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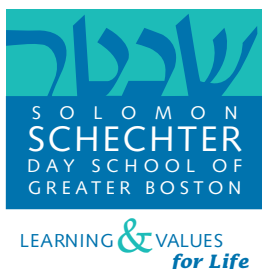
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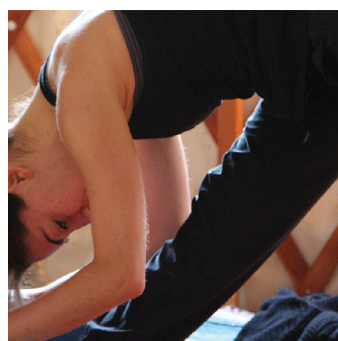
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Thank you for five wonderful years at Congregation Mishkan Tefila!  
**LimmudBoston 2016 will be Sunday, December 4**  
at Temple Reyim in Auburndale.

Planning for next year begins tomorrow night.  
Sign up at the registration desk to join us at Temple Reyim for a Hanukkah dinner debrief.

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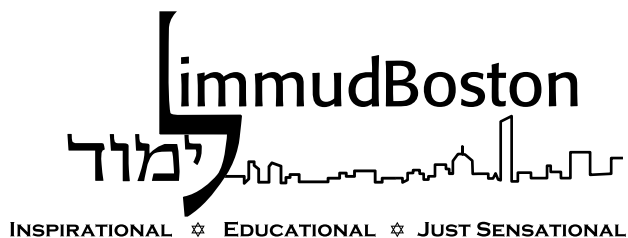
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December 6, 2015  
24 Kislev 5776

Shalom, and welcome to **LimmudBoston 2015**, our 6th annual volunteer-driven celebration of lifelong Jewish learning with over 80 incredible sessions encompassing music and storytelling, text study, Israel, social justice, spirituality, the future of North American Judaism, and more. Follow your passion! Explore something new!

Building on this year's theme of **Leadership**, you can discover the rabbinic panel on **The Future of Judaism at 1:30**, or find enticing sandwich sessions during lunch time. Don't miss our incredible mid-day **Sheldon Low Concert from 1-2:15** or our **Concluding Chanukah Candle-lighting and Sing-along at 4:45**.

**LimmudBoston** is truly about lifelong Jewish learning. See the “**Encore**” options, listed under session descriptions, for concrete suggestions on ways to continue what you learn today.

Watch for **LimmudBoston Pop-Up** offerings throughout the year, including one in the Berkshires next summer. Keep your eye on [www.LimmudBoston.org](http://www.LimmudBoston.org) for more information.

A special thank you to the **LimmudBoston 2015** Program Team, to our new Chair of the Board, **Alan Teperow**, board members **Terri Swartz Russell** and **Wendy Liebow**, and an extra special thank you to **Congregation Mishkan Tefila**, our host for five wonderful years. We also thank our team leaders, including **Jeri Robins**, Music Team Chair, our presenters, and all the other volunteers, whose names you will find throughout this program book. And, of course, we are so pleased that **Kesher Newton** has again joined us to run **Camp Limmud**.

**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!**

We are excited to announce that **LimmudBoston 2016 will be at Temple Reyim**. Sign up at the registration desk to attend tomorrow night's dinner debrief at Temple Reyim where we will start planning next year's LimmudBoston. Mark your calendars for **December 4, 2016**.

Enjoy today!

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**

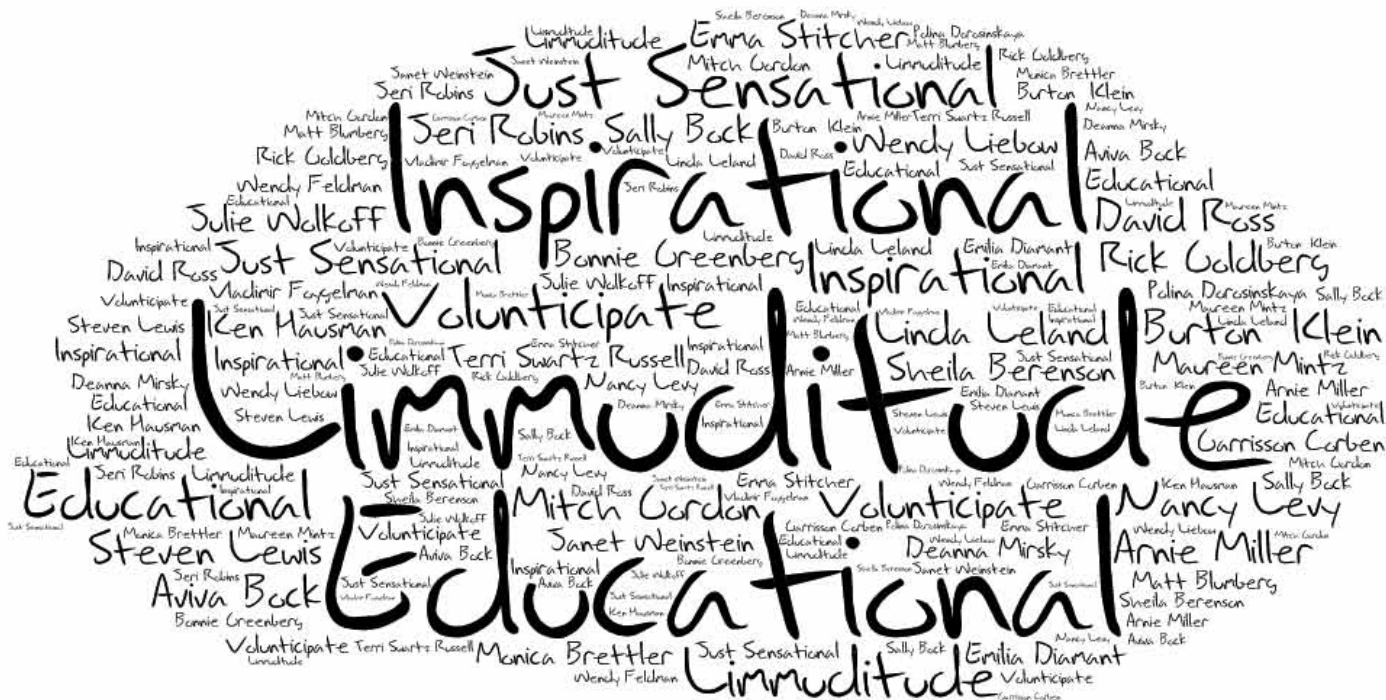
- We seek to create an inclusive environment for all participants whatever their religious observance practices.
- We believe in the importance of enabling Shabbat and kashrut to be kept in all public areas as far as possible, so that Jews do not have to separate themselves one from another.
- We recognize 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 2015 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!*



Aviva Bock, Sally Bock, Monica Brettler, EJ Cohen, Garrisson Corben, Polina Dorosinskaya, Wendy Feldman, Rick Goldberg, Mitch Gordon, Bonnie Greenberg, Sherry Grossman, Ken Hausman, Barbara Miller, Jeri Robins, Larry Salomon, Linda Leland, Nancy Levy, Steven Lewis, Wendy Liebow, Arnie Miller, Maureen Mintz, Deanna Mirsky, David Ross, Paula Spies, Emma Stichter, Marc Stober Terri Swartz Russell, Nyanna Susan Tobin, Julie Vanek, Janet Weinstein.

## Special Thanks

- **Congregation Mishkan Tefila** for welcoming LimmudBoston into your community
  - **Catering by Andrew**
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  - **Liz Offen**, Yachad, Camp Limmud program accessibility
  - **Ellie Ash, Terry Goldzier, Karen Frost, Jen Kaplan & Becca Latimore**, LimmudBoston office
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- **Josh Blumenthal, Lynda Gordon** and all of the Mishkan Tefila staff
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  - **Paul Kelly, Marc Stober** Tech Team
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  - **Marcy & Ed Lidman**, Food Team
  - **Sands Creative Group**
  - **Bonnie Greenberg** and the **Jewish Storytelling Coalition**
  - **Ilana Snapstailer & Keshar Newton** for Camp Limmud
- **Eric Karp** and all the other volunticipant spice.
- We thank you for your generosity and patience!

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# LimmudBoston 2015 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
- Yes! You may eat or drink in classrooms. (*Please do not take any food into the Sanctuary.*)
- **We are a volunteer-driven conference! Kindly 'stash the trash!'!!!**

## Kashrut:

- Mishkan Tefila is a strictly kosher synagogue. Please honor their policy. Do not bring any food 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 6PM.

## Volunteering:

- We can always use more help! There are lots of volunteer opportunities today (ask at Registration Desk in lobby). Join us as a voluticipant for LimmudBoston 2016.

## 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 beautiful shape that we found it.

## Emergencies:

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

## Cultivate Limmuditude!!

Join a voluticipant team for next year's LimmudBoston:  
Sunday, December 4, 2016

## Friends of LimmudBoston

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

### Prophets

Mersky, Jaffe & Associates  
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Temple Chayai Shalom of Easton  
Temple Kol Tikvah of Sharon  
Temple Ohabei Shalom of Brookline  
Temple Shir Tikva of Wayland  
Temple Shir Tikvah of Winchester  
Temple Sinai of Brookline  
Temple Sinai of Sharon

### Scholars

Beth El Temple Center, Belmont  
Congregation Beth El of Sudbury River Valley  
Congregation Dorshei Tzedek of Newton  
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Temple Emeth of Chestnut Hill  
Temple Emunah of Lexington  
Temple Isaiah of Lexington  
Temple Israel of Boston  
Temple Tiferet Shalom of Peabody

### Chai Alive! at LimmudBoston 2015

Ken Hausman of HHHVideo is here! Head to the Trager Conference room to sign up for a unique video moment. Tell a short story, interview a friend about a Jewish memory, tell a joke. These Chai Alive! moments will be posted on the LimmudBoston website.

9:00 AM— 3:00 PM Trager Conference Room

*Volunteering is good for your mind and body. Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy. --www.helpguide.org*





Dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to congratulate you on Limmud Boston 2015. I am sure the event will build on the success of past years. We look forward to hearing all about it.

2015 represents the 35th year of Limmud's existence and its growth around the world has been astounding. Limmud's unique model of volunteer-led, cross-communal, multi-generational and transformational Jewish experiences is now truly global. There are now 80 Limmud groups in 40 countries round the world, and in 2014 there were 62 Limmud events run by 3,000 volunteers with 28,500 participants. These events are all inspired and supported by Limmud International and you can find out more at [www.limmudinternational.org](http://www.limmudinternational.org). Limmud is now truly a global community and we encourage you to attend Limmud events in other parts of the world if you are able to.

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

David Bilchitz

Chair Limmud International,

December 2015

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Dear Limmud Participants,

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

My own experience teaching at LimmudBoston and the experiences of my colleagues have reinforced for me the 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](http://www.hebrewcollege.edu). May your Jewish study go from strength to strength.

B'vracha - with blessings,









*Shalom!*

CJP is delighted to be a sponsor of LimmudBoston, and to be part of this vibrant Jewish learning experience! The Jewish Learning and Engagement Commission at CJP creates and supports strategies and programs that enhance Jewish learning and strengthen Jewish identity and community. We seek to lower barriers to participation and to increase active engagement in the Jewish community; we focus on supporting institutional excellence, ensuring affordability, increasing accessibility to a diverse range of learners, and communicating through strategic community-wide marketing.

We hope that you will join us not only at today's LimmudBoston sessions, but also at the programs that CJP supports throughout the year. In adult learning, we are proud to offer *Me'ah* (100 hours of adult Jewish learning), Parenting Through a Jewish Lens, Genesis Forum with Dr. Erica Brown, *Kevah* learning circles, and *Eser* for young adults. CJP also supports a wide range of Jewish opportunities for children and their families, including overnight camping, day schools and our work to transform and innovate in supplementary schools through Jewish Learning Connections.

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

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 Shrager  
*President,  
CJP*

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Laura Baum  
*Associate Vice President,  
Jewish Learning and Engagement*

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*Director, Jewish  
Learning Connections*



# Rabbi Leonard Gordon

## Congregation Mishkan Tefila

December 6, 2015  
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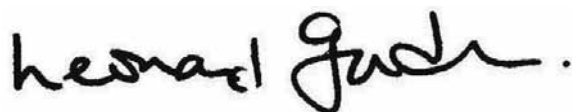
Dear Friends and Fellow Learners at Limmud:

Welcome to Congregation Mishkan Tefila and welcome to Limmud Boston 2015. Our congregation is delighted to once again host this day when we celebrate and model interactive Jewish learning and culture at its finest. We join you in appreciating the hard work of all of the volunteers who make this day possible.

Tracing our history back to 1858, and in our current location in Chestnut Hill since 1958, Mishkan Tefila was the pioneer Conservative congregation in New England. Known for our musical programs and active community of lifelong learners, our community hosts adult learning on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Monday and Thursday evenings throughout the year. We also have monthly Friday night dinners, Havdalah programs for young families, Shabbat kids club and holiday programs, an active book group, speakers' series and diverse social programs. We encourage you to visit our website and join us throughout the year.

Enjoy this wonderful day and come back often.

Warmly,



Leonard Gordon, Senior Rabbi



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# **FUN JEWISH LEARNING AT Camp Limmud2015!**

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 3-5	AGES 6-8	AGES 9-13
8:45	Classroom play	Game time/Board Games	Game time/Board Games
9:00	Sign a Song with EJ Cohen		
9:30	Hanukah Craft	Lighten up! Design your own menorah with Adam Chalom. Parents invited to join.	
10:30	Snack time!	Snack time!	Snack time!
11:00	Playground time outside	Morning at the Museum. A Scavenger Hunt Activity. Parents invited to join.	
12:00	Hanukah Craft & Hanukah cookie baking	Visit to Chai Alive! Parents invited to join.	
12:30-2:30 Camp Limmud is closed for Lunch & Concert Parents must pick up children for lunch.			
2:30	Play-dough Aleph Bet	Storytellers	Architectural Building Blocks with Bruce Levy
3:00	Storyteller	Kibbutz Games with Lilly Sieradzki	
3:45-4:45	Hanukah Sing-Along Parents can meet kids at designated spot.		
4:45-5:00	Dismissal. Campers to be picked up at the Sing-Along. Proceed with parents to candle-lighting.		



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# 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.*

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Classroom 10**

### Hey Baby Boomers - It's Never Too Soon to Start Thinking about Retirement

**Alan Teperow, Bryan Agurcia, Mike Cammerata**

Jewish Identity, Food, Health, Medicine, Spirituality

There are 75 million baby boomers who are on the verge of retirement. We invite you to explore what retirement might look like in the coming years, the optimal age to 'take the plunge,' financial considerations, ensuring health and wellness, and ways to focus on the Jewish and spiritual dimensions of aging.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Classroom 11**

### Remembering The Future: Lessons From The Me'ah Program On The Power of Studying Jewish History

**Jacob Meskin**

Education, Jewish Identity, Text & Thought

Certain dramatic moments in history reveal the tensions that have always marked Jewish life. Using texts from medieval Spain, modern Germany, and contemporary America, we will explore how Jewish thinkers and communities faced the challenges of redefining Jewish identity and maintaining the sense of 'being at home' in remarkably different situations.

**Encore:** This will be discussed during the presentation.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Classroom 16**

### Sholem Aleichem Writes a Happy Birthday Letter to Mendeley Sforim

**Susanne Klingenstein** Yiddish, Arts & Culture, Jewish Identity

When Mendeley Sforim, the inventor of the modern novel, turned 75 in Odessa in December 1910, Sholem Aleichem, who lay sick in Italy, wrote him a very witty Happy Birthday letter that is an extraordinary document of Sholem Aleichem's brilliant mind and generous soul. We will read this unknown letter in Yiddish and English.

**Encore:** American Jews & America's Game by Larry Ruttman

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Classroom 6**

### So Your Values Live On: Writing an Ethical Will and Beginning a Dialogue with Future Generations

**Bob Russman-Halperin, Steve Seeche**

Education, Jewish Identity; Parenting; Text & Thought, Lifecycle

For millennia both famous rabbis and average Jews have written ethical wills to pass on to the next generation not only possessions but also values and beliefs. In this interactive workshop, we update the concept for the 21st Century, and share practical tools to begin writing and engaging in a rich conversation with our children and beyond.

**Encore:** Wikipedia: Ethical Will

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Classroom 7**

### Illuminating Sacred Text

**Ami Fagin** Arts & Culture, Spirituality & Prayer, Text & Thought

Do you have a favorite blessing, prayer or Torah portion that you would like 'illuminated' for your home, office or to give as a gift to someone you love? This session will provide an introduction and demonstration of skills and techniques used to create an Illuminated Sacred Text. A full set of take home digital instructions will be provided.

**Encore:** A digital booklet for all participants will be provided.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Classroom 8**

### Intriguing Connections between Judaism and Psychotherapy

**Rebecca Kornblatt**

Jewish Identity, Text & Thought

Studying Judaism's connection with psychotherapy deepens your understanding of both. Let's discuss what prayer and therapy share in common. What does repentance teach us about emotional healing? How does therapy help people avoid gossip? What does sitting shiva exemplify for managing loss? What are the connections between rachmones (compassion) and self-esteem?

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Classroom 9**

### Leadership Approaches to Teaching the Midot

**Rosie Rosenzweig**

Leadership, Education, Jewish Identity, Spirituality

The Midot, plural of measures, are the Jewish virtues and values that leaders strive to instill through study and example. Through meditative practices a leader can supply some experiential basis towards cultivating those ideal traits that build character. This session will feature at least one method.

### 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!!



9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Feinberg

**Library**

**If Not A Two-State Solution, Then What? If Not Now, Then When?**

**Stanley Wulf**

Israel, Education

This session will discuss both the Israeli and Palestinian points of view on a one-state solution, and whether such proposals will allow Israel to exist as a Jewish and democratic state. We will also discuss risks and benefits of a two-state solution, just how close we have come to such an agreement, and why negotiations have failed repeatedly in the past.

**Encore:** Rabbi Amy Eilberg: 'From Enemy to Friend' & Marshall B. Rosenberg: 'Nonviolent Communication'

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Schwartz Social Hall

**Warriors, Wonders and Wisdom: The Real Story of Hanukkah**

**Aaron Panken**

Leadership, Text & Thought, Holidays

Through close reading of some of the earliest texts relating to Hanukkah, we will reconstruct the initial development of this fascinating holiday. From the Books of the Maccabees to the Talmud and beyond, we will examine how the holiday shifted in response to historical trends and events in its first half millennium of life, then note how certain present-day customs and ideas developed later.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Trager Conference Room

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

**Ken Hausman** Tell Your Story, Family Program, Israel; Spirituality & Prayer; Holidays & Life Cycle, Jewish Identity

Chai Alive! is your opportunity to be filmed for a few minutes. Videographer Ken Hausman, of HHH Video, will record you in conversation with a family member, or telling a story about your own personal Jewish journey. With permission, these Chai Alive! moments will be posted on the LimmudBoston website.

**Encore:** Talk to your family members!

**LimmudNEXT** is keeping an eye on the future of Judaism by engaging NextGen 20s and 30s. Watch for the sessions that may be of special interest! To discover **LimmudNEXT** opportunities, including attending Limmuds in other cities, write [info@LimmudBoston.org](mailto:info@LimmudBoston.org)

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Youth Lounge

**New Liturgy by Rahel**

**Rahel Limor, Sue Hurwitz** Spirituality & Prayer, Arts & Culture

You are a being of Light, Love and Joy. To pray is a profoundly individual as well as a joyous communal experience. Join Rahel to learn new melodies to ancient prayers, blessings and songs that you can introduce to your community!

**Snacktime - 10:00AM**  
Snacks available in elevator lobbies.

***If it rings, beeps, shakes or sizzles—or disturbs anyone else, TURN IT OFF!***

**CHAI ALIVE! WITH KEN HAUSMAN**  
Trager Conference Room

**10:15 AM to 11:15 AM**

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Classroom 11

**Jewish Mysticism Through the Lens of the Tarot**

**Kim Lerner**

Text & Thought

The Golden Age of Jewish Mysticism in Spain coincided with the rising popularity of Tarot cards. You might think that the two have little to do with each other. And yet, the cards are filled with Kabbalistic imagery. We will reveal the symbols of the Kabbalah in the Tarot cards and in doing so, we can transform the cards into tools for mystical meditation. Come and learn how to reveal the power of Kabbalah in the Tarot cards.

We like you just the way you are!  
Rabbi? Cantor? Doctor? Alas!  
Throughout the world, Limmud conferences use real (i.e. first) names—not titles.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Classroom 14

**The Master Key for Jewish Leadership**

**Mary Pennock, Anna Faktorovich, Irina Rudnev** Leadership, Jewish Identity

Since the days of Abraham, our history is marked with inspiring leaders who united Jewish people under the wings of love, with wisdom, tenderness, and vision. Today, in this interactive workshop utilizing a unique discussion method, we will explore and experience first hand the essential qualities necessary for Jewish leadership today.

**Encore:** <http://www.connected-wisdom.com>

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

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Classroom 15**

### **Guilt Free Gelt: Celebrating a Fair Trade Chanukah**

**Ganei Beantown: Beantown Jewish Gardens** Social Justice, Health Food Holidays

Chanukah is a holiday that celebrates the fight against oppression and injustice. As part of the sweetness of our celebration, we'll explore the chocolate making process, from bean to bar, and how we can observe the holiday in a way that provides freedom for others and dedicate ourselves to fair treatment and trade.

**Encore:** Boston Jewish Food Conference on April 3, 2016

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Classroom 5**

### **Refuat Hanefesh - Refuat Haguf: Healing of Body and Healing of Mind**

**Aviva Bock** Health & Food & Science, Medicine

In our traditional prayer for healing we include both body and mind. Physical illness or diagnoses affects our minds as much as our bodies. We will use energy techniques to heal the emotional residues, beliefs, memories and fears connected to physical illness. We will do this silently and privately.

**Encore:** Energy therapy

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Classroom 6**

### **John Lennon and the Jews**

**Jocelyn Robinson** Jewish Identity

Speaking as a Jewish 24 year-old turned professional Jew, I've found the single most important dilemma affecting the current generation of Jews is how they decide just how Jewish they want to be. For most of us, the debate isn't, 'Should I be Christian or Jewish?' or 'Buddhist or Jewish?' No. The real quandary affecting and preoccupying many young Jewish adults today is this: Should I be a modern, progressive, secular, non-denominationally affiliated Citizen of the World or should I be deeply and connectedly Jewish-and how much of each-or where in-between do I find myself? Is it possible to reconcile these ideas and if so, how? Put in an even more concise fashion, 'Why on earth be a Jew in the post-modern world?'

**Encore:** Relational Judaism

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Classroom 7**

### **Remember the Ladies: An Historic View of Jewish Women Musicians in America**

**Judith Pinnolis** Arts & Culture, Jewish Identity

For too many years, Jewish women were excluded from the story of American Jewish music. This talk will be a corrective to that history, as we look at some of the firsts for Jewish women in making American musical history both within the Jewish community and our greater society. Included will be stories of some women cantors, composers, and conductors.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Classroom 8**

### **An Israel That Could Have Been: Herzl and the Offer of a Jewish Territory in Africa**

**Jeffrey Wildstein** Israel, Leadership

In the first decade of the Twentieth Century, Great Britain offered the Zionist Movement a territory in the East African Protectorate. What followed was a drama involving Herzl's leadership, European Jewry, anti-Semitism, an assassination attempt, and outrageous stories of lions and elephants. Come hear this incredible story!

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Classroom 9**

### **Jewish Time through Agnon's Eyes**

**Allan Lehmann** Text & Thought, Arts & Culture

S.Y. Agnon, the Twentieth Century master of Jewish expression and Nobel prize winner, often turned to themes from the Jewish calendar, weaving classic Jewish language learned in his Polish shtetl with the chaos and crisis he confronted in 20th century Europe and Eretz Yisrael. We will read sections of his writing, enjoying the richness of his narrative and reflecting on the personal and existential challenges that he presents to us. Texts will be available in the original Hebrew as well as in English translation.

**Encore:** S. Y. Agnon writings, of course!

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Leffell Conference Room**

### **Moses: Soul of a Leader, A Midrash Performance and Discussion**

**Naomi Myrvaagnes, Annette Miller, Penina Adelman** Performance, Text & Thought; Performance

What goes through the mind of Moses as he stands on Mt. Nebo at the end of his life? What are his thoughts about his role as leader? What does he have to say to God? Actress Annette Miller will perform 'And This Is the Blessing,' a midrash in the voice of Moses, by poet and fiction writer Naomi Myrvaagnes. Penina Adelman will lead discussion.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Yamins Chapel**

### **Jewish Tales: Live! Part One**

**Bonnie Greenberg, Muriel Horowitz, David Arfa, Andrea Kamens** Performance

Presenting the captivating Jewish Storytelling Coalition Storytellers performing contemporary/ traditional Jewish tales geared toward adults and families. Come join us as Andrea Kamens, David Arfa, Muriel Horowitz and Bonnie Greenberg share a special story. Each session will include an open mic on Memories of Jewish Holidays!

**Encore:** These storytellers have CD's for sale and active websites.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Youth Lounge**

### **Finding the Music in Prayer**

**Arnie Davidson, Shelly Aronson** Music, Arts & Culture, Spirituality & Prayer

Songwriter Arnie Davidson and soloist Shelly Aronson share their music worship journey from worshipers to chavurah worship leaders. Original and traditional prayer melodies meld in their unique music-filled Shabbat service from (Reform inspired) Shir Hamakom in Hartford, CT. You will learn new melodies, sing, and receive new worship music to bring home.

**Got a few minutes?  
Sign up to tell YOUR story!  
*Chai Alive! Videos with Ken Hausman*  
Trager Conference Room  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

# 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Classroom 10**

## **Embodying the Shema through Movement and Dance: Resourcing Individuality for the Greater Good**

**Donna Newman-Bluestein**

Education, Movement

How can we maximize the contributions of every member of a group despite, or perhaps because of, special needs? We will explore group/class/community ways for supporting the flourishing of each person, so that all individuals together create the greatest good.

**Encore:** Shapira, K. K., & Cohen-Kiener, A. (1999). Necessary Unity. In Conscious Community: A Guide to Inner Work. Jason Aronson

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Classroom 16**

## **What's On Your Plate? Eco-Kosher Leadership in the 21st Century**

**Cherina Eisenberg** Leadership, Food, Jewish Identity; Social Justice; Text & Thought; Health, Medicine

What does it mean to lead with integrity in a way that fosters a healthy, ecologically sound, and meaningful Jewish experience? In this workshop, we will explore the term 'eco-kosher' and discover why, as Jews, what we eat matters, not only for our personal wellbeing, but also for the health of our entire planet.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Classroom 6**

## **AJ Heschel Meets Parker Palmer: Teaching as a Spiritual Journey**

**Noreen Leibson** Education, Jewish Identity, Spirituality & Prayer

Your personal Jewish journey is reflected in your teaching. Just as a good teacher nurtures his or her students, so too must teachers feel nurtured and engaged through their teaching and in their classrooms. In this session, we will explore ways teachers can nurture their own growth and transformation through teaching.

**Encore:** Apply to the Delet program at Brandeis; Read Parker Palmer's The Courage to Teach

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Classroom 7**

## **Pictures Paint A Thousand Words**

**Gary Kenzer**

Israel

A picture can be very powerful, conveying information, emotion, details of a situation in a quick fashion. Pictures can be taken out of context, and mislead the reader, and also affect how Israel is portrayed to the public.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Classroom 8**

## **Journeying Through the Tree of Life**

**Linda Yael Schiller**

Health & Food & Science

Judaism has a rich and little known tradition connected to shamanic knowledge and practices. Learn how we are connected to the All, based on Gershon Winkler's teachings. Experience a shamanic style journey to find resources for your life.

**Encore:** [www.lindayschiller.com](http://www.lindayschiller.com),  
<http://www.awaketoyourdreams.com>

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Classroom 9**

## **Why Bother Being Jewish in the 21st Century?**

**Adam Chalom, Gladys Maged, Jon Levine**

Jewish Identity, Education

With rising anti-Semitism in Europe and the Middle East, heart-rending conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, militant Orthodoxy fighting modernity and ongoing Jewish integration into Western culture, who would be crazy enough to want to be Jewish? And yet we do, and we are. The truth is that being Jewish adds deep meaning to our lives.

**Encore:** A Provocative People: A secular History of the Jews by Sherwin Wine; Beyond Tradition: The Struggle for a New Jewish Identity (Colloquium video available at [www.youtube-iishjvid](http://www.youtube-iishjvid) or book edited by Bonnie Cousens).

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Feinberg Library**

## **Because the Rabbi Said So: Exploring Power and Authority in the Rabbinate**

**Yaffa Epstein**

Leadership, Jewish Identity, Text & Thought

While utilizing power is a necessary part of any leader's role, the abuse of power, particularly in the rabbinic arena, seems to be commonplace. How do we harness our internal power, as well as the power that we amass, in a healthy and constructive way? Do there need to be checks in place for our leadership to succeed? The issue of power and authority in the rabbinate is critically important today, as it has been since the first rabbi was ordained. We will explore some of the rabbinic perspectives on this question, and examine how they can inform our thinking around power and authority.

**Encore:** Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies Summer Program July 10 - 28

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Leffell Conference Room**

## **Learning About Life From Death**

**Renee Gelin, Arnie Miller, Jill Perlman** Holidays & Life Cycle, Jewish Identity

Speaking from a place of personal loss, these three speakers will share their stories and discuss teachings from Jewish tradition for dealing with grief. Jill Perlman will address the ways in which loss informs us about how to live. Arnie Miller will share a presentation given for the Federation of Jewish Men's clubs regarding his wife's illness and ultimate death. Renee Gelin wrote a book after losing her young husband.

**Encore:** Adventures in Widowland by Renee S. Gelin What Happens After I Die? by Rifat Sonsino and Daniel B. Syme

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Schwartz Social Hall**

## **New Music and Visual Prayer: A Spiritual and Vibrant Partnership**

**EJ Cohen, Sue Horowitz**

Spirituality & Prayer, Music

Explore and experience new Jewish music by singer-songwriter Sue Horowitz with the signing of ASL interpreter EJ Cohen. Learn how using visual prayer can enhance and beautify your spiritual and educational Jewish experiences. Handouts will include sheet music to take home to your communities. Singer and non-singer, all are welcome.

**Encore:** CDs of Sue's music are available for purchase. [www.suehorowitz.com](http://www.suehorowitz.com)

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## **Dance Floor of Copleman-Clarke Yiddish Dance**

**Sarah Myerson**

Movement, Arts & Culture, Yiddish

What is Yiddish dance? We'll learn some of the most popular folk dance forms that developed in tandem with klezmer music, including bulgar, freylekhs, husidl and zhok. There are no complicated steps to worry about; anyone can bring Yiddish dance to life. We'll also explore traditional movement vocabulary to help you develop your own improvisatory style. Inspired by live music, we'll experience the give and take between dancers and musicians in real time, seeing how the music affects how we want to dance, and how our dancing influences the musicians. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended.

**Encore:** Look for Yiddish festivals.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Yamins Chapel**

## **Jewish Tales: Live! Part Deux**

**Cindy Rivka Marshall, Sandy Schuman, Bruce Marcus**  
Performance

Presenting the captivating Jewish Storytelling Coalition Storytellers performing contemporary/ traditional Jewish tales geared toward adults and families. Come join us as Sandy Schuman, Cindy Rivka Marshall and Bruce Marcus share a special story. Each session will include an open mic on Memories of Jewish Holidays!

**Encore:** The Storytellers will have CD's for sale and individual websites.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## **Youth Lounge**

### **Sing a New Song through Leadership 101**

**Annice Benamy**

Education, Leadership, Arts & Culture, Education, Israel; Spirituality & Prayer; Holidays & Life Cycle, Music

Learn song- and service-leading techniques through camp, religious school, and basic liturgy repertoire. Each participant will have an opportunity to teach or share a melody with the group. Optional: Guitars, tambourines, drums.

**Encore:** Make a joyful noise - Songleading 201

## **Chai Alive! Videos with Ken Hausman**

Share a Jewish memory. Tell a joke!

Trager Conference Room

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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# **LUNCHTIME**

## **MORDECHAI ROSENSTEIN**

### **LimmudBoston 2015 Artist-in-Residence**

Utilizing Art and Drawing to Learn about the Hebrew Alphabet.

**Copleman-Clarke Social Hall 2:30PM - 3:30PM**

In this visual and participatory session, Mordechai will show how Hebrew letters were originally formed and demonstrate how to turn everyday objects into Hebrew letters. Make a piece with your name, Hebrew words or quotes. A session for all ages.

Mordechai Rosenstein's art will be available for purchase after lunch.



**Visit <http://rosensteinarts.com/> to learn more about the artist and his work.**

**About Mordechai Rosenstein:** Mordechai Rosenstein is America's leading designer of Judaica. His use of vibrant colors and flowing lines turn the art of Hebrew calligraphy into a modern day feast for the eyes. He has also become a master teacher of the Hebrew alphabet, illumination and color. He resides with his wife, Mati, in Elkins Park, PA.



**Lunchtime! 12:30-2:30**

*Food! Glorious, Kosher Food!*

**Use your colored lunch ticket for your pre-ordered meal in Coppleman-Clark Social Hall**

*Some additional meal tickets may be available for purchase at the Registration Desk in Front Lobby*

*Please respect the kosher policy of this building. Do not bring any other food into Mishkan Tefila.*

**Concert 1-2:15**

**Enjoy the Sheldon Low concert in Schwartz Social Hall.**

***The Future of Judaism 1:35-3:05***

**A panel of leaders Sanctuary**

*Please do not bring food into the Sanctuary of Mishkan Tefila*

***Presenting Authors & Performers - Exhibitors - Sandwich Sessions***

**Will be selling books & other materials**

**12:40-1:25**

**at designated tables in lobby.**

**1:35-2:20**



## **Lunchtime Music Celebration**

**Sheldon Low & Friends**

Arnie Davidson, Shelly Aronson, Sue Horowitz, EJ Cohen & others

**1:00 PM – 2:15 PM Schwartz Social Hall**

Join us for the amazing mid-day LimmudBoston 2015 musical concert.

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Sheldon Low will perform original Jewish music, promising upbeat, energetic and fun entertainment for the whole family!

Many of his talented friends will join in.

**1:35 PM – 2:20 PM**

**Sanctuary**

## **The Future of Judaism: A Panel of Leaders**

Adam Chalom, Yaffa Epstein, Leonard Gordon, Daniel Lehmann, Dan Frelander

The Judaism of today would not look familiar to clergy or Jews in the pew of past generations. What's gone forever? What remains? How do we tackle traditional and non-traditional choices as demographics and needs and communities face new challenges? This panel includes rabbis who might not have been seen in our grandparents' time: Our moderator, Dan Frelander, travels the world as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

**Encore:** [hebrewcollege.edu](http://hebrewcollege.edu), [HUC.edu](http://HUC.edu), [www.JTSA.edu](http://www.JTSA.edu), [WUPJ.org](http://WUPJ.org), [www.pardes.org.il](http://www.pardes.org.il)

## 12:40 PM to 1:25 PM SANDWICH SESSIONS

**Lunchtime options: Grab a sandwich and attend a session.**  
**The Mid-day Sheldon Low concert is in Schwartz Social Hall at 1pm!**  
**The Future of Judaism Panel is in the Sanctuary at 1:35.**

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

**Camp Limmud**

### **Reminder: Camp Limmud is closed for Lunch and Concert**

Camp Limmud parents pick up your children for lunch and concert.

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

**Classroom 10**

### **Daughters of Abraham Book Club: How an Interfaith Book Group Leads to Greater Peace and Understanding**

**Ellen Krause-Grosman, Maryam Sharieff, Marian Smith**  
Social Justice, Education; Jewish Identity; Spirituality & Prayer;  
Text & Thought; Holidays & Life Cycle

Born out of the ashes of 9-11, Daughters of Abraham Book Clubs bring Jewish, Christian and Muslim women together to deepen our knowledge and understanding of faith. Discover how you, too, may join a group.

**Encore:** Daughters of Abraham Book Clubs

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

**Classroom 15**

### **Hi, I'm Sharon and I'm from Dublin, Israel**

**Sharon Spivak** Jewish Identity, Education

The story of my personal conversion journey: What skills did I learn at Hebrew College that helped me become a committed and effective leader in the Jewish community?

**Encore:** <http://www.interfaithfamily.com>

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

**Classroom 16**

### **Travelling off the Beaten Path in Israel**

**Daniel Robinson** Israel, Arts & Culture

Learn about romantic getaways, fresh- and salt-water beach holidays, out-of-the-way hikes, non-Jewish religious sites and even places to soak in hot springs -- and budget travel, too.

**Encore:** Take a look at the travel guide 'Israel & the Palestinian Territories' (Lonely Planet).

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

**Classroom 6**

### **Hebrew, Yiddish, Gender and Jewish Nationalism**

**Lina Morales** Yiddish, Arts & Culture, Jewish Identity

Ashkenazi society in Europe pre-WWII used Yiddish and Hebrew for different purposes. Starting in the late 19th century, this diglossic system was challenged by Yiddishists and Hebraists, especially Zionists. We will explore this history and how it affects Jewish society to this day.

**Encore:** A booklist for further study will be distributed.

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MAY ENJOY THE SPACE  
AFTER YOU.**

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

**Classroom 9**

### **10 Years of LGBTQ Inclusion: Lessons in Leadership & Best Practices**

**Joanna Ware** Jewish Identity

10 years ago Keshet released the film "Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School." Come hear what we've gleaned in a decade of LGBTQ inclusion work in the Jewish community. Discover resources for continuing this important work.

**Encore:** <http://www.keshetonline.org>

12:40 PM – 1:25 PM

**Leffell Conference Room**

### **The Truest Act of Loving Kindness: Understanding Jewish Practices for Preparing the Dead**

**Sherry Grossman, Melinda Strauss, Allen Spivack, Rudie Lion, Rhoda Ben-Gai, Rick Kline**  
Holidays & Life Cycle, Jewish Identity

The Hevra Kadisha tends to the various needs related to death and mourning. A panel from the independent Community Hevra Kadisha will discuss their experiences and answer questions.

**Encore:** [www.hevrakadisha.org](http://www.hevrakadisha.org)

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**Schwartz Social Hall**

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1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

**Classroom 16**

### **Is Judaism Homophobic? One View**

**David Benkof** Text & Thought, Social Justice

Let's look at halacha's approach to being gay, exploring ways the Torah's messages preferring opposite-sex relations aren't homophobic after all. Everyone is welcome.

**Encore:** DavidBenkof@gmail.com

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

**Classroom 6**

### **Chaim Soutine: Precursor to Modern Art**

**Bruce Levy** Arts & Culture, Jewish Identity

Let's examine the complexity and contradiction of the art of Chaim Soutine, a Jewish artist in Paris at the turn of the 20th century who influenced modern abstract expressionist and avant-garde painters. Whatcha Done for Yourself Lately

**Encore:** Galerie Gmurzynska, Hatje Cantz Publishers, "The Impact of Chaim Soutine"

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

**Classroom 8**

### **Chai Mitzvah: Whatcha Done for Yourself Lately?**

**Audrey Lichter** Jewish Identity, Education; Jewish Identity; Text & Thought

Post-bar/bat mitzvah, let's take a look at other ways to mark Jewish moments. We will explore texts and discuss ways of re-engaging and re-igniting Jewish living no matter your age or stage.

**Encore:** www.chaimitzvah.org

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

**Classroom 9**

### **Public funding of Anti-Semitism**

**Anne Herzberg** Israel, Performance

Did you know that American and European taxpayers annually provide more than \$100 million to campaigns that promote global antisemitism, terrorism, and the anti-Israel boycott divestment and sanctions movement? How can you improve accountability and transparency in public funding?

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

**Front Lobby**

### **A Jewish Nature Walk**

**Katy Allen** Spirituality & Prayer, Meditation, Movement

Put on your coat and come outside for a meditative walk through the woods - a Jewish walk in the woods. Open your eyes, ears, heart, and mind to experiencing the more-than-human world and Jewish texts and prayers in new ways.

**Encore:** A Wild Faith: Jewish Ways into Wilderness, Wilderness Ways into Judaism by Rabbi Mike Comins

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM

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**Encore:** Websites of: Hebrew College, HUC-JIR, JTS, WUPJ, Pardes

## MORE LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

**Chanukah starts tonight: Visit our exhibitors! The exhibitor hall is open all day!**

**Books and other items available in the lobby at the Author Table!**

**Lunch tickets may be purchased at the Registration Desk**

**Have you told a story for Chai Alive! in Trager Conference Room?**

## 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 10**

### **Putting iPads to Work in the Jewish Classroom**

**Svetlana Grinshpoon, Julie Vanek**

Education

From animation to avatars to digital storytelling, iPads can make your lessons come alive and engage your students in active learning. Learn how teachers use iPads to enhance the learning in their classrooms. See what's happening in Greater Boston classrooms and then sign up for a CJP technology workshop to get some hands-on experience.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 14**

### **A Tale of Two Floods**

**Michael Ragozin**

Text & Thought

The narrative of Noah and the flood is well known. However, when read closely, the biblical story strangely repeats itself in contradictory ways. How can the Torah contain what appear to be 'flaws,' that ultimately contribute to convey deep truth and make it the book of books? Through the lens of modern biblical criticism we will unpack the story of Noah and the flood and discover the richness of our most sacred text.

**Encore:** Any book by Benjamin Sommer.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 15**

### **The 21st Century Jewish Family**

**Sarah Gluck, Esther Chemtob** Jewish Identity, Family Program

Throughout time Jews have been associated with family strength and education. Today however, it seems difficult to sustain the family values and warmth of our culture. This interactive session will introduce a unique discussion method to build and sustain the Jewish family as a source of power and strength for our future generations.

**Encore:** [www.connected-wisdom.com/connection-kits/](http://www.connected-wisdom.com/connection-kits/)

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 16**

### **Piaget and Prayer: Growing Up in Your Relationship to Jewishness**

**Gavriel Goldfeder**

Spirituality & Prayer, Education, Text & Thought

Some amazing work has been done about how a person's religious growth mimics an infant's developmental stages as laid out by Piaget and others. We'll discuss the different factors and markings of the different stages and talk about when and how to move through them.

**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.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 5**

### **Getting Back to the Land**

**Judith G. Tischler**

Israel, Food, Health, Science

From my time spent on Kibbutz Ein Tzurim, I came to appreciate how much we rely on producing what we need for life. Join me as I share my experiences on Kibbutz - and learn about a great project to bring back to your students to help them understand a connection to the land. Sprouting (mung beans, lentils, fenugreek seeds and more) is a fun, easy project, that can also lead to culinary ties to Israeli culture and will help your students appreciate the gifts God gave us.

**Encore:** I am going to give you a starter kit. As a matter of fact, I am going to put you all to work, so you can grow your own sprouts.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 6**

### **Leading with Story**

**David Arfa**

Social Justice, Text & Thought

Let's create short stories for social action which deepen our felt sense of agency in the world. We will work with partners (chavruta) to discover what inspires and what motivates the reader. This workshop is for anyone who would like to encourage others to join in volunteering, fundraising or citizen advocacy. Let's explore how values and emotions in stories connect or distance us from others.

**Encore:** Telling your public story by Marshall Ganz

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 7**

### **Women of the Wall**

**Elana Perkins**

Leadership, Social Justice, Israel

Who are the Women of the Wall, these women who come to the Western Wall for prayer each Rosh Hodesh? Let us discuss their history, goals, struggles and achievements.

**Encore:** Follow the WOW at <http://womenofthewall.org.il/>

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 8**

### **Sacred Cow Tipping**

**Laura Baum**

Leadership, Education, Jewish Identity

Abraham smashed idols, according to the midrash. What are the 'idols' we can smash today in the organized Jewish community? What sacred cows exist in Jewish life and what are we going to do about them? Recognizing that yesterday's models don't necessarily work for today's Jewish community, we'll explore demographics, trends, and innovative models for connecting people to Jewish life. We'll challenge assumptions and encourage outside the box thinking. Laura will share her own experiences as a founding rabbi of a successful online synagogue with global reach - and will talk about both the practical aspects and philosophical values that can inform new models of Jewish community.

### **Snacktime - 3:00PM**

Snacks available in elevator lobbies.



2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Classroom 9**

### **The Art and Practice of Visiting the Sick (Bikkur Cholim)**

**David Daniel Klipper** Spirituality & Prayer, Meditation, Movement

Many people feel awkward and uncomfortable visiting the sick, particularly individuals who are quite ill. This session, led by someone who has trained chaplains and seminary students in spiritual care for eight years, will address the two most important things a person can do in a bikkur choler visit. The session will be both didactic and experiential.

**Encore:** A bibliography will be provided and strongly interested individuals are encouraged to explore taking CPE.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Leffell Conference Room**

### **Can Teaching about Religion in Public Schools Help Jews and Other Religious Minorities?**

**Linda K. Wertheimer**

Jewish Identity, Education

Public schools nationally faced controversies in recent years over lessons on world religions. In her book, Faith Ed., Linda K. Wertheimer addresses those uproars and shares how she experienced anti-Semitism and ostracism in an Ohio school. She will engage attendees in dialogue about the touchy topic of covering religions in school lesson plans.

**Encore:** Kids4Peace Boston

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Schwartz Social Hall**

### **Staged reading of SWING, SCHMENDRICK, SWING! - A Story About More Than Just Getting on Base**

**Larry Jay Tish, Larry Ruttman, Erin Murray Quinlan, Lee Goodwin** Performance - Film, Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity; Social Justice

Swing Schmendrick Swing! is an exploration of Jewish assimilation, identity, and guts viewed through the lens of America's pastime. It's a dramatic examination of Jews' enduring and mysterious love of baseball. It's a musical about growing up among people who talk loud, eat fast, and always question. So, who questions?

**Encore:** American Jews & America's Game by Larry Ruttman

2:30 PM – 4:45 PM

**Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall**

### **Utilizing Art and Drawing to Learn about the Hebrew Alphabet.**

**Mordechai Rosenstein, Barry Magen** Arts & Culture, Education, Family Program

Mordechai will show participants how he uses art and drawing to learn the alphabet in a creative manner for all ages. He begins by showing how the Hebrew letters actually were originally formed and then shows how to take everyday objects and turn them into Hebrew letters. The students can then do their names, Hebrew words or even quotes! Very visual and participatory.

**Encore:** Calligraphy books and programs

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## **3:45 PM to 4:45 PM**

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Classroom 6**

### **When I Was Small: Original Jewish Songs and Stories for Fun and Education**

**Sandor Schuman**

Education; Family Program;

Jewish Identity; Performance

Awaken your sense of Jewish spirituality, culture, history and identity as Sandy Schuman shares the richness of his family experience through song and story. His father's song, 'Adon Olam: Past, Present, Future,' breathes new life and meaning into our old standard and 'Say Tehillim' gives you insight into the everyday strength and power of the psalms.

**Encore:** A copy of the songbook will be provided.

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Classroom 10**

### **Couples Connection and the Shechinah Between Them**

**Emily Feinberg, Wil Hosier**

Family Program, Jewish Identity

Join us for a unique exploration of nourishing love in relation to the Jewish elements of connection and partnership. This interactive workshop will introduce a technique aimed at reviving the latent, creative capacities that exist in the couple connection, allowing for a deep level of mutual understanding and intimacy, both inside and outside the home.

**Encore:** <http://www.connected-wisdom.com/connection-kits/>

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Classroom 16**

## **Chiasms: the Bible's Dazzling Literary Structure**

**David Benkof**

Text & Thought

The literary device known as the chiasm is essential to reading Jewish texts, yet little-known outside academic circles. How is the Tower of Babel story written like a tower? What's dazzling about 'Ahavat Olam'? Do the Bible's literary structures suggest the Torah has a single author after all? Lots of examples and practice at recognizing chiasms.

**Encore:** The Tanach and the Siddur

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Classroom 5**

## **How You Can Engage New Board Members: Strengthening Your Nonprofit Organization**

**David Mersky**

Leadership, Education

Strong nonprofit boards focus on new members with a clear understanding and commitment to the notion of governance and not management (the role of staff) as well as stewardship, dedication and consistency. Learn how to establish a high-functioning board that provides a wealth of resources through stability, income, credibility and labor.

**Encore:** See the Knowledge Archive at [www.merskyjaffe.com](http://www.merskyjaffe.com)

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Classroom 7**

## **Managing Conflict When Talking About Israel: How to Have Constructive Conversations**

**Stanley Wulf**

Israel, Education

In Israel, debate and dissent are seen as legitimate expressions of care and engagement in Israel's vibrant political conversation. However, such discussions in the American Jewish community can result in hurtful judgment and high emotions. Shutting down conversation should not be an option on an issue so central to our identity. This session centers on 'The 3 No's,' the 3 areas that most often lead to conflict, how to avoid them, how to sidestep pitfalls, and how to facilitate a more constructive discussion.

**Encore:** Rabbi Amy Eilberg: 'From Enemy to Friend' Marshall B. Rosenberg: 'Nonviolent Communication'

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Classroom 8**

## **A Potpourri of Teaching Ideas**

**Nancy Sohn Swartz**

Education, Jewish Identity

With the goal of helping students feel more connected to their studies, participants will share hands-on activities for 2nd and 3rd graders, including suggestions for creating games and materials in class. Examples of these ideas and materials for Hebrew and other subjects will be available, as well as a handout of suggestions to take home.

**Encore:** The Big Book of Great Teaching Ideas by Shirley Barish; UAHC Press

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3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Classroom 9**

## **Neshama Body and Soul**

**Jaymee Alpert, Fernando Martinez**

Meditation, Movement, Music-making

Neshama Body and Soul combines movement, strength, and Jewish prayer. Participants will engage in movements such as push-ups, squats, lunges, as well as group prayer and meditation. Neshama marries the physical with the spiritual in an intentional way, guided by Jewish thought and liturgy.

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Feinberg Library**

## **A Caring Congregation: De-stigmatizing Mental Illness**

**Sue Tafler, Dolly Sadow, Cynthia Piltch**

Social Justice, Health, Leadership

Although mental illness is present in all communities, it is often hidden due to the stigma many still attach to these diseases. We will present what stigma is, why it exists, various kinds of stigma, and how best to fight it. Most essentially, we will discuss what this has to do with a caring congregation. Attendees will consider 'what-if' scenarios.

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

**Leffell Conference Room**

## **Between the Strong Ones of Israel and the Pious Ones of Babylonia: Does Location Matter?**

**Yaffa Epstein**

Text & Thought, Jewish Identity

The Talmud tells us that there are certain rabbis who are considered 'The Strong Ones of Israel' - but what gives them strength? Is strength positive or negative in the Talmud? How does location and environment affect a person's Judaism? These are questions that we'll examine together, and we will attempt to understand our own relationship to Israel and the Diaspora. All texts will be in English and the original, and no prior text experience is necessary.

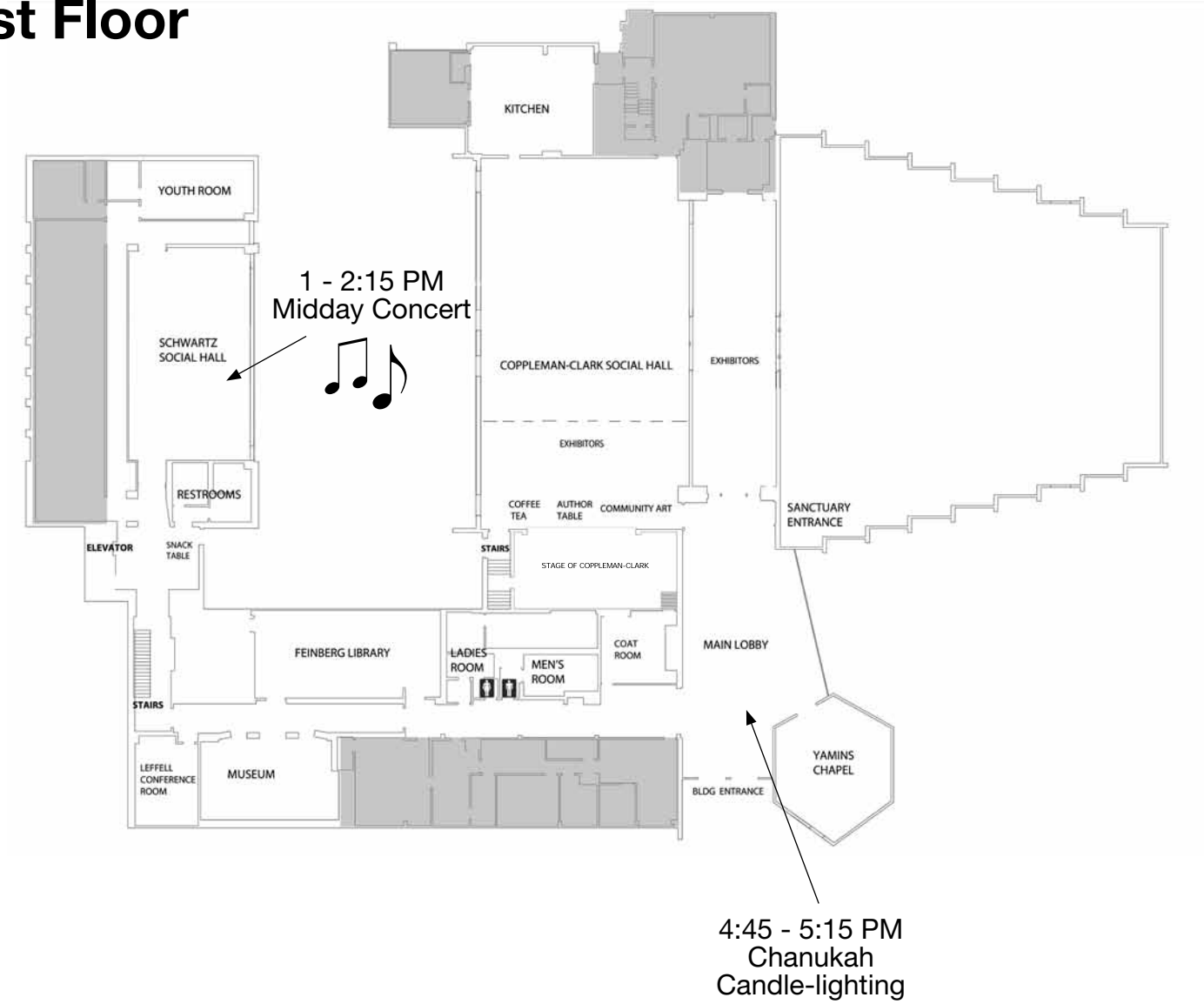
**Encore:** Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies Summer Program in Jerusalem - July 10 - 28, 2015.

### **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.



# First Floor

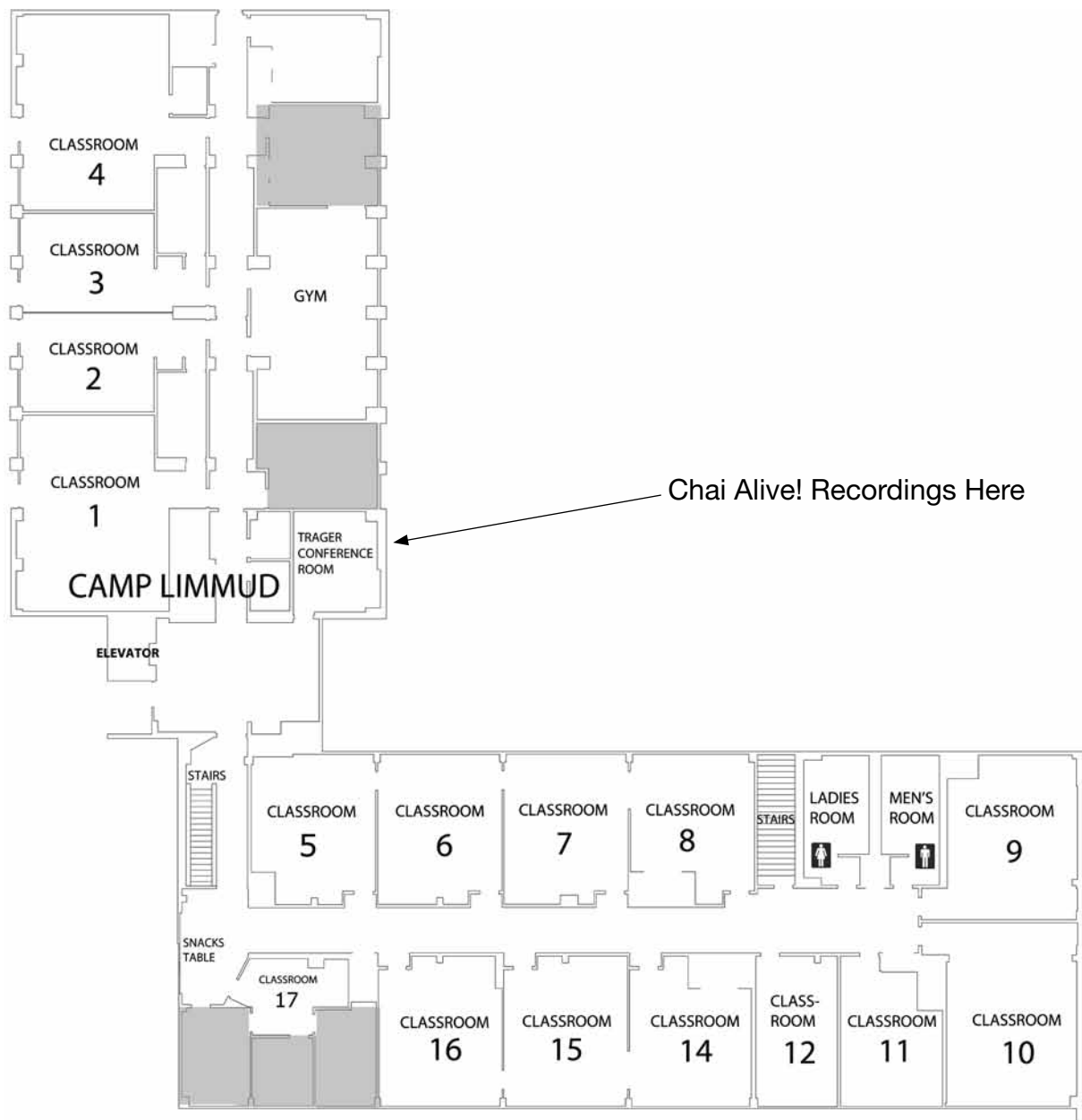


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Sign up at the registration desk to join us at Temple Reyim  
for a Hanukkah dinner debrief.

**SESSION SUBMISSIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15!**

## Second Floor





3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

**Front Lobby**

## **Chanukah Sing-Along & Candle Lighting**

**Kol B'Seder & Friends:**

Jeff Klepper, Dan Freeland, Jeri Robins,  
Rahel Limor, Sue Hurwitz, Arnie Davidson,  
EJ Cohen, Sue Horowitz

Join our Chanukah sing-along with musical  
greats. Everyone is welcome! Candle-lighting!

***Chag Sameach***

***Happy Chanukah from  
LimmudBoston***



## **It's a Party: A Cleanup Party!**

5:15 PM After the Chanukah Candle Lighting

**Volunteers + Participants = Volunticipants**

**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!

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# Exhibitors

Please visit our exhibitors in the main lobby area.

## **Adamah Farm & Fellowship**

We cultivate the soil and the soul to produce food, to build and transform identities, and to gather a community of people changing the world. Come try our pickles & jams!

## **Advah Designs**

Jewish prayer shawls (tallit) and wedding canopies (chuppah), handcrafted with love.

## **Ari Institute**

A nonprofit organization promoting globally aware humanity for meeting the challenges of today's interdependent world. [www.ariresearch.org](http://www.ariresearch.org)

## **Century Bank**

Family values make the difference

## **Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston**

The Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston provides Tahara (ritual washing prior to burial) to any Jewish person; educates the community on the beauty of Jewish burial practices; and trains volunteers in Tahara.

## **Delet Master of Teaching at Brandeis**

You can become a Jewish day school teacher through the Delet Master's Degree Program at Brandeis University.

## **Fair Trade Judaica**

Fair Trade Judaica is building a Jewish fair trade movement, linking Jewish values with fair trade principles.

## **Ganei Beantown**

Beantown Jewish Gardens is building community through experiential food and agriculture programs rooted in Jewish text, tradition and culture.

## **Hebrew College**

Hebrew College promotes excellence in Jewish learning and leadership within a pluralistic environment of open inquiry, intellectual rigor, personal engagement & spiritual creativity - Adult Learning, Masters, Rabbinical, Jewish Music, & more

## **Hebrewschoolgames.com**

Games for Hebrew Day and Afternoon Schools

## **J Street Education Fund**

J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans who want Israel to be secure, democratic and the national home of the Jewish people. Working in American politics and the Jewish community, we advocate policies that advance shared US

## **Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters**

At Jewish Big Brother & Big Sister, we help connect children in need to adult mentors, and we introduce adults who have disabilities to new friends in their communities.

## **Jewish Climate Action Network**

JCAN works with Jewish organizations on issues related to climate change.

## **Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston**

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## **Jewish Women's Archive**

The Jewish Women's Archive documents Jewish women's stories, elevates their voices, and inspires them to be agents of change.

## **Kahal B'raira**

Greater Boston's congregation for Humanistic Judaism

## **Koren Publishers**

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

## **NEWPRO**

New England's first choice for Home Improvement Solutions

## **Octaband LLC**

The Octaband® is a fun, interactive device which promotes individuality and group cohesion through movement for people of all ages and abilities.

## **Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston**

A premier Jewish independent school for children ages 18 months through eighth grade. At Schechter, every child is known and understood.

## **TeachersTrading.com**

A marketplace for teacher to buy and sell teaching materials.

## **Temple Aliyah**

The Conservative synagogue in Needham which is led by Rabbi Carl M. Perkins and houses Gan Aliyah Preschool.

**"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.

## Penina Adelman

Penina Adelman is a writer who works at the intersection of creative expression and spiritual quest. In the tradition of Midrash, she is working on a fictionalized family memoir integrated with Jewish history back to the biblical story of Creation. Penina is a Resident Scholar in the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University.

## Bryan Agurcia

Bryan Agurcia is a Master Trainer with more than 25 years experience helping people live strong and active lives. He holds a B.A. in Exercise Physiology and an M.A. in Gerontology. His AgingWell program is focused on helping aging adults maintain strength, flexibility and balance so that they can continue doing all the things they love to do.

## Katy Allen

Katy Allen is the founder and rabbi of Ma'yan Tikvah - A Wellspring of Hope, which holds services outdoors all year long. She is a board certified chaplain and serves as a Nature Chaplain and the Facilitator of One Earth Collaborative, a program of Open Spirit. She is president of the Boston-based Jewish Climate Action Network.

## Jaymee Alpert

Jaymee Alpert is the co-creator of Neshama Body and Soul. She has been training in various forms of exercise for more than eight years. She is a rabbi and spiritual leader of Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel in Port Chester, NY, where she has served for ten years. She grew up in Newton, MA and is still a loyal Red Sox fan.

## David Arfa

David Arfa 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 its depth of vision and artistic quality.

## Shelly Aronson

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

## Laura Baum

Laura Baum is a rabbi and the Associate Vice President of Jewish Learning & Engagement at CJP. Recognized as one of America's top 50 female rabbis by The Forward newspaper and featured in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Jerusalem Post, Baum is a significant figure in contemporary Jewish life.

## Annice Benamy

Annice Benamy is a very enthusiastic and passionate musician. She successfully combined her love of Judaism and music to enroll in Hebrew College Jewish Sacred Music Certificate program to become a cantor. Now as Cantor of Reform Temple of Putnam Valley, Annice brings her love of learning and music to the Temple community.

## Rhoda Ben-Gai

Rhonda Ben-Gai lives in her hometown, Newton. As a member of Temple Shalom, she chairs the Hesed Caring Community.

## David Benkof

David Benkof has taught and published widely about Jewish history, Hebrew grammar, homosexuality, and contemporary Jewish life. He is a crossword constructor, polyglot, entrepreneurial philanthropist, theater lover, and trivia buff. In 2015, he became president of the DAGESH Hebrew Language Project (which uses technology to improve Ivrit pedagogy).

## Aviva Bock

Aviva Bock is a holistic mind/body therapist in private practice in Newton. She is an observant Jew and is very excited at the potential for healing that are now afforded by new understanding about trauma and the brain and the almost miraculous tools of energy therapy.

## Mike Cammerata

Mike Cammerata is a Partner and CFP® Practitioner at Marino, Stram & Associates. For over a decade Mike has developed comprehensive financial plans and asset management strategies for a variety of individual clients, families and businesses. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Financial Economics from St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

## Adam Chalom

Adam Chalom is a rabbi and national leader of Humanistic Judaism. Chalom holds a Ph.D. in Hebrew and Jewish Cultural Studies and is the Dean for North America of the IISHJ. He also serves as the rabbi of Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation in suburban Chicago, Illinois.

## Esther Chemtob

Esther Chemtob, RN, is an insurance broker & Connected Wisdom instructor. Esther's mastery in teaching the unique Circle Method in diverse venues from Jewish organizations to business and private settings, makes her a beloved mentor of human connection. She instructs a weekly Applied Happiness course.

## EJ Cohen

EJ Cohen holds master's degrees in both Deaf Ed and Jewish Ed and has spent more than 35 years combining both fields. She has taught at CAJE, MANAJE, NewCAJE, Limmuds in Boston, NY, Philadelphia and the Bay Area, as well as at Limmud UK. EJ is a full time ASL interpreter at a high school and is also a teacher at Temple Beth Jacob in Concord, NH and Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, NH. EJ and singer/songwriter Sue Radner Horowitz travel around the US showing "visual prayer and song." They recently performed at the URJ Biennial.

## David Daniel Klipper

David Daniel Klipper was ordained as a Rabbinic Pastor by ALEPH, the Jewish Renewal movement in 2007. He was a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) Supervisor at Stamford Hospital from 2007-2015, and taught CPE students at Stamford Hospital from 2007-2015. He received spiritual direction training from Morei Derekh, co-teaches pastoral counseling for the ALEPH Ordination Program and is part of the hashpa'ah (spiritual direction) faculty of ALEPH.

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

**– Allen Klein**

**Arnie Davidson**

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

**Cherina Eisenberg**

Cherina Eisenberg serves as cantorial soloist at Temple Sinai in Brookline and is a student rabbi with ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal. A Jewish educator and certified chef, she promotes a joyful, healthy and vibrant Judaism that nourishes the body, mind, and spirit.

**Yaffa Epstein**

Yaffa Epstein is a Rabba and serves as Director of Education, North America for the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. She received rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Maharat and holds a law degree from Bar-Ilan University. She has studied at the Pardes Kollel, the Advanced Talmud Institute at Matan and the Talmud Department of Hebrew University. Yaffa has been a teacher of Talmud, Jewish Law, and Liturgy at Pardes for over a decade.

**Ami Fagin**

Ami Fagin is a visual artist specializing in the traditional art form of manuscript illumination. Her body of work represents a meta-modernist approach to the materials, techniques and theoretical principals used in manuscript illumination as visual art form for contemporary consideration. To see Ami's work visit: [www.20thcenturyilluminations.com](http://www.20thcenturyilluminations.com)

**Anna Faktorovich**

Anna Faktorovich, MA, has focused her professional experience on revealing hidden connections between people in fields ranging from mining to working with autistic children. She currently works in real estate and is pursuing a second MA in Special Education. Anna looks forward to dedicating her life to creating a better world, starting with children.

**Emily Feinberg**

Emily Rose incorporates breakthroughs in positive psychology, social psychology and music education research as an enthusiastic educator. An experienced lecturer, Emily teaches both integral education & music, with special focus on building relationships and connections.

**Dan Freeland**

Daniel Hillel Freeland serves as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. A gifted musician and keen observer of the North American Jewish scene, he has been a rabbi on the staff of the Union for Reform Judaism since 1975, supervising virtually every aspect of the Union's programs and operations. He and Jeff Klepper, composed dozens of popular Jewish melodies, which they perform as Kol B'seder.

**Itai Gai**

Itai Gai is a graduate student at Hebrew College.

**Sarah Gluck**

Sarah Gluck is co-founder of Urban Movement Design, architect, and movement therapist, and an award winning pioneer working with the American Institute of Architecture of NY. Sarah launched The Integral Body, a wellness studio where she treats individuals in post trauma and injury and teaches yogic therapy and happiness science at the Ramaz Upper School.

**Gavriel Goldfeder**

Gavriel Goldfeder currently works with MIT Hillel helping young geniuses relate to their Jewishness as a resource. This requires substantial updating of approach, terminology, and articulation of goals. Before that, he was a Rabbi in Boulder, CO, and before that he spent 6 years at Bat Ayin. He has written three books, two of which are pretty good.

**Lee Goodwin**

Lee Goodwin has worked as a news writer, business magazine editor, marketing copywriter, and directed marketing communications for the state auto dealers trade association. He played a leading role in developing marketing materials for Comdex, North America's largest technology trade show, for many years, and worked in corporate communications at Lotus.

**Leonard Gordon**

Leonard Gordon is senior rabbi at Congregation Mishkan Tefila. He chairs the Kehilla Strengthening and Transformation Committee of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism where he is a board member and member of the Executive Committee. He was the program chair for last month's USCJ biennial convention in Chicago.

**Bonnie Greenberg**

Bonnie Greenberg transports you into the hear of Jewish fairytales and folklore with a guitar strum, a bongo beat, and a wink of the eye. Her CD "From the Hearts of the People" won a Parents' Choice Award. She is featured in 120 Contemporary Storytellers. An experienced educator her workshops are long remembered as she "touches the heart and teaches the mind."

**Svetlana Grinshpoon**

Svetlana Grinshpan is the Coordinator of CJP's Teaching & Technology Fellowship and is an Academic Technology Specialist in the Middle School at Buckingham Browne & Nichols in Cambridge. Svetlana is passionate about transforming education through innovative use of technology to enhance teaching and learning.

**Sherry Grossman**

Sherry Grossman has lived in Jamaica Plain for 43 years and is a founding member of Nehar Shalom where she found out about the Community Hevra Kadisha. She has been part of 9 Taharot teams.

**Ken Hausman**

Ken Hausman is a videographer, recorder and all-around great guy.

**Anne Herzberg**

Anne Herzberg is the author of NGO Monitor's "NGO Lawfare: Exploitation of Courts in the Arab-Israeli Conflict", co-author of Best Practices for Human Rights and Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding, and other academic articles. She is one of the leading experts on universal jurisdiction cases against Israel. She frequently speaks before the UN Human Rights Council and her op-eds have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Haaretz, the Jerusalem Post, Ynet, and many other publications.

**Muriel Horowitz**

Muriel Horowitz combines creativity and an open heart with a rich knowledge of Jewish stories and traditions as she shares folktales, 'midrashim,' and family stories. Combining her passions for storytelling, Judaism, and teaching in her work, she believes in the power of story to break down barriers and bring us closer to a more peaceful world.

**Sue Horowitz**

Sue Horowitz writes songs for Jewish settings which are accessible to anyone who wants to sing. Her first CD, Eleven Doors Open, was made with Josh Nelson. Sue's second CD, In the Water, was produced by Mark Niemiec and Dan Nichols. Sue currently lives in York, Maine with her supportive and unique family.

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

**Wil Hosier**

Wil Hosier, B.A.S. Emerging Media, Music & Sound Technology, is a seasoned instructor of Integral Education. Trained in the U.S. and Israel in cultivating social connections and creating supportive environments, Wil's work focuses on innovative content development for business, couples, youth camps, and senior centers, as well as to I.A.C. & J.C.C events.

**Sue Hurwitz**

Sue Hurwitz is a flutist, professional chamber musician, life coach working with creative artists and is an active arts advocate. Sue co-founded "MugaLive!", yoga/music/movement for all ages and numerous performing musical groups focusing on chamber, world and music to soothe the soul. Sue performs both as a soloist and with ensembles.

**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.

**Gary Kenzer**

Gary Kenzer has been the North American Executive Director of Honest Reporting.com since 2006. Prior to that he was the Executive Director of Magen David Adom USA. Kenzer speaks all over North America in hundreds of venues including Limmud events in Houston, Miami, Baltimore, Bay Area near San Francisco, and Winnipeg.

**Jeff Klepper**

Jeff is a leading figure in American Jewish music. He and Dan Frelander formed Kol B'Seder in 1974. Their songs are recorded and sung around the world. Jeff graduated HUC-JIR in 1980, served congregations in New York, Haifa, and Chicago, and is cantor of Temple Sinai, Sharon, MA. He is on the faculty of the School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College

**Rick Kline**

Rick Kline is a graduate of the Hebrew College Rabbinic School and works as a Chaplain Intern at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He currently teaches an eight session course called "Preparing For The End Of Life" based on his final year project while a rabbinical student.

**Susanne Klingenstein**

Susanne Klingenstein is a political and cultural journalist and veteran literary scholar with a distinguished teaching career at Harvard and MIT. In 2014, she published a biography of Mendele Moykher Sforim. She is working on a history of Yiddish literature to be published in 2016, and is currently a visiting scholar at Brandeis University.

**Rebecca Kornblatt**

Rebecca Kornblatt is a clinical psychologist who provides psychotherapy to adults in Newton. She received her doctorate in psychology from Yeshiva University and has graduate and undergraduate degrees in religion.

**Ellen Krause-Grosman**

Ellen Krause-Grosman has been a member of Daughters of Abraham for 4 years. Her family has hosted more than 30 Christian, Muslim and Buddhist foreign students. She worked on the WGBH film "The Buddha in LA" as part of the Harvard Pluralism Project. She has visited religious communities in India, Ethiopia, Israel & the US.

**Allan Lehmann**

Allan Lehmann is a rabbi and teaches, advises, and co-directs the Beit Midrash at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. He teaches texts in an interactive manner. He is interested in what happens when people listen deeply to the texts at hand, to their partners in learning, and to their own heads and hearts.

**Daniel Lehmann**

Daniel Lehmann is a rabbi and serves as President of Hebrew College. He previously served as the founding Headmaster of Gann Academy - The New Jewish High School of Greater Boston and the Founding Director of BIMA - The Berkshire Institute for Music and Arts. Rabbi Lehmann co-founded and co-directed training programs for Jewish day school professionals sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. A frequent lecturer on Jewish education, he has published numerous articles on Jewish education.

**Noreen Leibson**

Noreen Leibson, MSW, MAJS, works at Brandeis University where she is the faculty leader for the Delet MAT, a pre-service teacher training program. She also teaches the Jewish study strand of the program. Prior to Brandeis, Noreen was the Education Director at TBA in Nashua, NH for 20 years.

**Kim Lerner**

Kim Lerner has served as Administrative Director of the Institute of Jewish Knowledge & Learning (IJKL) since its inception in 1993 and has played a key role in envisioning and enacting its development. IJKL organizes outreach teaching, special events and spiritually centered trips to Israel.

**Jon Levine**

Jon Levine is on the board of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, and a member of Kahal B'raira, Cambridge.

**Bruce Levy**

Bruce J. Levy is an architect in private practice in New York. He also teaches History of Architecture and in particular The Art & Architecture of Jewish Culture, which deals with the history of synagogues, Jewish memorials, museums and individual Jewish artists and architects.

**Audrey Lichter**

Audrey Lichter has been a professional Jewish educator for 30 years. She created and was the principal of an award-winning program, Yachad, Greater Hartford's Community High School. As a lay leader, she is the recipient of many community awards and has been very involved locally and nationally in Day Schools.

**Rahel Limor**

Rahel Limor is a woman of great faith. A gifted, soulful American-Israeli songwriter, she has a lot to say and she says it well with a beautiful, diverse collection of songs. She is a juried artist of the NH State Council on the Arts; N.E.F.A., N.E.S.T.; a recipient of the NH Shem Tov Award, and twice winner of Israel's English Songwriting Competition.

**Sheldon Low**

Sheldon Low is one of the brightest young stars in Jewish rock music today performing rock concerts, widely known for his exhilarating live performances and 'Light Up Shabbat' services, seminars, and leading artist-in-residency weekends in Jewish communities throughout North America. Low has a strong fan base among youth audiences, playing over 100 shows per year and appearing at conventions, conferences, and Jewish festivals, as well as dozens of Jewish camps each summer.

**Gladys Maged**

Gladys is the administrator for Congregation Kahal B'raira, Cambridge.

**Barry Magen**

Barry Magen has been working with Mordechai Rosenstein as his business partner for 13 years. Barry has spent 35 summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos and was the Regional Director of Hagesher Region USY for 19 years. He resides with his wife, Cheryl Magen in Elkins Park, PA.



**Leora Mallach**

Leora Mallach is the Co-Founder and Director of Ganei Beantown: Beantown Jewish Gardens, a non-profit in greater Boston building community through hands-on sustainable food system education rooted in Jewish text, tradition and culture. When she is not creating new educational paradigms, she can be found in the mountains or doing batik artwork.

**Bruce Marcus**

Bruce Marcus wows 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.

**Cindy Rivka Marshall**

Cindy Rivka Marshall, an invited presenter at Limmud UK in 2012, offers stories and teaches all ages at synagogues and schools. She trains educators and leaders in eliciting, crafting and listening to stories. She works as an educational consultant to Combined Jewish Philanthropy (CJP) programs.

**Fernando Martinez**

Fernando Martinez is the co-creator of Neshama Body and Soul. He has been training in martial arts and strength-training for more than 40 years. Fernando is the owner of A.P.E. Fitness in Port Chester, NY, where he currently resides.

**David Mersky**

David A. Mersky is the Founder and Managing Director of Mersky, Jaffe & Associates, a 23 year-old firm specializing in financial and human resource development solutions for nonprofits worldwide. He is a member of the faculty of Brandeis University's Hornstein Program in Jewish Professional Leadership.

**Jacob Meskin**

Jacob Meskin teaches in and trains faculty for Me'ah, Hebrew College's adult Jewish learning program. He also teaches for the Tzion program, for the Kevah program, and for various synagogue groups in the Boston area. He has taught at many colleges and universities, and has published articles in a variety of journals and books.

**Annette Miller**

Annette Liberman Miller has performed on and off Broadway, in regional theaters, with Shakespeare and Co. in Lenox, MA, and on film and TV. She will appear in Robert Brustein's "Exposed," opening in December 2015 at the Wimberly Theater in Boston. She is a Resident Scholar in the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University.

**Lina Morales**

Lina Morales (Khava) is a Yiddishist and activist in Boston. She is a founder of the Boston Yiddish Hoyz and is active with the youth section of Boston JVP.

**Sarah Myerson**

Sarah Myerson serves as cantor at Congregation Mishkan Tefila. She received her Cantorial Investiture and M.S.M. from JTS (NY). Previously, she interned at Oceanside Jewish Center (NY), and at Kehillat Netzach Israel (Ashkelon, Israel). She studied Yiddish in New York, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and her involvement in the Yiddish/ klezmer scene has taken her to festivals in the USA, Canada, Israel, Germany and Australia.

**Naomi Myrvaagnes**

Naomi Myrvaagnes is working on a novel about a rabbi and her congregation, set in the early 1990s. Her poetry, essays, and short stories have appeared in online and print publications from the Forward to the Christian Science Monitor and Harvard Review. She is a Resident Scholar in the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University.

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Aaron Panken, Ph.D. is president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, North America's first and largest pluralistic seminary serving the global Jewish community by educating rabbis, cantors, Jewish educators, Jewish non-profit management professionals and scholars. HUC-JIR's four campuses in Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles and Jerusalem provide leadership for Reform Judaism and have influence across every movement and sector of the Jewish and scholarly community.

**Mary Pennock**

Mary Pennock has expertise in teaching and facilitating team building strategies with a strong educational background: MA, English and Communication, SUNY Potsdam; BA, Music Education, Crane School of Music; 15 years-CTE English teacher at Bohlen Technical Center; 4 years-EDGE teacher for Jefferson Community College.

**Elana Perkins**

Elana Perkins is a clinical social worker who is actively involved in the Jewish community. She has attended Women of the Wall services in Jerusalem, and continues to closely follow Women of the Wall activities.

**Cynthia Piltch**

Cynthia Piltch leads the Temple Isaiah Mental Health Initiative and is past chair of the Sisterhood Wellness lecture series. She runs peer facilitation groups at McLean Hospital and teaches wellness at the BU Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation. She is a public health educator, massage therapist, and Reiki master.

**Judith Pinnolis**

Judith Pinnolis is Adjunct Professor of Jewish Music at Hebrew Union College in NY and Hebrew College in Boston. She is creator and editor of The Jewish Music WebCenter. Pinnolis has spoken internationally on the topic of Jewish music history and published in scholarly journals and reference works including Encyclopedia Judaica.

**Erin Murray Quinlan**

Erin Murray Quinlan is a Boston, London and NYC-based composer for musical theater and film. She graduated from Berklee College of Music and the BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theater Workshop in New York City. She has had six musicals produced, including last year's 'Hemingway's Wife', which is currently being further developed in London.

**Michael Ragozin**

Michael Ragozin began his rabbinic tenure at Congregation Shirat Hayam in July 2015. He strives to create open, engaging and empowering environments that value diverse backgrounds, family structures, and observances. Together with staff and laity, he aims to build accessible Jewish communities that animates our lives with blessing and joy, purpose and cadence.

**Daniel Robinson**

Daniel Robinson is the lead author of Lonely Planet's best-selling "Israel & the Palestinian Territories," the world's most popular travel guide to Israel. A resident of Israel for 25 years, he holds an MA in Israeli history from Tel Aviv University.

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**Jocelyn Robinson**

Jocelyn Robinson has worked in Jewish nonprofits for the last five years, both as Program Director and Israel Engagement Consultant at Santa Cruz Hillel, as the Program Director at Temple Dor Dorim, and currently as the Program Manager for IACT National at CJP in Boston. Her areas of focus include community engagement, event planning, development/fundraising and marketing.

**Mordechai Rosenstein**

Mordechai Rosenstein is America's leading designer of Judaica. His use of vibrant colors and flowing lines turn the art of Hebrew calligraphy into a modern day feast for the eyes. He has also become a master teacher of the Hebrew alphabet, illumination and color. He resides with his wife, Mati, in Elkins Park, PA.

**Rosie Rosenzweig**

Author of "A Jewish Mother in Shangri-la," the travel adventure of meeting her son's Buddhist teachers in the U.S., France, India and Nepal, Rosie Rosenzweig is a Resident Scholar at the Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center. She is also an ordained Jewish Meditation Teacher.

**Irina Rudnev**

Irina Rudnev, educator, life coach and organizer, works with individuals and organizations in creation of social environments where fulfillment flourishes. Irina is co-founder of the School of Integral Learning whose aim is to train students in mastery of unique integral methods of reciprocity and altruism for sustainable happiness in troubled times.

**Bob Russman-Halperin**

Bob Russman-Halperin received an ethical will from his grandfather, has written legacy letters to his children, and has led many workshops on this topic. Bob is President of Alumni Forum Services, a Research Affiliate at MIT's Center for Collective Intelligence, and has led executive education at Harvard, MIT, Babson, and Young Presidents Organization.

**Larry Ruttman**

Larry Ruttman, author of *American Jews and America's Game* is a lifelong resident of Brookline, Massachusetts. Larry has been attending ball games at Fenway Park since the days of Ted Williams and Moe Berg. His first book, "Voices of Brookline," was a national finalist for the 2005 American Association of State and Local History Award of Merit.

**Dolly Sadow**

Dolly Sadow is a clinical psychologist. She retired from the VA system, where she directed the Empowerment and Family Services Center at the Bedford VA. She is a representative on the American Psychological Association Council and member of the APA Committee on Socioeconomic Status. She is a member of Temple Isaiah Mental Health Initiative.

**Sandor Schuman**

Sandor Schuman tells personal adventures, historical sagas, tall tales, and folktales in the Jewish storytelling tradition. His father's songs, with English, Hebrew, and Yiddish lyrics, add another dimension to his educational performances. He authored "Adirondack Mendel's Aufruf," where the stories of Chelm meet the tall tales of the Adirondacks.

**Sandy Schuman**

Sandy 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.

**Steve Seeche**

Steve Seeche is a community mediator and arbitrator and has trained in Dialogue with Public Conversation Project. He is the Board Chair of Mediators Beyond Borders, and on the Boards of Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston, Interfase, and Middlesex Community College Law Center. He teaches a course in the dialogue between Science and Faith at Regis College.

**Maryam Sharieff**

Maryam Sharieff has been a member of Daughters of Abraham for many years. Maryam is the Muslim chaplain at Brandeis University. She received her Masters in Divinity from Harvard University and was a fellow at Hebrew College and Andover-Newton Theological Seminary.

**Marian Smith**

Marian Smith has been a member of Daughters of Abraham for five years. She studied in the Clinical Pastoral Education program at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center. Marian is an avid supporter of Kids4Peace Boston, an organization that brings together Jewish, Muslim, and Christian youth from Jerusalem and the Boston area each summer to learn about the Abrahamic faiths while sharing their camp experience. The youth then continue in a six-year program to become interfaith peace leaders.

**Nancy Sohn Swartz**

Nancy Sohn Swartz is the author of *In Our Image: God's First Creatures* (now available as an interactive app!) and *How Did the Animals Help God*. For over 20 years, Nancy has taught religious school and public school. Nancy incorporates creative ideas from these roles into her religious school classes.

**Allen Spivack**

Allen Spivack, an artist and former social worker, has been part of many tahara teams. He has done educational programs in the community about Jewish practices for preparing the dead.

**Sharon Spivack**

Sharon Spivack is a member of Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, NH where she works as a Hebrew specialist, teacher and tutor in the Mitkadem program. She earned a BAJs in 2001 from Hebrew College, is a past Sisterhood president and serves as the Ba'alat Tefilah for Shaharit during the High Holidays.

**Melinda Strauss**

Melinda Strauss lives in Framingham, attends the Nehar Shalom Community Synagogue and has been an active member of the Community Hevra Kadisha. She has facilitated many discussions about Jewish burial practices.

**Sue Tafler**

Sue Tafler is a past president of Temple Isaiah Sisterhood. She is a Meah graduate and currently an active member of temple committees for social justice, issues of aging, Israel action, and the Mental Health Initiative. She is a retired biology teacher and el-hi textbook editor.

**Alan Teperow**

Alan Teperow is the former Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts. Alan retired on September 15th after three years of thoughtful retirement planning. He is the managing director of the Mass Board of Rabbis and part-time Director of Planning and Engagement at Temple Aliyah in Needham. He is also Board Chair of LimmudBoston.

**Judith G. Tischler**

Judith Tischler was educated in Israel. She teaches Hebrew in many Temple settings. Her hobby is sprouting.

**Larry Jay Tish**

Larry Jay Tish is a playwright, actor, poet, copywriter, short story, TV, and travel writer. His most recent play *The Last Jews: An Apocalyptic Comedy*, earned a Boston Playwright's Theatre Fellowship and was nominated as the Best New Play in Boston by the Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) in 2014. He also created *The Black-Jew Dialogues*.

**Julie Vanek**

Julie Vanek, Director of Jewish Learning Connections at CJP oversees CJP's initiative to encourage and foster innovation in Jewish learning in part-time schools throughout the Greater Boston area. Integrating technology is one area of focus in this initiative

**Joanna Ware**

Joanna Ware has been a Jewish activist for LGBTQ issues since she was a teenager. Joanna joined Keshet in 2009 as a JOIN for Justice Fellow. As Keshet's Boston Regional Director, Joanna oversees Keshet's community building, education, and advocacy work in the Greater Boston region. Joanna has built powerful communities of LGBTQ Jews and allies across Massachusetts and the country working in support of full justice and equality for LGBTQ people. Joanna's academic background includes gender studies and Middle East studies.

**Linda K. Wertheimer**

Linda K. Wertheimer, a former Boston Globe education editor, is the author of Faith Ed., Teaching About Religion In An Age of Intolerance, a book described by a Jewish Book Council review as an engaging read that reveals "our intelligence, our diversity, and tragically, our ignorance." Linda also teaches journalism part-time at Boston University.

**Jeffrey Wildstein**

Jeffrey Wildstein is a passionate rabbinic leader and educator who enjoys engaging with diverse people from all faith backgrounds. He is the author of Judaism in the "Idiot's Guides" series. He received smicha from HUC-JIR, a B.A. in History from Yale, and a J.D. from Cornell Law School.

**Stanley Wulf**

Stanley Wulf is founder of SpeakingAboutIsrael.com and a retired physician who speaks about the conflict in the Middle East and the difficulties we experience as Diaspora Jews in hearing and sharing differing views. He was raised in South Africa as a committed Zionist and traditional Jew. He practiced as an obstetrician-gynecologist in Los Angeles, then studied in Jerusalem at the liberal Pardes yeshiva. He lives in Berkeley and has a home in Jerusalem.

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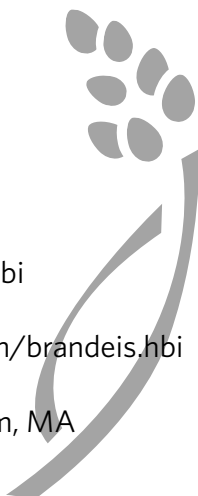
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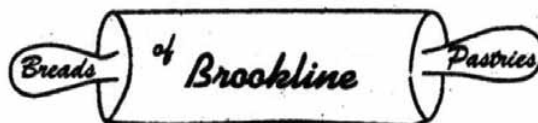
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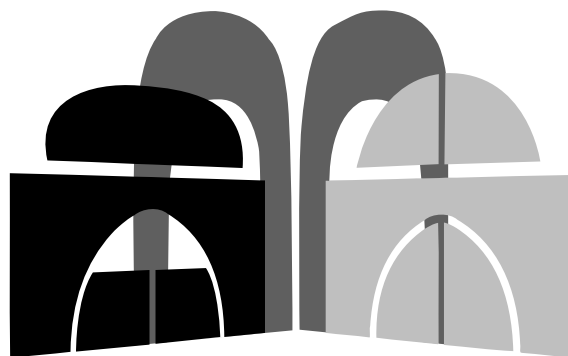
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