberg Library

Individuals with Mental Illness & Judaism: Creating and Supporting Welcoming Communities

Sandy Slavet, Karen Landy, Howard Trachtman Jewish Identity; Social Justice

How does the community respond when mental illness strikes a Jewish family? What more can be done to breaking down barriers? Explore the triumphs and challenges of making individuals feel welcome, safe and valued regardless of difference or diagnosis. What are some Jewish perspectives on this essential issue?

Encore: www.jfcsboston.org

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 10

Writing Jewish History for Young Adults

Mitchell Silver Education; Jewish Identity; Social Justice

When philosophers speak of moral education, shaping values and forming character, what role does history play? Author, Mitchell Silver, explores the use of Jewish history as a fundamental tool in Jewish moral education for today's Jewish youth.

Encore: The Veterans of History: A Young Person's History of the Jews by Mitchell Silver

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 11

Just One Planet: Honoring our Dark Emotions and Moving Forward

Katy Allen Social Justice; Spirituality & Prayer

In this experiential and interactive workshop, we will share our emotional responses to climate change and other environmental problems, and process and honor these emotions, while finding pathways forward.

Encore: www.jewishclimate.org; Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in without Going Crazy by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Schwartz Social Hall

Addressing Threats to Israel: Two Contrasting Approaches

Libby Lenkinksi, Tricia Miller, Jonathan Golden Israel

Join a lively conversation on Israel's survival as a thriving democracy in a difficult region. Libby Lenkinksi from the New Israel Fund will focus on social issues, such as religious freedom, economic gaps, and discrimination. Tricia Miller of CAMERA will address the media's coverage of internal and external threats to Israel's security.

Encore: www.nif.org & www.camera.org

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Camp Limmud Gym

Engaging Children During T'fila: The Attraction of MagneticShul

Justin Sakofs, Rachel Sakofs Family Program; Education; Jewish Identity; Parenting; Spirituality & Prayer

How can we engage children in the shul experience without bringing devices that provide an escape? Let's play with MagneticShul together to engage in shul.

LimmudBoston honors the core values of Limmud conferences everywhere.

We celebrate learning, diversity, community involvement.

We honor tradition and explore our Jewish horizons.

We value all members of the community.

We foster connections and we encourage participation.

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

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 9

Malignant Narcissism: The Evil Destroyer of Families

Robin Shaye

Family Program; Education

Jewish families are not precluded from domestic violence. Shame and fear often force victims to remain with their abuser. What is domestic violence? How does narcissism fuel domestic violence? Why does the court often fail the victim? We'll explore the fascinating psychological profile of the malignant narcissist, as well as safety plans when living with a batterer. A survivor shares her story to teach and help victims.

Encore: Until You Die: The Narcissist's Promise by Robin Shaye

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Leffell Conference Room

Giving Tzedakah: When, How & To Whom—A Panel Discussion

Danny Siegel, Robert Housman, Terri Swartz Russell

Social Justice; Education; Jewish Identity; Text & Thought

Panel with Danny Siegel, Bob Housman. Moderated by Terri Swartz Russell

Encore: Danny Siegel's Workbook

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 8

Grandparenting Kids from Inter marriage

Ruth Nemzoff

Parenting; Jewish Identity

Join this interactive discussion of how Jewish grandparents can honor the religious choices that their children have made while still fulfilling their desire to pass their own heritage onto their grandchildren.

Encore: Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Rewarding Relationships with Your Adult Children, Don't Roll Your Eyes: Making In-Laws Into Family by Ruth Nemzoff.

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 15

Inclusive Brit Milah Ceremonies for Interfaith (and All) Families

Alan Green

Holidays & Life Cycle; Parenting

Inter marriage rates have risen from 17% in 1970, to 58%, and rising in 2000. Brit milah establishes the identity of a newborn. Discuss how to create meaningful inclusive brit milah ceremonies for children of interfaith marriages.

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

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 5

Jews and Power

Emilia Diamant

LimmudNEXT; Social Justice

The American Jewish community has evolved from an underclass of immigrants during the early 1900s to a flourishing and thriving group today. As we've grown and changed, we have experienced various levels of engagement with social justice causes. But where do we stand today? What activist movements are we leading or supporting?

Encore: How Jews Became White Folks by Karen Brodtkin

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 7

Preserving Your Family Papers: How Your Family's Stories Shape Our Collective History

Stephanie Call, Judi Garner

Jewish Identity; Arts & Culture

Your family's stories document the historical impact of events in a community, even if we may not realize the value of our family papers. See how family stories shape the "story" of our community history and learn what is involved in donating papers to an archival repository.

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 6

Chokhmat Mazalot: an Introduction to Jewish Astrology

Joshua Berkowitz

Spirituality & Prayer; Arts & Culture; Text & Thought; Holidays & Life Cycle; Meditation, Movement, Music-making

Astrology has long been a hot button topic for Jews, but what is it exactly, and what does our tradition say about it? A brief introduction to Astrology as practiced by Jews over the centuries, examining how our ancestors viewed it.

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

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5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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Classroom 6

Reimagining Jewish Inter marriage

Keren McGinity

Jewish Identity; Parenting

Let's reimagine Jewish inter marriage and recognize ways in which gender influences experience and meaning. See how 20 years of research encourages the dismantling of myths and assumptions in order to explore a new paradigm for understanding interfaith relationships and parenting.

Encore: Marrying Out: Jewish Men, Inter marriage, Fatherhood and Still Jewish: A History of Women and Inter marriage in America

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 7

The 4 Chanukah Words: Nes Gadol Haya Sham. (A Great Miracle Happened There) What Can They Mean?

Aliza Arzt

Text & Thought

On the dreidel, nun, gimel, hay and shin, stand for the four word phrase, A Great Miracle Happened There. Using Biblical and Talmudic texts in Hebrew and English, we will spend time on each word to discover surprising things about its meaning. The dreidel's message will never be the same for you again!

Encore: Play dreidle!

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 5

The New Situation of World Jewry

Charles Jacobs

Jewish Identity; Education

Jews today face a new and daunting reality: from an Israel, surrounded and besieged in a region now radicalized - to a Europe where anti-Semitism is rampant - to American campuses where anti-Israelism sometimes morphs into bald Jew-hatred, and where Jews sometimes fear physical attack. How did we get here and what should we do?

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Feinberg Library

Coming Out of the Cave: Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai Teaches Us about Judaism and Modernity

Nechama Goldman-Barash

Text & Thought

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai goes into a cave for 13 years to escape Roman persecution and to run away from the temptations of the world. Although he benefits from his self-imposed isolation, ultimately he realizes that the only way to grow is to rejoin the world. Explore timeless issues of individual vs community and tradition's conflict with modernity

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 8

22 Tips for Tighter Ties With Your Twenty-Somethings: Take-aways from Talmud, Texts and Tzaddiks

Monica Grinberg

Parenting; Text & Thought

Parents of 20-somethings will explore practical Jewish values that may help enhance your relationships with your adult children.

Encore: <http://30a2fd1b.wix.com/grinberg-consulting>

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Leffell Conference Room

Do You Always Have to Forgive?

Goldie Milgram

Jewish Spiritual Education; Education; Spirituality & Prayer; Text & Thought; Holidays & Life Cycle

Explore the surprising wisdom of ancient and contemporary Jewish spiritual masters on the question of when, whether and how to engage in forgiveness.

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 14

Let My People Eat

Judith Mabel

Science, Health, Food

Don't let special diets interfere with religious celebrations and favorite foods. What are your food issues? Discover easy and reasonable alternatives to traditional recipes so that everyone may participate in Shabbat and holiday meals. Recipes will be provided.

Encore: www.nutritionboston.com

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 9

Parenting LGBT Children: Stories and Sources-A Panel Discussion

Chasiah Haberman, Judy Elkin, Melinda Strauss

Parenting; Social Justice

How do our Jewish values inform parenting of our LGBT children? What resources are available to parents, educators and community leaders to keep our children connected to the Jewish people? What does it take to build an inclusive, LGBT-friendly congregation or organization? This will be a panel discussion from Boston Keshet Parent and Family Connection.

Encore: www.keshet.org

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 10

Jewish Journeys: Sharing "A-ha" Moments of Identity and Self-Discovery

David Kalis, Margie Ross-Decter

Jewish Identity; Arts & Culture; Education; Jewish Identity

What is the Journey you took to connect to your Judaism? What is your timeline? We'll present our unique experiences and share "a-ha moments." How do we best create those a nurturing environment for Jewish self discovery for ourselves, our children and our communities?

Recycle your name tag:
Leave it in tag return box in Lobby

6:10PM - 6:30PM **Front Lobby**

Closing Circle

Goldie Milgram & Friends

Join us in the Lobby for a Closing Circle
to conclude LimmudBoston 2014.

It's a Party: A Cleanup Party!

6:30-7:00 PM After the Closing Circle

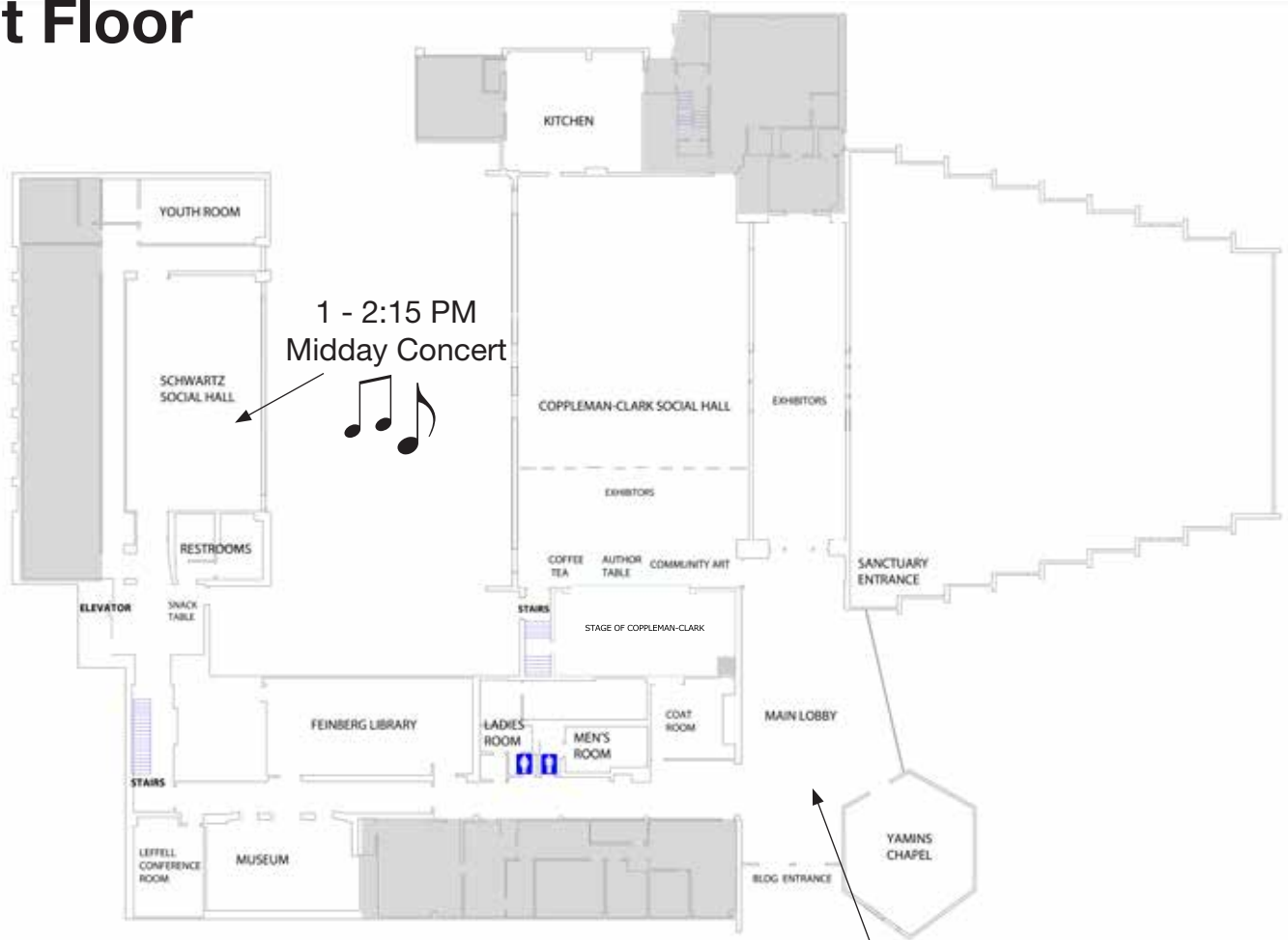
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Throughout the Building**

Many hands make light work! Help us look through each room to check for leftover LimmudBoston papers, cups, handouts, etc. Add your name to the helper lists at the Registration Desk. Thank you!

"And in my own life, in my own small way, I've tried to give back to this country that has given me so much. That's why I left a job at a law firm for a career in public service, working to empower young people to volunteer in their communities. Because I believe that each of us - no matter what our age or background or walk of life - each of us has something to contribute to the life of this nation."

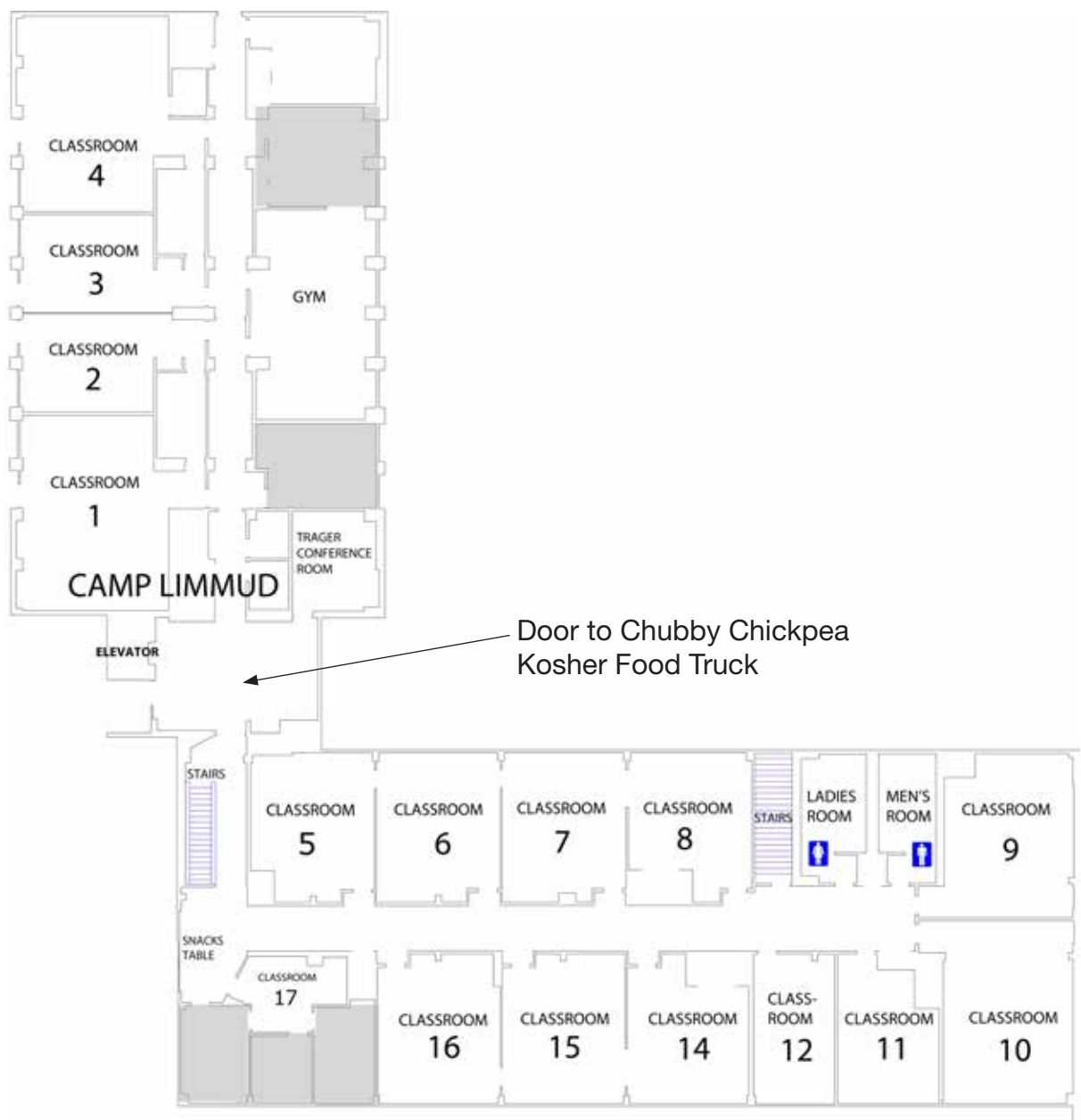
Michelle Obama

First Floor



6:10 - 6:30 PM
Closing Circle

Second Floor



Exhibitors

Please visit our exhibitors in the main lobby area.

Adamah

Jewish Environmental Fellowship, farms on 10 acres of fields, orchards, and pasture in Falls Village, Connecticut.
www.hazon.org/adamah

Advah Designs

Create beautiful and meaningful Jewish ritual textiles.
www.advahdesigns.com

Alden Films

A leading distributor of films and videos of Israel and Judaica.
www.rhythmeniks.com

American Friends of Magen David Adom

Magen David Adom (MDA) is Israel's ambulance, blood-services, and disaster-relief organization.
www.afmda.org

American Hebrew Academy

An International Jewish College Prep Boarding School in Greensboro, NC
www.americanhebrewacademy.org

ARI Institute

A nonprofit organization promoting globally aware humanity for meeting the challenges of today's interdependent world.
www.ariresearch.org

Century Bank

Family values make the difference.
www.centurybank.com

Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston

An independent organization committed to making burial rituals accessible and available to the Jewish Community.
www.HevraKadisha.org

Cultural Expressions Jewelry

A wide selection of jewelry from a range artists in Israel.

Eim Chai

Eim Chai promotes individual spiritual growth and connects Jewish women across all streams of observance through shared Torah values and Jewish traditions in Boston.
www.eimchai.org

Fair Trade Judaica

Promotes fair trade through education, expanding production and distribution, and sale of fair trade Judaica products.
www.fairtradejudaica.org

Highland Felting Studio

Presents vibrantly colored handmade felted scarves and bowls.
www.kenleighsfiberstudio.com

Hypnosis for Wellness of Greater Boston

Hypnotist Elana Kogan shares how she helps clients achieve their goals.

Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Boston

We match children in need to adult mentors; we introduce adults with disabilities to new friends in their communities.
www.jbbbs.org

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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

Jewish Lights Publishing

Books and other materials about Jewish people and the relevance of Judaism to everyday life.
www.jewishlights.com

J Street

Political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans who support a two state solution.
www.jstreet.org

Kahal B'raira

A congregation for Humanistic Judaism beliefs.
www.kahalbraira.org

MagneticShul

A toy designed to engage young children in developmentally appropriate play.
www.MagneticShul.com

Meckomii

Offering original silver and gold inspired Judaica and jewelry.

Micah Publications

Jewish vegetarian cuisine and practice. www.micahbooks.com

NewCAJE

Come hear how you can participate in this great national Jewish Education meet-up.
www.newcaje.org

New Israel Fund

Advancing liberal democracy and fighting the inequality, injustice, and extremism that diminish Israel.
www.nif.org

Progressive Asset Management Group / FWG

Providing the nation's widest selection of socially responsible financial products and services.
www.progressiveassetmanagement.com

Temple Israel Boston

Known as the largest reform temple in New England.
www.tisrael.org

The Binah School

A new all-girls middle and high school bringing together academics, Judaic study, the arts and technology.
www.thebinahschool.org

“It’s not about changing and tweaking Jewish life we know;
it’s about a revolution - bringing new ideas to Jewish life.”

– Sandy Cardin speaking at Beit Hillel Buenos Aires

Bios

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

Susan Abramson

Susan Abramson is the longest-serving female rabbi in Massachusetts. She serves as rabbi for Temple Shalom Emeth in Burlington, MA. Susan is the author of the Rabbi Rocketpower Series of Jewish holiday books. "Challah: A Chewish Guide For the Torah" is her latest publication.

What's it Challabout? Teaching Torah Through Challah
10:15AM - 11:15AM Youth Lounge

Katy Allen

Katy Allen is the founder and leader of Ma'yan Tikvah - A Wellspring of Hope, which holds outdoor services all year. She is a staff chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital, involved in Transition Wayland, the co-convener of the Jewish Climate Action Network, and leads both Jewish and interfaith outdoor programs.

Just One Planet: Honoring our Dark Emotions and Moving Forward
3:45PM - 4:45PM Classroom 11

Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg

Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg has enjoyed an interest in Jewish spirituality in both its ancient and modern forms. Now a father of two, he brings the wisdom and beauty of Jewish prayer into the lives of children.

Open Up My Lips! Making Personalized Prayerbooks for Babies and Toddlers
11:30AM - 12:30PM Youth Lounge

David Arfa

David won a Parents' Choice Award for his CD, The Life and Times of Herschel of Ostropol: The Greatest Prankster Who Ever Lived. His storytelling performance, The Jar of Tears: A Memorial for the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto, won the Cohen Center's Hildebrandt Award for Holocaust memorial art based on it's depth of vision and artistic quality.

Jewish Tales - Live! Part I Emcees: Cindy Rivka Marshall, Bruce Marcus
2:30PM - 3:30PM Yamins Chapel

Aliza Arzt

Aliza Arzt is a member of Havurat Shalom in Somerville, MA and a home care speech therapist by trade. Her hobbies include teaching Judaica, making ceramics and breeding geckos.

The 4 Chanukah Words: Nes Gadol Haya Sham. (A Great Miracle Happened There) What can they mean?
5:00PM - 6:00PM Classroom 7

Joey Baron

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 SeniorLife facilities and at the HSL Hospice.

End-of-Life Pastoral Learnings from Sefer haHistalkut
2:30PM - 3:30PM Leffell Conference Room

Joshua Berkowitz

Joshua Berkowitz is a student at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School and a spiritual reader and healer. Joshua also engages in reviving/recreating Jewish spiritual practices for a new age, and teaches Kabbalistic meditation classes.

Chokhmat Mazalot: an Introduction to Jewish Astrology
3:45PM - 4:45PM Classroom 6

Kim Bodemer

Kim Bodemer is the Director of Congregational Learning at Temple Chayai Shalom in Easton, MA. In partnership with CJP, she staffs early stage educational sites to transform supplementary education. Kim is dedicated to lifelong learning and is enrolled in the third cohort of HUC's Executive Master's program.

Projects with a Purpose: The Difference between Projects and Project Based Learning
2:30PM - 3:30PM Classroom 14

Rosalie Boxt

The Founder and Director of Keshet Shir, Rosalie Boxt is the Cantor of Temple Emanuel in Kensington Maryland, and the Director of Worship for 2015 URJ Biennial, as well as member of URJ Expert Faculty on Worship. A long time camp and NFTY songleader, she is also a past Vice-President of the American Conference of Cantors, and started Keshet Shir through the incubator Presentense.

Keshet Shir - A model of Creative Collaboration between Singer/ Songwriters and Cantors
2:30PM - 3:30PM Schwartz Social Hall

Stephanie Call

Stephanie Call is the Archivist and Manager of Digital Collections at the American Jewish Historical Society-New England Archives, where she is responsible for processing and maintaining the AJHS-NEA collections and the digital archive. Stephanie is also the archival consultant for the Temple Emanuel of Newton archives.

Preserving Your Family Papers: How Your Family's Stories Shape Our Collective History
3:45PM - 4:45PM Classroom 7

Emilia Diamant

Emilia Diamant, is the Assistant Director at Prozdor of Hebrew College, focusing on social justice, leadership, and cross-cultural dialogues with young people. Emilia loves bringing together teens from different cultures, ethnicities, religions, and communities, teaching them to learn and grow as informed citizens.

Jews and Power
3:45PM - 4:45PM Classroom 5

Ronald Eisenberg

A Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School and on the staff at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Ron Eisenberg earned a doctorate in Jewish Studies at the Spertus Institute in Chicago. He is the author of "The Jewish World in Stamps," and 7 other books in Jewish Studies.

The Jewish World in Stamps: The Bible, Famous Jews and Jewish History
2:30PM - 3:30PM Classroom 16

Joshua Elbaum

Joshua Elbaum is a Jewish poet from California who calls Boston home lately. As part of the Berklee poetry slam team, he competed on the CUPSI semi-finals stage in Colorado and has led workshops through Louder Than A Bomb youth slam.

Ketiv: Emerging Jewish Writers Panel
11:30AM - 12:30PM Classroom 16

Judy Elkin

Judy Elkin is a founding member of the Boston Keshet Parent and Family Connection, a parent group that provides resources and builds community for parents and family members of LGBT children. The group also acts as a voice for the full inclusion of LGBT Jews in Jewish life. Judy is the mother of three grown children, one of whom is gay.

Parenting LGBT Children: Stories and Sources--A Panel Discussion
5:00PM - 6:00PM Classroom 9

**"Research has shown that people who
volunteer often live longer."
– Allen Klein**

Aviva Fellman

At age 8, Aviva Fellman knew that she wanted to be a rabbi. She received her Master's Degree from Machon Schechter in Jerusalem and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary. She recently moved with her family to Worcester (Woosta) where she serves Congregation Beth Israel.

50 Shades of Torah: The Stories They Don't Teach in Hebrew School
10:15AM - 11:15AM Classroom 9

Everett Fox

Everett Fox is the Allen M. Glick Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies at Clark University. He is the translator of "The Five Books of Moses" (Schocken Books) and, recently, "The Early Prophets (Joshua-Kings)."

Translating the Bible Anew: The Early Prophets
10:15AM - 11:15AM Classroom 8

Elana Friedland

Elana Friedland is a Boston-based poet and theatre practitioner. Her poems have won a scholarship from Grub Street and a fellowship from Summer Literary Seminars. She is co-editor and co-founder of the Window Cat Press.

Ketiv: Emerging Jewish Writers Panel
11:30AM - 12:30PM Classroom 16

Judi Garner

Judi Garner is the Director of the American Jewish Historical Society- New England Archives, where she oversees daily operations and administration, while participating in the development of a long-range vision for the Society.

Preserving Your Family Papers: How Your Family's Stories Shape Our Collective History
3:45PM - 4:45PM Classroom 7

Rosalie Gerut

Rosalie Gerut, a graduate of Brandeis and Tufts, is a licensed educational psychologist as well as an international concert vocalist with Klezmer Conservatory Band and RG & Friends and recently appeared with Theo Bikel.

Journeys of Transformation: Descendants of the Shoah Encounter Descendants of the Third Reich
11:30AM - 12:30PM Classroom 8

Susan Glickman

Susan Glickman is part of the clergy team at Temple Beth Avodah in Newton, as a cantorial soloist. She is a member of the Woman Cantors Network (WCN) and the Guild of Temple Musicians (GTM).

Keshet Shir - A model of Creative Collaboration between Singer/Songwriters and Cantors
2:30PM - 3:30PM Schwartz Social Hall

Jeffrey Goldberg

Jeff received a BA in Chemistry from Rutgers University and an MBA from Cornell. He enjoys recreation-bridge, sports, and Jewish learning.

The Valley of Tears - Analysis of the 1973 Yom Kippur Battle
9:00AM - 10:00AM Classroom 5

Elliot Goldberg

Elliot Goldberg is a rabbi and the Head of School of Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston

Bet Hillel, Bet Shammai and Jewish Boston: In Search of an Educational Philosophy
9:00AM - 10:00AM Leffell Conference Room

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: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel: :
: "Wonder rather than doubt is the root :
: of all knowledge." :
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Jonathan Golden

Jonathan Golden is a Senior Professional Development Advisor and has taught American history teacher at Gann Academy since 1999. A graduate of Princeton University, he received his M.J.Ed. from Hebrew College and Ph.D. from Brandeis. He is the Chair of AJC ACCESS Boston and Vice President of the Camp Yavneh Board.

What's So Jewish About the News?
9:00AM - 10:00AM Classroom 15

Addressing Threats to Israel: Two Contrasting Approaches
3:45PM - 4:45PM Schwartz Social Hall

Ellie Goldman

Ellie Goldman oversees all programs for young people in Grades 7-12 as Director of Youth Engagement at Temple Shalom. As a community builder she works to create a vibrant and comprehensive Jewish experience for every teen and to promote a youth centered congregational community.

Reaching Out: Redefining The Religious School Educator & Expanding Inclusive Religious School Communities
9:00AM - 10:00AM Classroom 6

Beth Goldstein

Beth R. Goldstein is the Education Director of B'Yachad South Area Religious School. She holds an MA in Jewish Education and an MAS in Jewish Communal Service from HUC-JIR.

Are you a Jacob or an Esau? How to Teach to Different Learning Styles.
2:30PM - 3:30PM Classroom 5

Alan Green

Alan Green has been a certified mohel since the mid-1980's. He serves as a volunteer guide at Mayyim Hayyim Mikveh in Newton, MA. He is also a retired obstetrician/gynecologist.

Inclusive Brit Milah Ceremonies for Interfaith (and All) Families
3:45PM - 4:45PM Classroom 15

Dominic Green

Dominic Green is a writer and a teacher. Originally from London, he was educated and taught at Oxford, Harvard, and Brandeis. He is the author of several history books, including one on this topic: the first and only full-length study of an Elizabethan Jew, whose findings were incorporated into the HBO series, 'Elizabeth'.

The Jew that Shakespeare Drew: The True Story of Dr. Lopez
2:30PM - 3:30PM Classroom 8

Bonnie Greenberg

A guitar strum, a bongo beat, a wink of the eye, and Bonnie transports you into the heart of Jewish Fairytales/Folklore. Her CD -From the Hearts of the People- won a Parents- Choice Award. She's featured in 120 Contemporary Storytellers and is co-chair of the Jewish Storytelling Coalition. An experienced educator, her workshops are long remembered.

Jewish Tales - Live! Part I Emcees: Cindy Rivka Marshall, Bruce Marcus
2:30PM - 3:30PM Yamins Chapel

Monica Grinberg

Monica Grinberg MPH is a published author, and has been interviewed on TV and radio. She has interviewed over 200 parents and their 20-somethings, focusing on strengthening their relationships through a Jewish lens. She is a parenting column contributor for the Jewish Advocate.

22 Tips for Tighter Ties With Your Twenty-Somethings: Take-aways from Talmud, Texts and Tzaddiks
5:00PM - 6:00PM Classroom 8

Svetlana Grinshpan

Svetlana Grinshpan is the Coordinator of CJP's Teaching & Technology Fellowship, a program designed to help teachers in part-time school settings incorporate Web 2.0 technologies in their Jewish classrooms. Svetlana is the Academic Technology Specialist in the middle school at Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge.

Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom
11:30AM - 12:30PM Classroom 14

David Gurevich

David Gurevich is founder of Ambassadors Online at the University of Haifa which trains Digital Diplomats. In 2013, he was sent as an Israeli Delegate to the world's Young Diplomats Forum. David specializes in the history and archaeology of Jerusalem, and currently is a post-doctoral scholar at Harvard.

Jerusalem Behind the News

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 6

Chasiah Haberman

Chasiah Haberman is the Boston Regional Manager at Keshet. She has taught at Temple Israel of Boston, trained as a chaplain at Hebrew Senior Life and BIDMC, and served as congregational educator at Temple Beth Shalom in Cambridge. She is founder of Tirtzah and a graduate of the Drisha Scholars Circle.

Parenting LGBT Children: Stories and Sources—A Panel Discussion

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 9

William Hamilton

Bill Hamilton has been rabbi at Brookline's Kehillath Israel since 1995.

For Tzion's Sake, I Will Not Be Silent: Can Learning Still Occur Amidst Widening Polarization?

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Feinberg Library

Boaz Heilman

Ordained at Hebrew Union College, Boaz Heilman is the rabbi at Congregation B'nai Torah in Sudbury, MA. He has composed music to Jewish texts and published short stories, poetry, and a Purim spiel.

What Do I Believe?

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 11

Bob Housman

Robert Housman is the founder and former executive director of the Yad Chessed Fund, a fund that provides emergency financial assistance to Jewish families in the Greater Boston area. In his earlier life he was a computer programmer by profession, was a Peace Corps volunteer in Uruguay and spent a year learning at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem.

Giving Tzedakah...When? How? To Whom? A Panel Discussion

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Leffell Conference Room

Charles Jacobs

Charles Jacobs, President of Americans for Peace and Tolerance, has been named by the Forward as one of America's top 50 Jewish leaders. He is a co-founder of both the Boston branch of CAMERA and the David Project. Charles is best known for having freed slaves in Sudan.

The New Situation of World Jewry

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 5

Rick Jacobs

Rick Jacobs is a longtime and devoted creative change agent who is currently president of the Union for Reform Judaism, the congregational arm of the Reform Jewish Movement. Before that, he served as a congregational rabbi in Westchester, NY where he emphasized lifelong learning and strengthened his synagogue's commitment to vibrancy and inclusion. He is also a senior rabbinic fellow at the Shalom Hartman institute in Jerusalem.

Relationships with Non-Jews: from Amalek to Jethro, from Fear to Love

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Feinberg Library

Dreaming Dreams and Seeing Visions: The Future of American Judaism

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Schwartz Social Hall

Emily Jaeger

Emily Jaeger is a Jewish poet, returned Peace Corps volunteer, and backyard organic farmer who dreams in four languages. Currently an MFA student at UMASS Boston, she is co-editor and co-founder of Window Cat Press, a zine and tumblr for young, emerging artists.

Ketiv: Emerging Jewish Writers Panel

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 16

David Kalis

David A Kalis recently completed a memoir entitled, "Vodka Shot, Pickle Chaser," in which he details time he spent in Russia from 1991-1993, and his ensuing unexpected connection to Judaism. He is a business professional and an Alderman for the City of Newton.

Jewish Journeys: Sharing "A-ha" Moments of Identity and Self-Discovery

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 10

Andrea Kamens

When Andrea Kamens tells a story, you tell with her. Partial to traditional folk, fairy, and Jewish tales that tremble with truth, she animates adults and children authentically and delightfully. She's a writer, community volunteer, and mom of five with a menagerie currently comprised of a cat, a kitten, and a crested gecko.

Jewish Tales - Live! Part I Emcees: Cindy Rivka Marshall, Bruce Marcus.

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Yamins Chapel

Philip Katz

Philip Katz, former teacher and President of Kahal B'raira, is a parent who planned and created a secular humanistic Jewish b'nei mitzvah with his twin daughters.

B'nei Mitzvah Beyond God: Jewish Values, Ethics & Community Service

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 11

Becky Khitrik

Becky Khitrik is the cantor, b'nei mitzvah coordinator and music director for Congregation Kahal B'raira. She is also a family educator and b'nei mitzvah teacher at Temple Beth Zion (Brookline, MA) and assistant cantor and choir director at Temple Sinai (Sharon, MA). At KB, she enjoys the challenge of helping to craft unique services for each bar/bat mitzvah.

B'nei Mitzvah Beyond God: Jewish Values, Ethics & Community Service

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 11

Esther Kosofsky

Esther Kosofsky is a passionate Jewish Educator and Interfaith Couples/Families Outreach Facilitator who enjoys learning with children, adolescents, and adults. She teaches and leads workshops, discussion groups and training sessions in synagogues and Jewish agencies on topics of Jewish interest and concern.

Creating Passover Seders in Interfaith Families

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 8

Layah Kranz Lipsker

Layah Kranz Lipsker is a Jewish educator currently teaching for Kevah and the Jewish Learning Institute, as well as Eim Chai. She is the creator of www.getyourget.com, a website that supports women seeking Jewish divorce, and part of the newly formed Boston Agunah Taskforce.

Sparks of Shmita: Growing New Programs to Honor the Land's Shabbat

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 5

Hal LaCroix

Hal LaCroix teaches at Boston University's College of Communication. He is author of "Journey out of Darkness," a book about American POWs in World War II. He is an enthusiastic hiker and has served as communications manager for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Hiking the Shviel: Discovering the Land and Yourself on the Israel National Trail

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 6

Karen Landy

Karen Landy has served as rabbinic leader for Chaverim shel Shalom for many years. She has spoken at several conferences on the subject of Judaism and inclusion. She serves as staff Chaplain for Newbridge on the Charles and works closely with providers and consumers in the community

Individuals with Mental Illness & Judaism: Creating and Supporting Welcoming Communities

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Feinberg Library

Libby Lenkinksi

Libby Lenkinksi is NIF US's Director of Strategic Initiatives. Libby has worked as Director of International Relations at the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and as a consultant to Israeli human rights and social change organizations. Libby is on the Board of Comet-ME, which provides renewable energy to off-the-grid Palestinian communities.

Addressing Threats to Israel: Two Contrasting Approaches

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Schwartz Social Hall

Beth Lesch

Beth Lesch is a member of the Boston Kevah Educators Network. She is the Director of Ma'ayan: Torah Study from the Sources and a student in Brandeis' Hornstein Professional Jewish Leadership Program.

An Intro to Traditional Jewish Texts, aka How Did The Jewish Bookshelf Get To Be So Big?

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 5

Rona Leventhal

Rona's engaging and dynamic style has been touching the minds and imaginations of listeners for twenty-four years! Her stories have taken her from the National Storytelling Network stage to the National Yiddish Book Center stage, international venues, schools and libraries. Rona is an Educator, Workshop Leader and a mensch!

Jewish Tales - Live! Part I Emcees: Cindy Rivka Marshall, Bruce Marcus

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Yamins Chapel

Judith Mabel

Judith Mabel is a functional nutritionist and biochemist. She works in private practice in Brookline, specializing in digestive issues and food sensitivities. She blends traditional, functional and complementary techniques.

Let My People Eat

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 14

Judy Manelis

Judy is on the board of Kulanu and serves as editor of its magazine, KulanuNews. She was Director of Jewish Multicultural Programming for the JJC in Manhattan, national Executive Director of Hadassah, and Executive Director of Communications for both national UJA and UJA Federation of NY.

Kulanu: The Emergence of Jewish Communities in Africa, Asia, South/Central America

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 7

Bruce Marcus

Since 1990, storyteller Bruce Marcus has been wowing audiences with his original stories, poems and crowd-pleasing rhyming tales, conveying the cleverness, warmth and especially the humor of Jewish and other tales. His programs are general or themed around holidays and events, and may include Jewish folk tales and interactive story activities.

Jewish Tales - Live! Part Deux Emcees: Bonnie Greenberg, Bruce Marcus

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Yamins Chapel

Jeffrey Mazur

Jeff works for Earth Deeds, a company that provides ways to onset local solutions to global warming, and is a teacher/naturalist for Mass Audubon. A certified Torah Trek guide, Jeff also cofounded the Green Planet Afterschool club at JCDS and Into the Woods, an afterschool program as Lexington Montessori School.

Teshuvah and the Jewish Medicine Wheel.

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 11

Keren McGinity

Keren R. McGinity, Ph.D. is the author of "Still Jewish: A History of Women and Inter-marriage in America," a National Jewish Book Award finalist. Her new book is, "Marrying Out: Jewish Men, Inter-marriage, and Fatherhood." She is affiliated with the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University.

Reimagining Jewish Inter-marriage

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 6

Goldie Milgram

Goldie is the Director of Reclaiming Judaism and Jewish Spiritual Education: Maggid-Educator programs. A Covenant & National Jewish Book Awards honoree, her newest books are "Mitzvah Stories: Seeds for Inspiration and Learning," "New Mitzvah Stories for the Whole Family," & "Seeking and Soaring: Jewish Approaches to Spiritual Guidance and Development."

Do You Always Have to Forgive?

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Leffell Conference Room

Tricia Miller

Tricia Miller is a Senior Research Analyst with CAMERA. She primarily monitors Christian media and activity in relation to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Tricia has a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and wrote her dissertation on anti-Semitic interpretation of Esther. A second book on Esther in relation to current events in Israel will be published in early 2015.

Addressing Threats to Israel: Two Contrasting Approaches

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Schwartz Social Hall

Sandy Miller-Jacobs

Sandy is an active member of the Temple Emunah Inclusion Committee. She has worked with Jewish schools to promote inclusion, and was a professor at Hebrew College. Sandy received the S'fatai Tiftakh award for her leadership in providing access to Jewish education for all learners.

Special Needs Inclusion at Temple Emunah, Lexington:

A Positive Model

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 16

Carla Naumburg

Carla Naumburg, PhD, is a clinical social worker, writer, and mother. Her first book, "Parenting in the Present Moment," was published by Parallax Press in October, 2014. She is also a contributing editor at Kveller.com.

Parenting in the Present Moment: How to Stay Focused on What Really Matters

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 7

Ruth Nemzoff

Ruth Nemzoff is the author of, "Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Rewarding Relationships with Your Adult Children," and "Don't Roll Your Eyes: Making In-Laws Into Family." She is a resident scholar at the Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center.

Grandparenting Kids from Inter-marriage

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 8

Marilyn Okonow

Marilyn is the Outreach Coordinator for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston. She is also a member of the Vilna Shul Board and creator of the Vilna Shul Genealogical Project. Marilyn enjoys helping others find their roots.

Introduction to Jewish Genealogy

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Classroom 6

The Talmud says, "Wherever you look,
there's something to be seen."

— Jack Nicholson to Adam Sandler in "Anger Management"

Sara Paasche-Orlow

Sara Paasche-Orlow is the Director of Spiritual Care at Hebrew SeniorLife in Boston, founded the HSL Chaplaincy Institute, a Jewish clinical pastoral education program, and is currently focused on end of life education. She was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary. She has three children, and is married to Dr Michael Paasche-Orlow.

End-of-Life Pastoral Learnings from Sefer haHstalkut
2:30PM - 3:30PM Leffell Conference Room

Gary Perl

Gary Perl is the Northeast Regional Director of the American Friends of Magen David Adom.

Magen David Adom: Saving Lives, Pikuach Nefesh
10:15AM - 11:15AM Classroom 10

Elizabeth Pressman

Elizabeth is a past President of Temple Emunah, a board member of Camp Ramah. Of NE, and an integral part of Synagogue Council, serving as an officer. She is an active member of Temple Emunah's Inclusion Committee.

Special Needs Inclusion at Temple Emunah, Lexington: A Positive Model
10:15AM - 11:15AM Classroom 16

Becky Price

Becky wears two hats in education as both a public school drama teacher in Newton Public Schools and a Jewish educator at Prozdor's Makor. She also serves as the committee chair for Eser, Hebrew College and CJP's young adult learning series and is a member of the first cohort of Hebrew College's Leaders in Adult Learning fellowship.

Beyond Sedra Scenes: Using Drama in Jewish Education
2:30PM - 3:30PM Classroom 7

Cindy Rivka Marshall

An invited presenter at Limmud UK in 2012, Cindy offers stories and teaches all ages at synagogues and schools. She trains educators and leaders on the use of story eliciting, crafting and listening. She works as an educational consultant to Combined Jewish Philanthropies and Brandeis High School Summer Programs.

Jewish Tales - Live! Part Deux Emcees: Bonnie Greenberg, Bruce Marcus
3:45PM - 4:45PM Yamins Chapel

David Ross

David Ross is a member of the Executive Committee for Kahal Braira, a secular humanistic Jewish congregation. He is also a graduate of the Hebrew College Me'ah Program.

B'nei Mitzvah Beyond God: Jewish Values, Ethics & Community Service
2:30PM - 3:30PM Classroom 11

Margie Ross-Decter

Margie is a business professional with active community roots. She is Vice-Chair of the School Committee in Newton and is an engaged, lay-leader at Temple Beth-Avodah. She currently lives in Newton with her husband and three children.

Jewish Journeys: Sharing "A-ha" Moments of Identity and Self-Discovery
5:00PM - 6:00PM Classroom 10

Cassandra Sagan

Cassandra Sagan is a maggid, mosaic artist, ukulele-toting singer/songwriter, InterPlay leader & developer of InterPlay Torah study, a playful approach to personal midrash, insight, and embodied Torah. She is a contributing author to "New Mitzvah Stories for the Whole Family." and on the faculty for Jewish Spiritual Education.

InterPlay Jewish Prayer
11:30AM - 12:30PM Classroom 10

Justin Sakofs

Justin is a passionate child-centered educator who believes children must experience the world to find meaning through personal connections. He created MagneticShul after years in formal & informal Jewish education. Justin is excited to bring play to children in a way that is Shabbat and t'fila friendly.

Engaging Children During T'fila: The Attraction of MagneticShul
3:45PM - 4:45PM Camp Limmud Gym

Rachel Sakofs

Professionally, Rachel is a trained speech and language pathologist. She works primarily with young children in strengthening their skills to communicate effectively and develop language. Professionally, Rachel is a speech language pathologist who takes her mission seriously to help give children the tools necessary to express themselves.

Engaging Children During T'fila: The Attraction of MagneticShul
3:45PM - 4:45PM Camp Limmud Gym

Yael Linda Schiller

Yael Linda Schiller, is a body/mind and spiritual psychotherapist, consultant, and trainer based in Watertown, MA. She works extensively with dreams, energy healing, trauma treatment, the Enneagram, and Kabbalah.

Dream Journeys Through The Tree of Life
11:30AM - 12:30PM Classroom 15

Peninnah Schram

Peninnah Schram is a Storyteller and a Speech and Drama professor at Yeshiva University. She received the Covenant Award for Outstanding Jewish Educator & the National Storytelling Network's Lifetime Achievement Award and was an honoree of Mitzvah Stories: Seeds for Inspiration and Learning. Peninnah serves on the faculty of the Jewish Spiritual Education Maggid-Educator Program.

What's in a Name? A Storytelling Workshop on Jewish Names
9:00AM - 10:00AM Yamins Chapel

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Jewish Tales - Live! Part Deux Emcees: Bonnie Greenberg, Bruce Marcus
3:45PM - 4:45PM Yamins Chapel

Sandy Schuman

Sandor Schuman tells personal adventures, historical sagas, tall tales, and stories in the Jewish storytelling tradition. He plays his theme song on a Jew's harp.

Jewish Tales - Live! Part Deux Emcees: Bonnie Greenberg, Bruce Marcus
3:45PM - 4:45PM Yamins Chapel

Mindy Shapiro

Mindy is the founding director of "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!" as well as faculty for Mussar Pathways and the Jewish Spiritual Education: Maggid-Educator Program.

Mussar and Zentangle
10:15AM - 11:15AM Classroom 14

Robin Shaye

Robin Shaye is an award winning writer, certified domestic violence advocate, speaker, and author of "...Until You Die": The Narcissist's Promise, which describes horrific domestic violence in a Jewish home, eventual escape, loss, and survival. Robin now educates victims of domestic violence and promotes public awareness.

Malignant Narcissism: The Evil Destroyer of Families
3:45PM - 4:45PM Classroom 9

Daniel Sheff

Daniel Sheff is a teacher, prayer leader and physician, who founded Hineini, an independent Jewish spiritual community, based in Weston.

The Kav Ray, or How Love Permeates Creation
10:15AM - 11:15AM Classroom 11

Heidi Shira

Heidi Shira, founded NeshamArts, devoted to tikkun olam and tzedaka, via Judaism, spirituality, and the arts. She is a certified SoulCollage® facilitator and psychologist in Lexington, Art Therapist, Mussar and Kabbalah student. She leads Intentional Parenting groups at JCDS.

A Taste of Judaic SoulCollage®

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Youth Lounge

Barry Shrage

Since 1987, under Barry Shrage's leadership, CJP has focused on three priorities: Jewish education and engaging future generations, strengthening our connection to Israel through community-to-community and people-to-people partnerships, and caring for the most vulnerable in greater Boston. Barry has been instrumental in the creation of Me'ah, Birthright, and other cutting-edge programs designed to engage the next generation in meaningful Jewish life while creating a welcoming, inclusive Jewish community.

Dreaming Dreams and Seeing Visions: The Future of American Judaism

11:30AM - 12:30PM Schwartz Social Hall

Danny Siegel

Danny Siegel is an author, poet, and lecturer. He is a recipient of the Covenant Award for Outstanding Jewish Educator; a USY Israel Pilgrimage Tzedakah Resource, and an honoree of New Mitzvah Stories for the Whole Family.

What's So Jewish about Social Justice The Jewish Way of Giving Support?

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Feinberg Library

Giving Tzedakah...When? How? To Whom? A Panel Discussion

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Leffell Conference Room

Mitchell Silver

Mitchell Silver was principal of Boston Workmen's Circle's Shule (1992-2009) and cultural director of Camp Kinderland (1989-2006), and teaches philosophy at UMass/Boston.

Writing Jewish History for Young Adults

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Classroom 10

Jason Henry Simon-Bierenbaum

Jason Henry Simon-Bierenbaum is a poet and teaching artist who has taught with myriad schools and organizations, from the Institute of Contemporary Art and the Margarita Muniz Academy in Jamaica Plain, to the Irving Middle School in Roslindale and Harvard University. He graduated from Brandeis University with honors in creative writing and is currently a second year in the UMass Boston MFA program for poetry. He writes about Jews, superheroes, family, monsters, myths, and other such inheritances that might help us make sense of this world.

Ketiv: Emerging Jewish Writers Panel

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 16

Sandy Slavet

Sandy is Jewish Life Services director for People with Disabilities JF&CS and coordinator/leader of Chaverim shel Shalom (a social group for adults with mental illness). She is on the South Shore Mental Health Board.

Individuals with Mental Illness & Judaism: Creating and Supporting Welcoming Communities

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Feinberg Library

Ilana Snapstailer

Ilana Snapstailer is New England Regional Director for the World Zionist Organization Department for Diaspora Activities-North America. She is also the Executive Director of Keshet Newton. Ilana has a passion for helping her students find their personal connections to Israel.

Monopoly: Unraveling the Israeli Political System

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 10

Marjorie Sokoll

Marjorie Sokoll, is the founder and director of JF&CS Jewish Healing Connections. She is the author of "The Healing Circle: A New Model for Nurturing Spirituality in Jewish Family Service Agencies" published in the Journal of Jewish Communal Service and contributed to "Blessings for the Journey: A Jewish Healing Guide for Women With Cancer."

Wise Aging: Becoming Our Authentic Selves

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 7

Judy Spicehandler

Judy Spicehandler is the Director of Education at Temple Beth El in Sudbury. She began her career as an professional artist and holds degrees in art from University of Chicago and the Art Institute of Chicago. She was ordained as a rabbi by HUC in 1999. She has been working with CJP on transformational change in her congregation for the past 2 years.

Projects with a Purpose: The Difference between Projects and Project Based Learning

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 14

Toba Spitzer

Toba Spitzer is the rabbi of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek in West Newton, and a former president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association. She has written and taught on Jewish approaches to economic justice and new approaches to thinking and talking about God, and more.

Voice, Place, Fire: God in Metaphor

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Feinberg Library

Barbara Sternfield

Barbara Sternfield has been the program specialist for JF&CS Jewish Healing Connections for the past 18 years, facilitating bereavement groups and leading Shabbat and holiday celebrations in assisted livings/nursing homes. She facilitates the JF&CS Parkinson's care partner support group and works with older adults at Hebrew Senior Life.

Wise Aging: Becoming Our Authentic Selves

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 7

Melinda Strauss

Melinda is a member of the Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston. One of her roles is Coordinator, organizing tahara teams to fulfill this time-honored custom. The Hevra Kadisha strives to make traditional Jewish Burial practices accessible to the entire Jewish Community. Melinda is also a founding member of the Boston Keshet Parent and Family Connection.

The Truest Act of Kindness: Who Prepares the Dead?

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 9

Parenting LGBT Children: Stories and Sources--A Panel Discussion

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Classroom 9

Terri Swartz Russell

Terri Swartz Russell is the Family Educator at Temple Emanuel in Newton. She is an active member of Temple Emunah, Lexington, where she serves as co-chair of its Adult Education committee. Terri was the first to volunteer for LimmudBoston, was co-chair of the conference from 2011-2013, and currently serves as the Chair of the LimmudBoston Board.

Giving Tzedakah...When? How? To Whom? A Panel Discussion

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Leffell Conference Room

Alan Teperow

A product of USY, Camp Ramah, and the Conservative Movement, Alan Teperow has been Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts since 1982 and has served as Managing Director of the Mass. Board of Rabbis. LimmudBoston 2014 honors Alan's upcoming retirement.

Dreaming Dreams and Seeing Visions: The Future of American Judaism

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Schwartz Social Hall

Howard Trachtman

Howard has worked as one of the foremost self-advocates for Mental Illness in Massachusetts for over 15 years. He is consistently on the forefront of public policy concerns and has devoted countless hours to working with and for people with Mental Illness both in the community at large and in the Jewish community

Individuals with Mental Illness & Judaism: Creating and Supporting Welcoming Communities

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Feinberg Library

Julie Vanek

Julie Vanek is the Director of Jewish Learning Connections at CJP. Julie works with educators and teachers throughout Greater Boston to encourage innovation in Jewish learning in the areas of technology, student-centered curricula, professional development and programming.

Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Classroom 14

Roslyn (Heafitz) Weiner

Roslyn (Heafitz) Weiner is a psychologist and spiritual director with over ten years of experience leading spiritual direction groups for Rabbis, Cantors, rabbinical students, and lay community members. She also provides spiritual direction on an individual basis.

Attending to One's Own Relationship with the Sacred: If Not Now, When?

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 10

Davin Wolok

Davin Wolok is the Hazzan Sheni and Ritual Director of Cong. Mishkan Tefila. He has taught philosophy at the Middlesex and Mass Bay Community College, and Jewish Thought at Hebrew College. He is the author of "You Can Come Home Again: Musings and Amusings of a Philosopher-Clergyman."

In the Image of God: A Debate between Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Darwin

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Classroom 9

Ronit Ziv-Kreger

Dr. Ronit Ziv-Kreger serves as Director of Learning Innovations at CJP, offering educational consulting for Jewish Day Schools and Congregational Schools, including CJP's congregational initiative on family learning. She is a graduate of Pardes Educators Program and received her PhD from MIT's Sloan School of Management.

Projects with a Purpose: The Difference between Projects and Project Based Learning

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 14

Julie Zupan

Julie Zupan is an ordained rabbi on the staff of URJ Reform Jewish Outreach Boston working with interfaith couples, families and individuals exploring Judaism. She guides and accompanies couples, individuals, and families on their spiritual journeys.

When Interfaith Marriage Touches Your Life: Challenges and Opportunities for Parents

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Classroom 9

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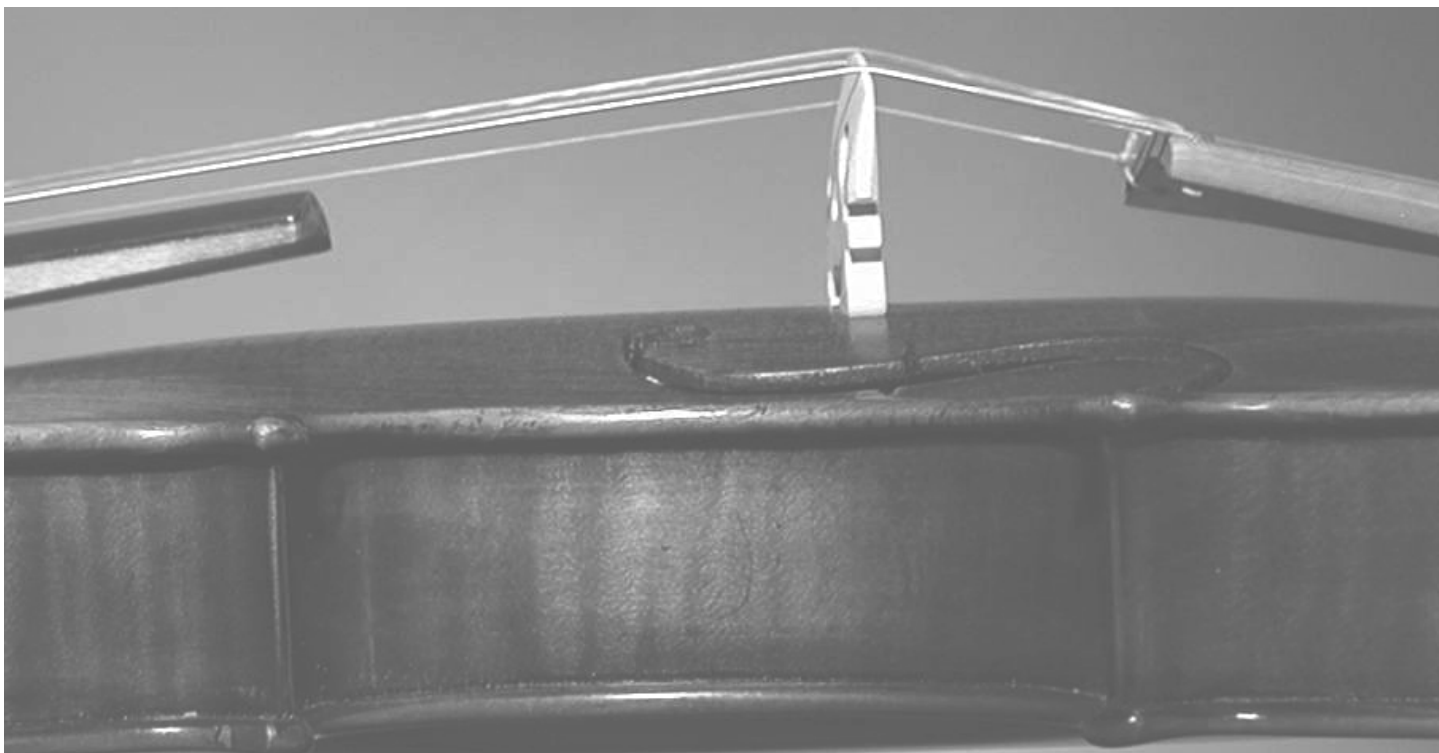
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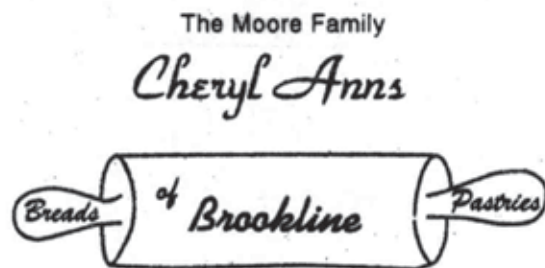
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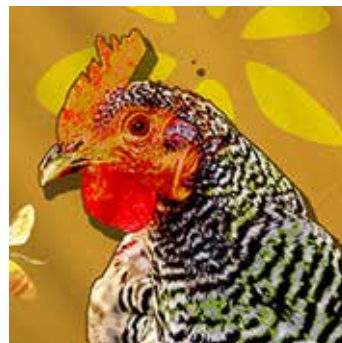
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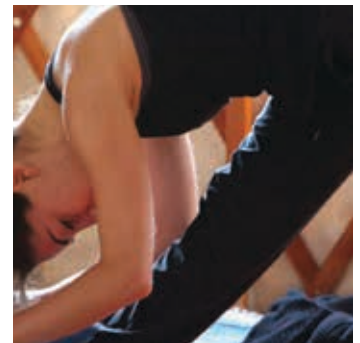
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