Welcome to LimmudBoston 2017! We have programming for all things Jewish and are thrilled you’re joining LimmudBoston’s growing learning & presenting community this year! Your participation and everyone’s volunticipation is what makes LimmudBoston so special.

We thank Temple Reyim and Mayyim Hayyim for welcoming us to their ‘campus.’

Follow your passion! Explore something new today!

- **Check out all the sessions**, from text study to movement, music, social justice and history
- **Look for “encores” under the Session Descriptions** for ways to continue exploring after today
- Don’t miss our **Musical Finale in the lobby from 5:00 to 5:30!**
- You can also **Volunticipate!** Go to the Registration Desk to **discover how you can help us today!**
- **Bid early! Bid often! At the Silent Auction** in the Lobby
- **Please support our Exhibitors!** They support LimmudBoston
- Purchase books and music and CDs from our presenters at the **Lunchtime Author Tables**
- **Help us throughout the day.** At 5:30PM please **scan the building** for stray papers and signs

A very special thanks to:
- **Our Teams:** Program, Volunteer, Site & Signage, Performance and other Volunteer Teams
- Our presenters and community partners
- LimmudBoston’s Board of Directors and Advisory Team

**Help us plan next year’s conference!** Please feel free to sign up for the debrief dinner to start sharing right away. We welcome your contributions.

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

Steffi Aronson Karp Julie Wolkoff Shira Hecht
Founder & President Chair of the Board Program Chair

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Our Mission Statement:

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

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

LimmudBoston honors the core values of Limmud International. We celebrate learning, diversity and community involvement. We honor tradition and explore expanding our Jewish horizon. We value all members of the community. We foster connections and encourage participation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No matter where you are on the spectrum of Jewish living, there is more to learn and more to do at LimmudBoston.
LimmudBoston 2017 Volunticipants

You are the model of volunticipation! Your hard work makes this day! Thank you for creativity, ideas, actions, meetings, phone calls, emails, tweets, Facebook shares and more!


Special Thanks

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2017 LimmudBoston General Information

Please remember that LimmudBoston is a volunteer-driven organization.

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

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

Kashrut: Temple Reyim has a strictly kosher building. Please honor their policy. Do not bring any food into this building. Some areas of the building are FOOD FREE due to student allergies. Please BE AWARE and RESPECT SIGNAGE.

Lunch:
• If you ordered a kosher lunch on-line before the conference, the color coded ticket is in your name tag.
  A limited number of lunch tickets are available for purchase today at the Walk-In Registration Table.
  Please do not take any food into the Sanctuary.
• We are a volunteer-driven conference! Kindly ‘stash the trash!’!!!

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

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

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

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

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

Cultivate Limmuditude!!
Join a volunpticant team for the next LimmudBoston!
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Stephanie Lyon Arbonne Independent Consultant
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Mintz/Ganin
Congregation Beth El of the Sudbury River Valley
Barbara Posnick & Carl Mikkelsen
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The Stitcher Family
David and Carol Stollar
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Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley
Temple Beth Shalom, Needham
Temple Beth Zion, Brookline
Temple Emeth Chestnut Hill
Temple Hillel B’nai Torah, West Roxbury
Temple Shalom, West Newton
Temple Isaiah
Alan Teperow
Village Bank
Julie Wolkoff
Justin & Genevieve Wyner
Dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to wish a hearty mazal tov to everyone who has worked so hard to create LimmudBoston 2017. I am sure the event will build on the success of past years.

Limmud’s 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 84 Limmud groups in 44 countries round the world. In 2016 there were 74 Limmud events run by 4,000 volunteers with 40,000 participants. These events are all inspired and supported by the Limmud organisation, which provides training and support to Limmud groups around the world (you can find out more at www.limmud.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 do so.

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 of volunteers and all those who have put so much effort into creating this event and Limmud community, and I wish you every success.

David Hoffman

Chair, Limmud

December 2017
Shalom!

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

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

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

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

Barry Shrage
President, CJP

Neil A. Wallack
Chair, Board of Directors

Laura Baum
Associate Vice President, Jewish Learning and Engagement

Julie Vanek
Director, Jewish Learning Connections
Dear Limmud Participants,

On behalf of Hebrew College, I am honored and pleased to welcome you to the annual LimmudBoston day of learning. LimmudBoston has created diverse and expansive opportunities for Jewish learning in the greater Boston area and we are proud to be partner in this sacred endeavor.

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. I am excited to participate again this year. The enthusiasm and thoughtfulness of the participants is inspiring and signals great hope for the Jewish future.

Hebrew College, a central hub for Jewish learning and leadership, has been a partner with LimmudBoston from its inception. Faculty and students from Hebrew College teach and participate every year. It is my sincere hope that LimmudBoston will whet your appetite for further Jewish study. Hebrew College has a variety of exciting adult education programs as well as graduate and professional studies that can deepen your Jewish learning throughout the year. Please visit our website at www.hebrewcollege.edu to learn more. May your Jewish study go, mechayil el chayil. from strength to strength.

B’vracha - with blessings,

Rabbi Daniel Lehmann
President
Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to Temple Reyim for the eighth annual LimmudBoston. After a wonderful experience last year, our community is honored to host this very special event again this year. LimmudBoston truly represents the best of Jewish learning. The day is filled with diverse learning opportunities and passionate teachers; it also provides an intensive atmosphere for critical contemporary questions and a deep sense of Kehila, community. Talmud Torah, lifelong Jewish learning, is one of our most significant mitzvot: it roots us in our tradition while inspiring our vision for an ongoing vital and creative Jewish future.

We hope you enjoy this day and feel at home here at Reyim. Temple Reyim is a traditional, egalitarian, inclusive, and spiritually uplifting community of friends. We seek to celebrate Judaism together, while caring for each other at the most important moments of our lives. We invite you to join us anytime for services, learning, programs, and friendship. I want to especially draw your attention to our very special Beit Midrash program featuring noted rabbis and scholars as our speakers and teachers throughout the year. Please join us – you are always welcome here.

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

L’shalom,
Rabbi Daniel Berman
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We couldn’t do it without you!

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LimmudBoston’s Board of Directors oversees LimmudBoston throughout the year, focusing on structure, finance, public relations, personnel and strategic vision. Members of the Board are committed to enhancing our mission of offering quality Jewish learning at New England’s annual “learningfest” of culture and identity.

Advisory Team

LimmudBoston’s Advisory Team brings together community leaders and lovers of Jewish learning to help strengthen existing LimmudBoston programs, to imagine new initiatives, and to expand LimmudBoston’s reach into the community. Through brainstorming, advising, outreach, and evaluation, the Advisory Team helps LimmudBoston’s Board and volunteers meet our challenges and envision our future. To join our advisory team, email Terri & Alan at advisoryteam@limmudboston.org

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Jewish Food For Thought, The Animated Series: Kindness - Chesed
Hanan Harchol
Subject Area: Education

Jewish immigrants were so instrumental in labor reform, at the turn of the 20th century that it was called the Jewish Labor Movement. Was this labor struggle secular or anti-religious in nature? In text and song, Rabbi Michael Rothbaum and Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell will lead an exploration into the religious aspect of the Jewish Labor Movement.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Silent Auction
Subject Area: Shopping!
Courses! Portraits! Gift Certificates! Bid at the Silent Auction!
Shop for your friends and family while supporting LimmudBoston!
Bid early and often in the lobby! Visit our Exhibitors too!

25 years of German–Jewish Dialog in Boston
Larry Lowenthal; Gisela Geiger; Tatjana Meschede
Subject Area: Education
For the past 25 years, German Jews and non-Jews, members of the German Consulate, and people with ties to Germany or interest in German Jewish issues have been meeting in Boston to engage in dialog. Three leaders of this group will share their experiences, explain why this group got started and why these meetings have endured.

The Power of Light through Song and Silence
Ora Weiss
Subject Area: Meditation, Spirituality & Prayer
A great darkness has been with us for a very long time, but only now has it been brought to the surface where we can no longer ignore it. There are many ways to combat the stranglehold of the dark but one of the most effective tools is to directly increase the light on the planet. Learn about the power of singing, and even greater, the power of silence, which you can use every day to turn yourself into a vehicle for the light.

It's Easy to Be a Jewish Climate Activist
Thea Iberall; Katy Allen; Fred Davis; Andy Oram
Subject Area: Social Justice
Come join us to hear a panel of Jewish climate activists discuss the latest developments to The Jewish Climate Action Network’s Bentshmarking Campaign and Holistic Sustainability Program. Connect with others concerned about our planet and learn how your institution can become part of (or more active in) sustainability and the mitigation of climate change impacts.

Join Us!
Become a Friend of LimmudBoston at www.LimmudBoston.org
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Jews and Tattoos

David Bernat

Subject Area: Jewish Identities, Arts & Culture

For Jews, tattooing is a cultural taboo because the Torah prohibits it. However, many Jewish youth have been getting “inked” which has created inter-generational tension. This session will offer relevant sources of Jewish law and practice concerning tattooing; examine the arguments surrounding tattooing in Judaism; and generate respectful dialogue.

Encore: https://www.synagoguecouncil.org/

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

B’Tselem Elohim: Finding God’s Image in the World of Dementia

Julie Wolkoff

Subject Area: Lifecycle, Health, Spirituality

Our tradition teaches that we are all created in God’s image. However, this can be a challenge when dealing with family members and friends with advanced Dementia. In this session we will look at Jewish texts and explore methods to help us continue connecting with our loved ones throughout the progression of their illness.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Yeshivat Maharat: A View from Orthodox Feminism

Claudia Marbach

Subject Area: Text & Thought, Jewish Identity

Join Claudia Marbach as together we learn about the history of Orthodox women rabbis and the state of Orthodox Feminism.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

GrandParenting: The Modern Evolution of Kvelling

Ruth Nemzoff, Jillian Cameron

Subject Area: Jewish Identities

As the world changes and evolves, so too have our families. What does it mean to be a Jewish grandparent today? How can you talk to your grandchildren about who you are and what is important to you even if their home, culture, or religion are different from yours?

Encore: http://www.bnaior.org

10:10 AM to 11:10 AM

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!!

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel:
“Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge.”
10:10 AM – 11:10 AM  
**Room 102**

**The Making of Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust Witness Project**

R. Harvey Bravman  
*Subject Area: Performance / Film*

Director/Producer, R. Harvey Bravman will discuss the Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust Witness Project that was created and the process involved in saving 80 hours of Holocaust interviews that were found locked in a metal closet for almost 25 years. The interviews were conducted by world-renowned Holocaust testimony expert, Lawrence Langer.

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM  
**Room 104**

**Studio Days : A Memoir of my Creative Life**

Suzanne Hodes  
*Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Jewish Identity*

My Jewish heritage has influenced my art, which evolves as I interact with people, cities, nature and the great social and political disruptions each generation. We will discuss the ups and downs of the creative process in order to understand how experience and observation generates artistic expression.

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM  
**Room 106**

**For Adults Only:**  
**Natasha Shabat's Ten Commandments for Teaching Hebrew to Adults**

Natasha Shabat  
*Subject Area: Education, Text & Thought*

How can we fuel enthusiasm in adult students and keep them coming back for years while building their own communities of learners? Using selected Hebrew texts from the liturgy and Biblical-Hebrew-style fairy tales, with a popular text book for reference, we will model a text-translation class and discover how to apply Natasha's Ten Commandments.  

Encore: For further information on classes and tutorials, go to learnhebrew@natashashabat.com

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM  
**Room 109**

**Lights of Mussar:**  
**Cards for Creating a Balanced Life**

Heidi Shira  
*Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer, Education*

The Lights of Mussar Cards for Creating a Balanced Life is a deck of 90 miktzot--ethics/values/soul-traits--cards that can shine new light on your life through intentional and intuitive applications. Learn to nurture your personal, psychological journey; enliven your Shabbat; and improve your daily prayer. Buy your deck ahead of time or borrow one at this LimmudBoston session.  

Encore: http://lightsofmussar.com

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**Your presence supports our efforts.**  
LimmudBoston thanks you for coming.  
For participating. For volunteering.  
We thank all who have devoted time and energy to make this possible.

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10:10 AM – 11:10 AM  
**Room 110**

**Apology**

Ellis Cohen  
*Subject Area: Health*

We have a lovely dream that when we apologize it will be gratefully accepted and bring harmony to our relationships. But in practice, apologies can go horribly wrong. We will talk about why they go wrong, what to do about that, how to create a sincere apology, and the relationship between apology and forgiveness.

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM  
**Room 112**

**The Torah of Dreams**

Linda Schiller  
*Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer, Health*

Our ancestors knew how to listen to their dreams for guidance in life and connection with the Divine. Learn about dreamers in Torah and a method of dreamwork based on the Pardes method of deepening inquiry. Bring a dream and come prepared to search for the four layers of meaning as one would when reading Torah.  

Encore: http://awaketoyourdreams.com

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM  
**Room 113**

**Who is a Jew:**  
**Interrmarriage and the Future of Judaism**

Paul Golin; Jillian Cameron  
*Subject Area: Jewish Identity*

Intercultural/interfaith marriage isn’t the threat that the organized Jewish community historically believed. Intermarriage can be seen as an opportunity for meaning and growth. Should we broaden previously restrictive definitions of Jewish identity to include all who might benefit? How do we balance a universalist approach with Jewish particularism?

10:10 AM – 11:10 PM  
**Room 114**

**Is Haftara Half a Torah?**

Everett Fox  
*Subject Area: Text & Thought*

For at least 2,000 years, chanting a Haftara after the reading of the Torah has been a cherished Jewish tradition. But the passages often feature difficult poetry that is out of context, hard to enunciate, and understand. Learn who chose these passages and why? Do they send a consistent message? Why are more than a quarter of them taken from the Book of Isaiah? Join us to get these questions answered and many of your own.  

Encore: ‘The Early Prophets’ translation and commentary by Everett Fox

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11:10 AM – 1:30 PM  

**LUNCHTIME! And So Much More**

Ken Hausman  
*Subject Area: Chai Alive! Videos, Jewish Identity*

Lunchtime! For those who purchased in advance, pick it up in 1 Main Street. A limited number of additional lunch tickets are available at the Registration Desk. You may take your lunch to the concert, or the rabbinic panel, or to watch videos. Visit our Exhibitors! Bid in the Silent Auction!

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  

**Exhibitors & Authors’ Book Tables**

Find books & CDs from today’s presenters. While you are there, discover Chanukah gifts and answers to your questions about almost anything at the Exhibitor tables!

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11:20 AM to 12:20 PM  

**Chai Alive! Videos**

Ken Hausman  
*Subject Area: Jewish Identity*

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

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12:15 PM to 12:30 PM  

**Encore:** Read Bialik’s essay for yourself.

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**1 Main Street**

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11:20 AM – 1:30 PM  

**Lobby**

**Silent Auction**

Artwork & Art Restoration!! Bid at the Silent Auction! Shop for your friends and family while supporting LimmudBoston! Bid early and often in the lobby! Visit our Exhibitors too!

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12:15 PM to 12:30 PM  

**Lobby 1**

**Egalitarian Mincha Pickup Service**

Please come to the Chapel at 12:15 to make an egalitarian mincha service. Everyone is welcome. Siddurim provided.

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12:15 PM to 12:30 PM  

**Lobby 4**

**Orthodox Mincha Pickup Space**

Come promptly to daven mincha in kehilla (community). All welcome; ten men needed to make the minyan. Books provided. Sign the sign-up sheet outside the door any time before noon to commit to making minyan, or just show up.

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11:20 AM – 1:30 PM  

**4 Main Street**

**Chai Alive! Videos**

Ken Hausman  
*Subject Area: Jewish Identity*

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  

**Room 109**

**The Weight of Ink**

Rachel Kadish  
*Subject Area: History, Identities, Text & Thought*

What might it have taken for a Jewish woman of Spinoza’s era to live a (forbidden) life of the mind? Author Rachel Kadish discusses the creative process and research that led her to write the story of a woman with an unconventional mind and the contemporary historians who discover her writings.

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11:10 AM – 1:30 PM  

**6 Main Street**

**Prophets on Guitar: Jewish Songwriters & the Music of Protest**

Jeff Klepper  
*Subject Area: Arts & Culture, Performance / Film*

From European Socialist roots, Jewish songwriters have used the power of music to deliver potent political and social messages. Prophets on Guitar weaves together 20th-century American history, popular music and Jewish social conscience. With songs, stories, videos and photos, it is a powerful tribute to the visionary song-poets of our time.

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  

**Room 114**

**Music and Mindfulness for All**

Stacy Khalil; Danielle Hoover; Francine Godfrey  
*Subject Area: Meditation*

Francine Godfrey and staff from the Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly will lead an hour of movement and contemplation to the beat of Israeli and Jewish melodies. Warm up with light stretching, progress to gentle movement, and end with a guided meditation. Perfect for all ages (preschoolers to seniors) and abilities (limber to oy vey!).
**Lunchtime! 11:10 AM-1:30 PM**

**Food! Music! Exhibitors! Silent Auction! A Few Sessions, too!**

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

_Respect the Temple Reyim kosher policy: Do not bring food into this building!_

Exhibitors & Authors in 1 Main Street

Silent Auction in the Lobby

Bring Your Lunch To Enjoy These Lunchtime Sandwich Sessions

**11:20 AM – 12:20 PM**

**Lunchtime Panel: Bialik’s Halakhah & Aggadah—Room 109**

Reflections on the 100 year old Bialik essay, “Halakhah and Aggadah,” moderated by Dan Berman (Temple Reyim), with responses from Daniel Lehmann (Hebrew College), Leon Morris (Pardes Institute), Toba Spitzer (Cong. Dorshei Tzedek), and Paul Golin (Society for Humanistic Judaism)

**Mid-Day Music—6 Main Street**

Bring your lunch and enjoy a sound buffet of LimmudBoston musical talent, delighting your ears, engaging the senses.

**Chai Alive! —4 Main Street**

Record Your Story or Interview A Family Member for Posterity. Stories live on the LimmudBoston website.

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**“The Weight of Ink” with Author Rachel Kadish—Room 109**

What might it have taken for a Jewish woman of Spinoza’s era to live a (forbidden) life of the mind?

**Prophets on Guitar: Jewish Songwriters & the Music of Protest—6 Main Street**

Jeff Klepper weaves together 20th century American history, popular music & Jewish social conscience.

**Music and Mindfulness for All—Room 114**

Light stretching and gentle movement, plus a guided meditation.

Perfect for all ages and abilities, limber to oy vey!

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**Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Mikveh Tour - (Meet in Temple Reyim Lobby)**

**Silent Auction Closes at 4:30PM  Bid Early! Bid Often!**

Please remember that LimmudBoston is a volunteer-run conference. Kindly clean up after eating, so that others may enjoy the space after you.
Traditional Jewish Food in a Healthy New Way
Holli Bassin; Dan Tavan; Justin Cherman
Subject Area: Science
Learn how to merge traditional Jewish recipes with a healthy modern diet simply by modifying a few ingredients. You will see how these small changes can positively improve your health and taste buds without compromising tradition.
Encore: From Anaphylaxis to Buttercream, by Holli Bassin

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

Shabbat as a Social Change Ritual
David Jaffe
Subject Area: Social Justice, Spirituality & Prayer
The work of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, can seem endless because of a large gap between the world as it is and the world as it could be. How do we make the world a better place without being overcome by despair, grief or outrage? In this session we will explore practical applications of Shabbat wisdom to bring renewal and hope into our daily lives.
Encore: Book groups using Changing the World from the Inside Out: A Jewish Approach to Personal and Social Change

Silent Auction
Weekend getaways locally and on the Cape! Bid at the Silent Auction! Shop for your friends and family while supporting LimmudBoston! Bid early and often in the lobby! Visit our Exhibitors too!

Floating With Your Neshama
Beni Summers
Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer
Dive into the fascinating world of Sensory Restriction Therapy. Through text, science and mindfulness, expert floater Beni Summers will explain how entering a float tank can relieve stress, elevate spiritual practice and feel like a Sabbath from anxiety and physical exhaustion. Other positive alternative healthcare practices will be discussed.

BELLA, My Beloved Grandma
A One Woman Play
Vicki Summers
Subject Area: Performance
BELLA is a one woman show about Bella Indianer, who survived Russian pogroms and immigrated to the US in 1920. Her granddaughter, Vicki Summers, performs in this play that includes the universal themes of resilience, courage, humor, and love. The playwright hopes that you will also be inspired to record your family stories so that they won’t get lost in time.
Encore: Keep these precious stories alive! Write! Record! Share!
Interdenominational Discussions in the Talmud: How to Talk with the Greater Jewish Community
Claudia Marbach
Subject Area: Text & Thought
A close reading of Kiddushin 70a provides an excellent example of how we talk past each other and how we can learn to talk to each other. Come join us for this interactive discussion.

Leaving the Tent Open: Immigration and the Jewish Community
Cindy Rowe; Hannah Klein
Subject Area: Social Justice, Jewish Identity
Our ancestors understood the importance of welcoming those who needed comfort and protection. Why do the stories of today's immigrants touch us so deeply? How is the Jewish community acting today to defend these values? We will explore our own stories during this workshop and learn how to connect to current faith-based immigration efforts.

Feeding the Pioneers: Julia Aronson Dushkin, the First Dietitian in the Yishuv
Carol Stollar
Subject Area: Israel
Julia Aronson Dushkin, overcame serious health problems, dismal working conditions and serious shortages to lay the foundations of nutrition education, respect for hospital based dietetics and the beginnings of nutrition planning for kvutzot in the 1920's in Palestine. She came to the Yishuv in 1921 on the urging of Henrietta Szold and within several years established a reputation for industriousness and results all the while lightening her approach with her understanding of the Zionist thinking of the pioneers. Her little known story is buried in books about Szold and others, yet her diary shows grit and determination to spread the influence of good nutrition and its importance to the health and welfare of those who settled the land.

Encore: American Jewish Women and the Zionist Enterprise edited by Shulamit Reinharz and Mark A. Raider

Why Mordechai Didn’t Bow, and Other Puzzles from Megillat Esther
Mikhael Reuven
Subject Area: Text & Thought
Why didn’t Mordechai bow? What’s wrong with Esther’s fast? What is Haman waiting for? And isn’t that ironic? Together we will explore the Book of Esther, one of our tradition's greatest puzzles and search for hidden themes and evidence that might just help us crack the riddles and reveal the author’s ultimate truth. Texts in Hebrew and English.
Immigration Impact: Rescuing Refugee Scholars From Nazi Europe
B. David Stollar

Subject Area: Text & Thought
Beginning in 1933 Nazi Europe evicted Jewish scholars, such as Albert Einstein, from their intellectual positions. Their lives and careers were saved by individuals and new organizations, some of which are still active today. Learn how the expulsion yielded an historic shift in the global center of learning and the arts.


The Architecture and Emergence of Early Galilean Synagogues from the Third to the Sixth Centuries CE
Bruce Levy

Subject Area: Arts & Culture
This session presents the rabbinical adaptation of the synagogue and the architecture of early Galilean Synagogues after the destruction of the second temple and explains how the synagogue emerged as a house of prayer and center of Jewish cultural life.

Out of the Loop
A Participatory Play Reading
Miriam Diamond

Subject Area: Performance / Film, Spirituality & Prayer
In this participatory play, Judaica artist Yael receives a surprise that compels her to confront her past choices. Through themes of work, love, loss and legacy, she and her friends make discoveries that transform their roles in the world and the way they connect with future generations. Discussion with the playwright follows. No acting experience required.

The Art of Remembering Names
Neil Kutzen

Subject Area: Education
Meet the challenge of remembering the names of all your congregants. Avoid embarrassment and make stronger connections. You will learn to create an image or picture reminding you of the name and have it jump out at you as soon as you see the person.

Hand in Hand – Integrated Bilingual Education in Israel
Mohamad Marzouk; Rebecca Bardach

Subject Area: Education, Social Justice
Learn how Hand in Hand’s network of integrated Jewish-Arab schools provide quality education and promote understanding, co-existence, partnership, and conflict resolution among Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel. This program presents avenues for Jews (and others) in the US to engage with the broader issue of Jewish-Arab relations there.

Things I Never Learned In Hebrew School That I Wish I Had
Cherie Kolier-Fox

Subject Area: Education
There are a number of important concepts in Judaism that we choose not to teach and others we teach in their watered-down or Disney versions. We even choose not to correct certain common misconceptions—some modern and others dating back to the Mishnah. Come hear how these misconceptions may confuse our students and cause them difficulties later in life.

Encore: www.newCAJE.org

Praying With Your Hands
EJ Cohen

Subject Area: Education, Health
Prayer can have different meanings for different people, from personal to profound. Come learn another way to pray, using American Sign Language: the signs have added meaning to the prayers and can only enhance your experience.

Reading + Reality: The Poetics of Everyday Life
Matt Blumberg

Subject Area: Spirituality & Prayer, Text & Thought
Come join us to examine traditional methods of rabbinic interpretation and consider these not just as techniques for scriptural exegesis, but also as tools for finding or creating meaning in everyday experience.

Encore: Let’s talk about studying other texts together and making them relevant!
### 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

#### 4 Main Street

**Chai Alive! Record Your Story or Interview a Family Member for Posterity**  
Ken Hausman  
*Subject Area: Jewish Identity*

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

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
3 Main Street

**Guilt Free Gelt: Celebrating a Fair Trade Chanukah**  
Leora Mallach  
*Subject Area: Health*

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:** [https://www.beantownjewishgardens.org](https://www.beantownjewishgardens.org)

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Lobby

**Silent Auction**  
Ice cream party! Tea party! Wine Party! Bid at the Silent Auction! Shop for friends and family while supporting LimmudBoston! Bid early and often in the lobby! Visit our Exhibitors too!

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Room 101

**Blended Learning—or Simple Steps to High Tech Mastery**  
Heidi Lovitz  
*Subject Area: Education*

Blended learning can promote collaboration, critical thinking skills, creativity and communication. Through ShalomLearning Connect, explore how synagogues are utilizing instructional technology to energize traditional teacher-student lessons. Connect with other educators to discuss how technology will improve the future of Jewish Education.

**Encore:** [https://www.shalomlearning.org/](https://www.shalomlearning.org/)

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Room 102

**Ferguson/Fargesi: Racism, Jewishness, and the Movement for Black Lives**  
Michael Rothbaum  
*Subject Area: Social Justice, Jewish Identity*

In 1902, on the Lower East Side, countless Jews testified to an Indigation Committee about abuses suffered at the hands of NYC police. In 2017, many Americans are coming to terms with the abuses suffered by African-Americans at the hands of our the US criminal justice system. Are these experiences similar or different? What are the implications for white Jews?

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Room 104

**Jewish Food For Thought, The Animated Series: Judging Others Favorably**  
Hanan Harchol  
*Subject Area: Education*

Jewish Food For Thought is a free, online animated series that teaches Jewish ethics and values through engaging and thought-provoking animated conversations between Hanan Harchol and his parents. Watch the episode on Judging Others Favorably, discuss the topics, and hear insights into the creation of this educational resource.

**Encore:** [www.hananharchol.com](http://www.hananharchol.com)

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Room 105

**Believing in a Charlatan: How and Why 17th Century Jewry Thought Shabbatai Zvi Would Make Judaism Great Again**  
Dale Rosenberg  
*Subject Area: Text & Thought*

The 17th century false messiah Shabbatai Tzvi had almost half the world Jewish population accepting him as the Messiah. Explore how the state of world Jewry, advances in media and communications, and characteristics and actions by Tzvi himself led to widespread belief in his message despite obvious red flags. Does his story have a message for today?.

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Room 106

**Let’s Make History: Harnessing the Power of Untold Stories**  
Larisa Klebe  
*Subject Area: History, Identities*

Who does history belong to? At the Jewish Women’s Archive, we believe that the answer is “You!” By empowering individuals to collect stories from family and community members we democratize history, and do our part to ensure that our collective story is an inclusive one.

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

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Room 110

**Does God Have Ears That Really Work?**  
Ma’ayan Sands  
*Subject Area: Education, Spirituality & Prayer*

Reading from her book Does God Have Ears That Really Work? Ma’ayan Sands will lead a discussion about talking about God with children. This subject can often be challenging because adults often don’t know what or whether they believe. This supportive session is for parents and/or educators of young children who want the tools to engage in meaningful discussion about God. Having answers is neither necessary nor important, but being curious and open-minded is.

**Encore:** [http://blog.hebrewcollege.edu/does-god-have-ears](http://blog.hebrewcollege.edu/does-god-have-ears)
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4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Room 112

How to Find Your Ancestors Without Leaving Your Kitchen Computer
Marilyn Okonow
Subject Area: Jewish Identities
Marilyn will show you how to begin researching your family history. Learn what resources are available on-line and in archives. Marilyn will show you how she was able to expand her tree to the point that she has 2500 in her family file. Now’s the time to start!

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Room 113

Grief, Mourning and Spirituality: Changing Needs, Changing Rituals
Judith Kummer, Cherie Koller-Fox, Jeff Foust
Subject Area: Holidays & Life Cycle, Spirituality & Prayer
Jewish chaplains can support mourners through challenges and choices that Jews of earlier times did not face, or may have faced in other forms. What are the spiritual issues involved, and how can meet mourners’ altered needs in a new era?

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Room 114

On Their Small Shoulders: Environmental Realities and Stewardship for Students
Judith Black
Subject Area: Education, Social Justice
Our children are growing up in a world plagued by climate disruption. Obviously, we can’t ask them to carry this crisis on their small shoulders, but they are and will continue to be deeply affected by it. Together we will explore old, new, and original stories that can help them address their fears and empower them to become stewards of our natural world.
Encore: https://storiesalive.com

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM  Lobby 1

Music Teach-in + Musical Finale
Arnie Davidson, Shelley Aronson, Roslyn Schwartz, and other LimmudBoston Musicians
Subject Area: Music! Music! Music!
LimmudBoston musicians share their newest compositions. As this session ends, we will open the doors wide to pour into the Lobby so that we can share our tunes as a Grande Finale.
Encore: Bring these songs to your community.

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM  Lobby 1

LimmudBoston 2017
Musical Grand Finale
Location: IN THE LOBBY
featuring:
LimmudBoston 2017 Musicians
Subject Area: Performance and DANCE!
Join our musicians in the lobby for a rousing finale. Everyone welcome!
Encore: The CDs of our performers will keep the LimmudBoston groove going all year long!

It’s a Party! It’s a Mitzvah!
5:30PM
After the Grand Finale, help us make Temple Reyim even more beautiful than when we arrived!
Look through each room to check for leftover LimmudBoston papers, cups, food, handouts, etc.
Chairs onto carts. Join In!

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You are invited to the:
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When: Tomorrow Night, December 4
Time: 6:00 PM
RSVP: At the Reception Desk, or online at:
https://lb2017todah.eventbrite.com

RECYCLE YOUR NAME TAG.
Leave it in tag return box in Lobby.

EVALUATIONS
In classroom envelopes or in the Lobby.
Thank you to Julie Silver & her musical friends for last night’s Light Up The Night Havdalah Concert

Julie Silver ★ Noah Aronson ★ Ellen Allard
Shelly Aronson ★ EJ Cohen
Arnie Davidson ★ Mitch Gordon
Sue Horowitz ★ Jeff Klepper
Suri Krieger ★ Dave Rothberg
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NAMI Newton-Wellesley, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, offers education courses and support groups for families when a family member is touched by mental illness.

Support your local NAMI chapter.
Watch for the annual NAMI Walk information in the Spring.

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The following exhibitor tables were reserved by program book press time. There may be more!

Aging In Detail—an alliance of professionals serving seniors and their families. Services include estate planning, homecare, facilitating conversations among family members; and advice re: transitioning to senior residential communities. www.agingindetail.com

Century Bank— Family values make the Difference www.centurybank.com

Chaia Heller, Artist— Judaica Arts

Community Hevra Kadisha of Greater Boston— A non-profit, volunteer organization assisting in burial preparation as prescribed by Jewish law and tradition. www.hevrakadisha.org

Emily Sper— Emily Sper Books & Games www.emilysper.com

Fair Trade Judaica—building a fair trade movement in the Jewish community, linking Jewish values of human dignity, self-sufficiency, and environmental sustainability with fair trade standards assuring fair and livable wages, no child labor, health. www.fairtradegudaica.org

Hebrew College—dedicated to the principle that rigorous, pluralistic Jewish education is essential to building and sustaining a vibrant Jewish community. www.hebrewcollege.edu

JCAN, Jewish Climate Action Network—an urgent and visionary Jewish voice on the crisis of climate change. www.jewishclimate.org

Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)— Inspired by Jewish teachings and values, and dedicated to being a strong, progressive, inter-generational voice for social, economic and environmental justice. www.jalsas.org

Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly (JCHE)— Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly www.jche.org

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston— www.jgsbg.org

Jewish Women’s Archive—dedicated to making known the stories, struggles, and achievements of Jewish women. Find the world’s largest repository of stories about and voices of Jewish women. www.jwa.org

Judaica in Context— Qualified appraisals of Judaica, Jewish Art, and objects for estates, donations and insurance www.judaicaincontext.com

Kahal B’raira— Greater Boston's Congregation for Humanistic Judaism: we celebrate Jewish culture and heritage humanistically! www.kahalbraira.org

PJ Library— sending free Jewish children's books to families across the world. Something magical happens when parents read with their children. PJ Library shares Jewish stories that can facilitate discussion on values and traditions. www.pjlibrary.org

Renewal by Andersen—the start-to-finish division of Andersen Company that sells, installs, and services patented, energy-efficient replacement windows and doors, resulting in beautiful homes and delighted homeowners in Massachusetts. www.renewalbyandersen.com

Read Hebrew Now— A Hebrew Reading Curriculum for pre-school through to adults. www.readhebrewnow.com

ShalomLearning—strives to instill a love of lifelong learning, and to create an environment in which students, teachers, parents, and the community experiences meaningful Jewish values. www.shalomlearning.org

Trefler’s— Trefler’s provides high quality fine-art and furniture restoration and conservation services to clients worldwide. www.trefler.com

Piece for Peace:

Israeli & Palestinian women have been meeting and marching together for peace, thanks to the new movement Women Wage Peace. You can help them by making a square for their enormous quilt at the Piece-for-Peace table (all materials provided). Squares will be sent to Israel, where they'll be stitched to thousands more from all over the world already on exhibit – tangible proof of the need for hope and the yearning for peace. Discover ways to bring this meaningful project to your congregation or organization: www.womenwagepeace.org.il/en
Ellen Allard is an Early Childhood Music Specialist, a performer, and a certified children’s Yoga teacher.

Katy Allen is the co-founder and President pro-tem of the Jewish Climate Action Network. She is the founder and rabbi of Ma’yan Tikvah - A Wellspring of Hope in Wayland, which holds services outdoors all year long, and serves as an Eco-Chaplain and the Facilitator of One Earth Collaborative, a program of Open Spirit, celebrating our spiritual connection to the Earth.

Rebecca Bardach, Director of Resource Development & Strategy for Hand in Hand, has worked in migration, development and foreign aid in Hungary and in Bosnia, and Sri Lanka. She directed the Middle East Program, which conducts cooperative programs between Israelis and Palestinians in health and welfare. She earned an MPA in Public Policy and International Development.

Holli Bassin is a Health Coach, author, and mother of a daughter born with life threatening food allergies. She holds a B.S. in Management Science from Kean University and an MBA in Human Resources from Northeastern University. She is an Integrative Nutrition graduate and is currently taking classes at the School of Applied Functional Medicine.

Dasee Berkowitz, a Newton native, currently lives in Jerusalem with her husband Leon, and three (really cute) kids. As a Jewish educator, she directs Ayeka’s Becoming a Soulful Parent project, bringing Ayeka’s signature educational methodology and parenting approach to JCCs and communities across North America. Follow her on Facebook @ Becoming a Soulful Parent and read her musings about parenting on Kveller.com and Times of Israel.

Daniel Berman is the rabbi at Temple Reym. He received his B.A in Jewish History from Columbia University, studied political science at Hebrew University, and received his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. He practiced as a trial attorney for several years before attending Rabbinical School at Hebrew College.

David Bernat is the Executive Director of Synagogue Council of MA. He has a PhD in Biblical Interpretation from Brandeis and has long been active in Jewish Adult Learning, and a member of the Meah Faculty since 1998. His academic writing and research has focused mainly on Jewish ritual.

Judith Black, winner of the Oracle: Circle of Excellence, storytelling’s most coveted award, has been featured at The Montreal Comedy Festival, 12 times at The National Storytelling Festival, The Smithsonian Institution, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the National Art Museum in Cape Town, and NPR. She has performed and hosted at over 10 CAJE conferences, and recently joined the faculty of the Maggid-Educator Program. Her works explore B’nai Mitzvah, familial function and dysfunction, parenting, aging and end-of-life, and our present environmental crisis.

Matthew Blumberg develops technologies for collaboration and computing, “tools for the mind”. He is also researching collective creativity at Harvard’s MetaLAB.

R. Harvey Bravman is the owner and operator of ADW Video Productions and the founder of BrooklineHub.com. Harvey produced a work-in-progress documentary Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust Witness Project, a film based on over 80 hours of Holocaust testimony which had been locked in a metal closet for close to 25 years.

Jillian Cameron is a rabbi, and director of InterfaithFamily Boston since 2014. She was ordained at HUC-JIR, and received a Masters Degree in Jewish Education. She believes in the power and importance of everyone’s story and how diversity can only strengthen the Jewish community.

Ralph Chadis. “Not Your Typical Bard,” has been telling since 1985, and is well-respected by his storytelling peers. He has performed at Three Apples, Club Passim, New England Folk Festival, Story Space, Puppet Showplace, and National Storytelling Network Conference Fringe. He is Massachusetts State Liaison to National Storytelling Network.

Justin Cherman attended the Culinary Institute of America. He started working in the catering business at age 12, working for some of the best chefs in the country along the way. He brings his passionate and globally influenced seasonal cooking to True Taste, along with almost 20 years of catering and senior living experience.

EJ Cohen is a NewCAJE and CAJE veteran, having attended for 24 years. A certified interpreter and teacher with Masters degrees in Deaf Education and Jewish Education, she has travelled around the US, England, and Israel teaching about signing in Jewish settings, as well as interpreting for some of the best entertainers and teachers in the Jewish world.

Ellis Cohen is a recently retired computer scientist who is writing a book and leading workshops and trainings on “Apology,” based on learning from many years of experience of having apologies go wrong.

Fred Davis is Vice-President pro-tem of Jewish Climate Action Network, and member of Temple Beth David, Westwood. He has been professionally engaged since 1978 in the energy field, deeply in energy-efficient lighting, and broadly in energy conservation and renewables. He helps coordinate the annual Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NSEE) conference, Building Energy.

Sara deBeer breathes life into stories from both Eastern European and Sephardic traditions, holding listeners of all ages spellbound.

Miriam Rosalyn Diamond is an educator and writer. Through seminars, bibliodrama, communities of practice and interactive workshops, she promotes religious literacy and personal insight among learners ages 5 to 95. She is also an accomplished Purim-shpiel creator.

David Finkelstein is a rabbi in Waltham, MA, who is influenced by his teacher, Maggid Yitzhak Buxbaum, his congregants, and his 4 year old son, Rafi, who instructs him to “sing the story in your own way.”

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

Everett Fox is Allen M. Glick Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies at Clark University. He is the translator and commentator of “The Five Books of Moses” and “The Early Prophets”. His masterful translations re-create the echoes, allusions, alliterations, and wordplays of the Hebrew original. Born and raised in Germany, Gisela Geiger is a Pediatric Developmental Therapist. Before moving to the United States, she lived in a Swiss international student center in Geneva, Switzerland, where dialogue was a natural daily occurrence. She now lives in Belmont, MA, where she is co-founder of the “Belmont German/Jewish Dialogue Group.”

Stand-up chamelion, Jackson Gillman, transforms himself into a host of characters and altered egos. His performances are seasoned with bemused, warm-hearted honesty.
Rachel Kadish is the award-winning author of the novels “From a Sealed Room” and “Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story”, as well as the novella “I Was Here”. Her work has appeared on NPR and in the NY Times, Ploughshares, Salon, and Tin House, as well as in The Forward, Tablet, and anthologies such as Modern Jewish Girl’s Guide to Guilt. She currently teaches fiction at Lesley University’s MFA Program in Creative Writing. Her most recent novel is The Weight of Ink.

Andrea Kamens, coordinator for the Jewish Storytelling Coalition at LimmudBostons, tells traditional, original, Jewish, and first-person stories that tremble with truth. She’s a teacher, on the board of The Story Space and Teen Beit Midrash, and a MaseMouth teller. She will present at the Limmud Festival 2017 UK.

Stacy Khalil is the Fitness and Wellness Manager at Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly. In addition to teaching, Stacy collaborates extensively to develop new and innovative classes, workshops and events for the seniors living at JCHE. Stacy inspires residents to stay active and engaged so as to prevent illnesses from a sedentary and isolated lifestyle.

Larisa Klebe is the Program Manager at the Jewish Women’s Archive. She develops educational programming about Jewish women for learners of all ages, manages the archive’s fellowship program for female-identified teens, and develops and implements professional development programs for educators.

Hannah Klein joined the Jewish Alliance for Law & Social Action (JALSA) in September 2015 as the Community Organizer and Program Manager. She has a passion for dealing with gender-related issues and sexual assault support and prevention work. She is a graduate of the J.O.I.N for Justice Organizing Fellowship. Hannah has a B.A in Anthropology and Gender and Sexuality Studies from Haverford College.

Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Dan Freelander have performed as Kol B’Seder for over four decades. Many of their songs, including “Shalom Rav” and “Lo Alecha,” are known throughout the Jewish world. Since 2003 he has been the cantor of Temple Sinai of Sharon, and a member of the faculty of the School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College in Newton, MA.

Cherie Koller-Fox is a rabbi and founder of both CAJE and NewCAJE. Currently, she serves as President of NewCAJE. Locally, she works as a JCCM chaplain and nationally, she is an advocate for Jewish education and Jewish educators.

Suri Krieger, rabbi and spiritual leader of B’nai Or, the Jewish Renewal congregation of Greater Boston, comes from a pluralistic and Renewal background. She was ordained at AJR Academy for Jewish Religion and studied with Reb Zalman Schachter. She had the privilege of his wisdom and guidance as her PhD adviser at Temple University. Suri is an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart University, teaching courses in Bible and Judaism, serving as the rabbi on a Catholic campus.

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

Neil Kutzen is a memory trainer who teaches online. He has a Masters degree in clinical psychology, and 25 years presenting management training in industry. Neil was an actor who hated memorizing until he discovered this much easier way to remember anything. He has designed MemorizeBest, a much easier way to memorize anything.

Daniel Lehmann is a rabbi serving as President of Hebrew College. He was 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. He co-founded and co-directed training programs for Jewish day school professionals sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.
Bruce Levy is a practicing architect in New York and teaches History of Architecture at Westchester Community College. He also developed and teaches a curriculum on the “Art and Architecture of Jewish Culture.”

Heidi Lovitz is an educator, education administrator, and curriculum developer. At ShalomLearning Heidi incorporates technology tools and delivers professional development for ShalomLearning teachers.

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Mohamad Marzouk, Co-Director of the Hand in Hand Community, has been a social-political activist for 20 years. He is one of the founders of the Hand in Hand school, Bridge over the Wadi. Most of Mohamad’s work has focused on social change and the advancement of civil society in Arab communities in Israel, as well as on peace education through Jewish-Arab dialogue.

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Ora Weiss, for many years an attorney, is now ordained as a rabbi by Hebrew College. Rabbi Ora is passionate about sharing the universal and empowering readings she has found in Torah, going beyond, or perhaps underneath, the traditional rabbinical understandings.

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