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Shalom! Welcome to LimmudBoston 2012, the annual, volunteer-driven conference celebration of Jewish Lifelong learning. Today’s program includes over 100 amazing sessions chosen by our Program Team. You will find sessions that are stimulating, relaxing, humorous, intense, challenging, enlightening and fun.

We have so much to be thankful for, in this third annual LimmudBoston conference:

★ The LimmudBoston 2012 Program Team, headed by Wendy Liebow and Barbara Posnick, truly created something for everyone.

★ Our new LimmudBoston Fellowship Program, funded by the Kaplun Foundation, accepted five graduate students who will be rabbis, cantors and Jewish educators. It is an honor and a pleasure to include them.

★ A CJP Innovation Grant for our dynamic Camp Limmud is making LimmudBoston 2012 affordable for families with children ages 3-13.

★ Shabbat: the REST of Limmud—More than a dozen area congregations included LimmudBoston presenters in their programming—some of them in shared programs, across movement lines, an historic first!

★ Immediately after the 4pm Zamir Chorale of Boston Open Sing, you may join us for our LimmudBoston Grand Finale Concert with musicians Noah Aronson, Naomi Less and Shawn Zevit. The sales tables will be open until the very end, with items from Zamir Chorale of Boston, Jewish Storytellers Coalition, musicians and authors.

★ We have added a special sale table for books and music by LimmudBoston presenters. These items may be purchased in Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall throughout the day;

★ Volunticipate! Join us for cleanup at 6:30PM. Let’s leave this lovely Mishkan Tefila building as beautifully clean as we found it! Add your name to the list of volunteers at the Help Desk in the lobby.

Many LimmudBoston 2012 planning teams worked long and hard to create this event. We thank our volunteers! We are thrilled to see a year of meetings turn into this actual day of learning. As one of over 50 Limmud conferences throughout the world, it is an honor to bring the values and principles and excitement of Limmud to this area.

LimmudBoston has grown! Just a couple of years ago, a dozen of us planned everything. This year, we have multiple teams of volunteers led by many special leaders. Their vision is what you will experience today.

Inspired? Join a planning team. You will meet wonderful people and have the opportunity to bring next year’s LimmudBoston conference on December 8, 2013, to life.


We are all in le mood for LimmudBoston now!

Steffi Aronson Karp & Terri Swartz Russell
Conference Co-Chairs
Limmud Core Values:
Learning | Community & Mutual Responsibility | Expanding Jewish Horizons | Empowerment Participation | Diversity | Enabling Connections | Respect | Educational not Polemical | Kashrut

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

Our Mission Statement: LimmudBoston is both an annual, volunteer-driven celebration of Jewish study, culture and identity and the organizational, collaborative teamwork of community creation that results in a dynamic, welcoming festival of experiential Jewish learning.

Limmud Core Values:

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

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

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

Core Value: Expanding Jewish Horizons
• Limmud strives to create collective and communal experiences, through which we strengthen and develop our Jewish identity

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 to make informed choices

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: Diversity
• We value diversity in all that we do
• We value choice in form, content and style
• We believe in the richness of our diverse community and create cross-communal and cross-generational experiences
• We value accessibility, and aim to be accessible to all
• We encourage people not to stereotype others

Core Value: Enabling connections to be made
• 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

Limmud’s Principles: Commitment to Respect
• Limmud expects all participants to be respectful of one another, and to recognize that all volunteers are also participants.
• Personal attacks are not acceptable within session material

Limmud’s Principles: Arguments for the Sake of Heaven
• Limmud does not participate in legitimizing or de-legitimizing any religious or political position found in the worldwide Jewish community. Anyone who comes to Limmud events seeking opportunities for this will not find it
• Limmud has no part to say in the debates between/across denominations. Limmud will programme its events in such a way as to avoid religious or political conflict. However we do recognise and appreciate that ‘arguments for the sake of heaven’ can make a positive contribution to furthering our education and understanding. Sessions should therefore be educational and not polemical
LimmudBoston 2012 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 made this day!

--Steffi Aronson Karp & Terri Swartz Russell – Conference Co-Chairs

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• Steve Lewis and the planners of the National Havurah Committee Winter Retreat, on December 16-18. If you’re in le mood for Limmud, you’ll be wowed by the NHC Winter Retreat! www.havruah.org/ne-retreat

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Lots of Love to: Eric Karp and David Russell, and all of the other volunteer team family members who are looking forward to seeing their family members once again! Your patience and love strengthen and sustain us. (We’ll be home for dinner now!)
Ask Me:
- There are volunteers around the building wearing green 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.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency, call 911. Be prepared to state the nature of the problem (medical emergency, fire, etc.) and give your location. Please also notify a LimmudBoston volunteer with green t-shirt. There is a first aid kit at the Registration Desk for minor scrapes and bruises. The lobby Help Desk has the name and phone number of a doctor on call.

Directions to Newton Wellesley Hospital: Turn LEFT out of Mishkan Tefila Parking Lot. Drive .6 miles to Beacon Street. Take LEFT onto Beacon Street for 3.6 miles, to end. Turn RIGHT onto Washington Street. Newton Wellesley Hospital entrance will be on right.

Name Tags: For your security, wear your name badge at ALL times, Please see registration desk if you lose your name badge.

Lunch: Kosher lunches were ordered on-line before the conference. A limited number are available for purchase today at the Walk-In Registration Table in the lobby. See the food page of this program book for more information. Yes, you may eat or drink in classrooms—however please clean up after yourself!

Kashrut: Mishkan Tefila is a strictly kosher synagogue. Please honor their policy by not bringing outside 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 6:00 pm. If you would like to organize another service option, please come to the Registration Area to arrange a time and location.

Volunteering: We can always use more help! Come to the registration area to find out about volunteer opportunities today, or join us as a volunticipant for LimmudBoston 2013.

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 beautiful shape. LimmudBoston thanks Congregation Mishkan Tefila for welcoming us to their building today.

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Shabbat: The REST of Limmud
These congregations supported Shawn Zevit, musician and presenter
B’nai Or Boston of Boston
Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, West Newton
Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill
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Temple Hillel B’nai Torah, West Roxbury

Shabbat: The REST of Limmud
These congregations also hosted LimmudBoston speakers
Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, Newton
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Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill
Congregation Shirat Hayam, Swampscott
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Breakdown Party where many hands make light work!

After Finale: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Look through each classroom area to check for any leftover LimmudBoston evidence: Papers, Cups, Handouts, etc.

Just join in to clear this beautiful building of any extraneous papers, cups, programs, etc.

Add your name to the helper lists at Registration Desk

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* This list updated as of November 21, 2012
Shalom!

CJP is delighted to be a sponsor of LimmudBoston, and to be part of this vibrant Jewish learning experience! Boston’s CJP has a long history of, and commitment to, Jewish learning through adult learning programs such as Me’ah and Parenting Through a Jewish Lens, Jewish overnight camping, and our work to transform supplementary schools through Jewish Learning Connections. We are very pleased that many of the people associated with these and other CJP programs are among the LimmudBoston presenters today.

We are especially excited to welcome over 300 teachers and educators from across the Greater Boston area who are here to participate in all that LimmudBoston offers. Many of our supplementary education programs chose to cancel their classes today to enable their teachers and members to engage in their own Jewish learning. All of this is a testament to the value of Jewish education in our community.

There are sessions throughout this program book marked “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. Two sessions of particular note:

- At 8:45 am, learn about CJP’s Teaching and Technology Fellowship at the session entitled *Going Digital in the Jewish Supplementary Classroom*. You’ll hear from past Fellows who have revitalized learning in their classrooms with Web 2.0 technologies.

- At 10:15 am, all teachers and educators in attendance will gather for interactive text study and discussion around the theme of student-centered learning. Join us at the *Educators@LimmudBoston* session as we explore Jewish and general education texts, past and present, to spark our thinking about the best learning for students of all ages. During this session, we will highlight current JLC initiatives and present this year’s Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education.

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

Barry Shrage  
President, CJP

Sari Anne Rapkin  
Chair, Board of Directors

Ariel Burger  
Director, Commission on Jewish Life & Learning

Julie Vanek  
Director, Jewish Learning Connections
Dearest Fellow Learners:

On behalf of the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, I am privileged to add my voice to the chorus of those welcoming you to LimmudBoston.

The only pluralistic organization of its kind in North America -- representing more than 120 member synagogues and minyanim -- SCM is proud to be one of LimmudBoston's original organizational co-sponsors.

I'm sure you will agree that the magic behind LimmudBoston is our effervescent and tireless founder, Steffi Aronson Karp. Please join me and the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts in honoring Steffi at SCM’s Annual Fundraising Gala on Tuesday, June 11th, 6:30 pm at Temple Emanuel of Newton.

I am also excited to announce that the Synagogue Council will be honoring State Treasurer Steve & Barbara Grossman that evening with the prestigious Community Service Award.

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

L’immud,

Alan Teperow, Executive Director
Synagogue Council of Massachusetts
December 2, 2012
18 Kislev 5773

Dear Friends and Fellow Learners,

Welcome to Congregation Mishkan Tefila and welcome to LimmundBoston 2012! Our community is delighted to host this day of celebrating and modeling Jewish learning and culture at its finest.

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 program and active community of lifelong learners, Mishkan Tefila today hosts Me’ah on Monday mornings and Newton’s Lifetime Learning on Wednesdays, in addition to our “Rabbi’s Classes” on Tuesdays. We also host an active book club, an ongoing film series, and a growing youth and teen program. Please enjoy our building, take a copy of our program brochures, and come back anytime.

Warmly,

Leonard Gordon, Rabbi
Steve Kurzman, President
November 13, 2012

To the Jewish Community of Boston,

It is a true pleasure to have an opportunity to address a group as broad and diverse as the one gathered here to create Limmud Boston. The range of individuals and organizations involved in making this event happen is impressive and truly representative of the diverse nature of the Boston Jewish community.

On behalf of the State of Israel and the Consulate General of Israel to New England, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and appreciation to everyone who came together to help make this possible. Education, dialogue, and social action are all ideas which transcend denominational divides - indeed these principles have served as core values for the Jewish people for centuries, passed on from one generation to the next. Kol Hakavod to you all and may you continue to go from strength to strength!

Shai Bazak
Consul General of Israel to New England

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LimmudBoston Sessions

8:45 AM to 9:55 AM
See also 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Books and music by LimmudBoston presenters will be sold in the Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall, Starting at 11:30

8:45-9:55
Classroom 6
Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom: What it takes...and gives!
Lisa Breit, Beth Mintz, Josh Conescu, Beth Ecker  Education
Teachers from the CJP Teaching & Technology Fellowship will share curriculum units they have developed and taught that integrate new technology for engaged, active student learning for grades K-12. An introduction to the Fellowship and short presentations by Fellows will be followed by ample time for Q&A.

8:45-9:55
Classroom 9
Yoga to a Jewish Beat
Jessica Weiss  Meditation, Movement, Music-making; Meditation, Movement, Music-making
Jessica Weiss will teach an all-levels yoga class to Jewish music, and she will give participants a play list of Jewish music for their own yoga practice, meditation, or just for fun. A great change of pace in your Limmud day! Please bring a yoga mat if you can.

8:45-9:55
Classroom 15
Israel's Declaration of Independence & Jewish Tradition
Andrew Vogel  Israel; Text & Thought
What are the traditional texts that inform the State of Israel's foundational document? Using Hevruta study & discussion, we will focus on human rights, democracy and peoplehood, using the 1948 landmark declaration and Jewish texts through the centuries. Texts will be presented in English and Hebrew, but knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary.

8:45-9:55
Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall
Discover Dignity and Disability with a Jewish Lens
Sherry Grossman, Rina Hoffman  Education
Our tradition offers guidance on how to meet the diverse educational needs of each child, helping them form positive connections to Jewish life and learning. We will involve participants in simulations on what it feels like to have a disability and how teachers, madrichim, and parents can support varied learning approaches in the classroom.

In Memory of
Peter Aron Stark, z"l
1949-2012

Peter's energy, wisdom and humor infused the creation of LimmudBoston. He was a founding member of the LimmudBoston Executive Board and a major fount of wisdom. May his memory be for a blessing.
What Happens When You (Kind of) Get What You Wish for: The Story of Yiftah
Everett Fox
Text & Thought; Spirituality
We will read the puzzling tale in the Book of Judges about an exiled brother who becomes a war leader (“judge”) like Gideon. But he makes a rash promise to God and as a result loses his only child. Is he to be viewed as a hero or as a flawed leader or a misguided individual? We will focus on the language of the text and its troubling questions.

Sparks of Hope: Art-making Workshop Inspired by Chanukah
Tova Speter
Arts & Culture
This hands-on Jewish art workshop from The MEM Project offers participants the opportunity to explore the theme of light as it relates to the upcoming holiday of Chanukah. Artwork created will combine to form a communal installation in the moment, but everyone will take home a piece as a token of the experience. No prior art experience necessary.

Books and music by LimmudBoston presenters will be sold in the Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall, Starting at 11:30

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

9:00-10:00
A History of Rosh Hashanah and How It Has Changed Over the Years
Joseph Rosenstein
Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Text & Thought
In this session, I will share some of the lessons that I learned while preparing Machzor Eit Ratzon about the development of Rosh Hashanah over the past 2500 years and how that development is reflected in the liturgy and practices of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Encore: Joe will be at the book selling area from 11:30 on, to talk about his machzor and siddur, answer questions, and sell these books.

We want your opinion! Please complete the short evaluation form and return it as you leave.

9:00-10:00
Are We Angels or Ashes?: An Answer In A Prayer
David Lerner
Text & Thought; Spirituality
Are we “a little lower than the angels” or “dust and ashes”?
We will examine how the traditional “Ribbon Kol Haolamim” prayer helps us answer this fundamental human question and live a balanced life. The prayer provides a paradigm for self-transformation and highlights the basic goal of traditional prayer: reaching beyond ourselves.

9:00-10:00
Bet You Haven’t Heard This One: New Jewish Music
Joey Baron
Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity
Joey Baron, founder of the Boston Jewish Music Festival, will give an overview of some of the exciting new Jewish music being produced all over the world.
Ruth Nemzoff will offer practical guidance and take questions on how intermarriage can be quite a challenge. Family dynamics expert Ruth Nemzoff will offer practical strategies, including tips for leadership, programming and sacred spaces.

Don’t Roll Your Eyes: Make Those Intermarried In-laws into Family
Ruth Nemzoff

Navigating the complexities of both in-law relationships and intermarriage can be quite a challenge. Family dynamics expert Ruth Nemzoff will offer practical guidance and take questions from participants.

Revolution of Jewish Spirit: How to Revive Ruakh in Your Spiritual Life and Transform Your Synagogue
Baruch HaLevi, Ellen Frankel

This talk outlines a proactive approach for reengaging Jews, reclaiming Judaism and reviving Jewish community. Drawing from the success of HaLevi’s congregation, the speakers describe what is possible when divine spirit is central to the Jewish experience and offer practical strategies, including tips for leadership, programming and sacred spaces.

The Anti-Israel Bias in Schools: What Are Our Children Really Learning?
Margot Einstein, Charles Jacobs, Fumio Taku, Sandra Alfonsi

A panel discussion on the subtle and non-so-subtle ways that children receive anti-Israel and anti-Jewish messages in public schools. We will show examples of materials, provide resources, and examine a successful initiative in Newton, Massachusetts to remove these materials.

LimmudBoston Lunchtime: Food! Glorious Kosher Food!
LUNCH 11:30am-1:30pm

Please enjoy complimentary coffee/tea/water and snacks throughout the day!

A limited number of lunches may be purchased today at the Walk-In Registration Table $10

- Lunch is available from 11:30 to 1:30 pm for LimmudBoston participants
- Pre-ordered lunch meals may be picked up in the Coppeleman-Clarke Social Hall - the large social hall on the first floor. Please have your colored lunch ticket ready.
- Enjoy your lunch ‘To Go’ and take advantage of all that LimmudBoston offers during lunch
  - Mid-day Café Limmud Music in Schwartz Social Hall, 12 noon to 1:15pm
  - Exhibitor Hall
  - Rubenovitz Museum of Congregation Mishkan Tefila
  - LimmudBoston Sessions

Remember: We are all volunteers!

Kindly remember to clean up all food, leftovers and containers!

Snacks will be placed on tables near the elevator (on both first and second floors) at 10AM and 3PM

Todah Rabah – Thank you

Catering by Andrew, Jim’s Organic Coffee

Thank you to the Food Team volunteers:
Maureen Mintz, Lesley Shain, Nancy Levy, Esta Lichtenstein

A limited number of extra lunches is available—If you did not pre-order a meal, please purchase a lunch ticket now at the Registration Desk—supply is limited) B’tayavon!
10:15 AM to 11:15 AM, 10:15 AM to 11:25 AM

Books and music by LimmudBoston presenters will be sold in the Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall, Starting at 11:30

### Building Community through Art – The LimmudBoston Mosaic Project
Join the Legacy!
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cecilia Kremer, of Chromatile, is in Coppelman-Clarke Social to help us create a beautiful mosaic piece, which will be on display as a gift from LimmudBoston to Congregation Mishkan Tefila. Place some mosaics, and you, too, will be part of this legacy! No prior art experience required.

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### Water Power: Experience, Text, and Ritual
#### Classroom 6

**Lisa Berman**
Spirituality; Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Text & Thought

From primordial oceans to spas, tsunamis, lap pools and waterfalls, we all have strong associations with water. This workshop will use discussion and free writing to explore the connection between personal water experiences and some of our “watery” texts. We will create a personal water ritual to mark moments of transition in our lives.

### The First Light: Judaism between Paganism and Technology
#### Classroom 7

**David Barak-Gorodetsky**
Text & Thought; Israel; Jewish Identity

From the Talmudic story of first man, via the music of Israeli singer-songwriter Ehud Banai, to the labs of the Technion and MIT — we will be exploring the theme of The First Light, and its connection to Hanukkah, the winter solstice and modern technology.

### The Tenth Commandment: “Thou Shalt Not Covet”
#### Classroom 8

**Joseph Rosenstein**
Text & Thought; Spirituality

What does our tradition say about the tenth commandment? What exactly does it forbid? Is it possible to fulfill this expectation? May one covet another's covetlessness? Joe will be at the book selling area from 11:30 on, to talk about his machzor and siddur, answer questions, and sell the books.

### Embodied Jewish Chanting
#### Classroom 9

**Yosef Kottler, Andrea DeSharone**
Meditation, Movement, Music-making; Spirituality

Experience the joy of awakening your spirit as we journey together in chant, rhythm, movement, and meditation. We will sing simple prayer-songs in Hebrew and English that arouse a deep stirring of the heart and soul. Guided movement and easy dance steps will create an integrated experience and opportunity to connect with your inner self and others.

### The God of Curried Fish: A Mitzvah-centered Story and Discussion Session
#### Classroom 10

**Goldie Milgram**
Social Justice; Education; Spirituality; Arts & Culture; Text & Thought

How do we find a comfort level within ourselves that allows for meaningful encounters with those who are homeless and/or unemployed? We will hear stories from the provocative, new, adult-level, juried volume ‘Mitzvah Stories: Seeds for Inspiration and Learning’ (Reclaiming Judaism). Relevant Jewish text study and discussion will follow.

### Two Jews Can Still be a Mixed Marriage
#### Classroom 11

**Sara Shalva, Benjamin Shalva**
Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays

How do you navigate Jewish practice decisions in your marriage and your family? How do you decide whether to go to the in-laws, to go to shul and or to Tot Shabbat? What if only one person is more “into it”? This discussion session for couples will address ways of resolving conflicting observance.

### Eve Exposed: Looking at Biblical, Rabbinic and Modern Texts
#### Classroom 14

**Anne Lapidus Lerner**
Text & Thought; Arts & Culture

For millennia Eve’s story has been read as vilifying women. But the actual biblical story, stripped of interpretative accretions, challenges traditional definitions of Eve—and all women. Was she an afterthought created as man's assistant, a seductress who introduced sin into the world, a temptress leading men astray? What do the texts tell us?

### Fruit of the Vine: What Makes Wine Kosher?
#### Classroom 15

**Nahum Twersky**
Text & Thought; Health, Medicine, Food

What is the history of wine and why is it restricted under the rules of kashrut? Are the rules based on ingredients, culture, or society? Come learn about the rules and their background. No tastings, but plenty of balance and depth!
EnLIGHTen Yourself

Marthajoy Aft

Spirituality; Jewish Identity

From Kabbalah we learn hidden understandings of many facets of light. We will study selected texts in translation, share modern uses and applications of ancient ideas about light in our homes and congregations, and enjoy a group meditation on light, time permitting.

LimmudBoson 2012 Community Art Project—
Mosaic Design by Cecilia Kremer of Chromatile

Cecilia Kremer

Arts & Culture

Join in to help create a meaningful beautiful, long-lasting mosaic which will adorn Congregation Mishkan Tefila. You will be amazed at what we can do together. No mosaic experience necessary.

Offerings of the Heart: Jewish Values-Based Spiritual Approaches to Money and Community

Shawn Zevit

Text & Thought; Education; Spirituality; Jewish Identity

In these challenging economic times, how do we stay connected to core Jewish teachings and best practices about financial resources and individual and community life? We will take a journey from Biblical times to the present to explore our own attitudes, Jewish teachings and contemporary examples of mindful living in relation to money in our world.

What Jewish Law Teaches Us About Moral Dilemmas and Problematic Decision-Making in Modern Medicine

Michael Grodin

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

An internationally known professor of medical ethics, Dr. Grodin will explore how ancient Jewish tradition and texts can inform difficult decision making in modern medicine. We will cover the right to treat, duty to seek care, organ donation, death and dying, abortion, reproduction and genetics.

Israel Today: Updates from the Consul General of Israel to New England

Shai Bazak

Israel

Shai Bazak, Consul General of Israel to New England, will offer insights and updates on events in Israel and the Middle East, with a Q&A session after his remarks.

Jewish Tales — Live!

Cindy Rivka Marshall, Bonnie Greenberg, Bruce Marcus, David Arfa, Judith Black, Hal Miller-Jacobs

Performance and Films; Arts & Culture

The Jewish Storytelling Coalition presents six leading New England storytellers performing contemporary and traditional Jewish tales geared toward adults. Featuring: Cindy Rivka Marshall, Bonnie Greenberg, Bruce Marcus, David Arfa, Hal Miller-Jacobs and Judith Black. Guaranteed to entertain!

Papercutting: A Jewish Tradition

Laura Conrad Mandel

Arts & Culture; PARTIC-Participatory

In this session we will learn to create our own works of art while talking about the Jewish tradition of papercutting: why it became popular, the significance of the symbols, and how it has a special place in contemporary culture.

It’s a...It’s a...It’s a Mitzvah — Read-a-long @Camp Limmud

Liz Suneby

Family, Parent & Child Together

Meet Mitzvah Meerkat & his furry friends as award-winning author, Liz Suneby, reads her new picture book. Introduce children to the Jewish value of living a life of good deeds. After reading this book together, kids and parents—and interested adults—will do a mitzvah: decorating get well cards for cheering up those who are ill, ts, are welcome to attend with pre-teens or young teens.

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 that cellphone!!

Recycle your name tag: Leave it in tag return box in Lobby
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Books and music by LimmudBoston presenters will be sold in the Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall, Starting at 11:30

11:30-12:30  Beit Midrash
**A Modern Jewish Wedding: Making Your Wedding Traditional and Personal**

*Shira Fischer*
Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Text & Thought; Jewish Identity

Planning a Jewish wedding? Learn about laws vs. customs, what's Jewish vs. what's American. We’ll discuss everything from invitations and programs to chuppah and ketubah. Make your wedding what you’re looking for, whether it’s more egalitarian, freilich (celebratory), or personal, including tips for making it less overwhelming and more affordable.

11:30-12:30  Classroom 7
**Jewish Perspectives on End of Life Care**

*Lisa Lehmann*
Health, Medicine, Food

We will explore Jewish perspectives on end of life care. Does Judaism sanction the refusal of a feeding tube or a ventilator? What are Jewish responses to pain and suffering? Is assisted dying justified? We will discuss practical ways in which you can have your end of life preferences respected.

11:30-12:30  Classroom 8
**American Jews and America’s Game: Voices of a Growing Legacy in Baseball**

*Larry Ruttman*
Jewish Identity; Israel

Larry Ruttman, author of the latest blockbuster book on Jews and baseball discusses what it is about baseball that so thoroughly captures the American Jewish heart.

11:30-12:30  Classroom 9
**Yoga and Judaism**

*Steffi Shapiro*
Meditation, Movement, Music-making

Explore the similarities between the Ten Sephirot and the Seven Chakras, as well as some yoga postures as Hebrew letters. This program is for people new to yoga, as well as those with experience. It will be an easy, relaxing session, doing only what feels best. You may want to bring a mat or beach towel. There will be some extras available.

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**Lunchtime Concert: Cafe Limmud with Noah Aronson, Naomi Less & Shawn Zevit, Emcee’d by EJ Cohen**

*EJ Cohen, Noah Aronson, Naomi Less, Shawn Zevit*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM  Performance

Grab your lunch (from Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall) and come on over to the **Schwartz Social Hall** for a delightful mid-day concert. Some additional lunch tickets may be purchased at the Registration Desk.

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**Lunchtime**

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall

Lunch in Coppelman-Clarke Social hall for lunch ticket holders. Thank you for not bringing any outside food into this kosher building. Some additional lunch tickets may be purchased at the Registration Desk.

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Yes! You may bring a purchased kosher LimmudBoston lunch to the Mid-day Café Limmud Concert or to a LimmudBoston session! Thank you for not bringing any other food into this building.

Please be kind and keep clean!

*** Another Lunchtime Activity: Visit Our Exhibitors ***

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11:30-12:30 Classroom 10

But What Does It Mean to The Jews? A Conversation on the Jewish Community and Current Events.
Sam Norich, Charles Radin Jewish Identity; Social Justice
Sam Norich, Publisher of The Forward, in conversation with Charles Radin, former Jerusalem Correspondent for The Boston Globe.

11:30-12:30 Classroom 11

Kosher Trash: Building a Cheap and Easy Sukkah
Deanna Mirsky Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Text & Thought
Learn how to make a cheap and easy sukkah. Deanna will describe some of the materials and methods she used in building her sukkah, and we’ll study some of the laws and traditional texts about the sukkah.

11:30-12:30 Classroom 14

The Importance of Israeli Theatre In America
Guy Ben-Aharon, Susan Howards, Dalia Cahana Amitay, Brynna Bloomfield, Samuel “Mooly” Dinnar
Arts & Culture; Education; Israel; Performance and Films; Jewish Identity
The Producing Artistic Director and Founder of Israeli Stage will lead a panel discussion on how Israeli theatre (performed in the U.S. in English) can change our way of understanding and allow us to explore the diversity and vitality of Israeli culture.

11:30-12:30 Classroom 15

The Spiritual Lives of Children: Implications for Classroom Teaching
Jared Matas Education; Spirituality
This session will explore the spiritual lives of children at different ages, based on research as well as classroom experience. Teachers will learn how to develop classroom lessons that build on their students’ developmental needs and demonstrate that we as teachers are really listening and encouraging their spiritual quests.

11:30-12:30 Classroom 16

Moses's disABILITY ~ What Moses Can Teach Us About Creating Fully Inclusive Communities
Michael Fel, Shayna Fel Text & Thought; Education
The Torah describes Moses as having a “heavy tongue” or being “slow of speech.” Where some commentators saw a deficiency, others found a unique talent. Learn how our greatest teacher and leader was different and what he can teach us about creating open and welcoming communities.

11:30-12:30 Trager Conference Room

Who Was Mendele Moykher Sforim? A Short Introduction to the Great Beginning of Modern Yiddish Literature
Susanne Klingenstein Arts & Culture; Text & Thought
Sholem Yankev Abramovitch became the “zayde” of modern Yiddish literature. Why did he invent Mendel Moykher Sforim to do the storytelling for him? This presentation examines the difficult beginnings of modern Yiddish literature and demonstrates the brilliance and wit of this Yiddish literary master.

11:30-12:30 Yamins Chapel

Ancient Jewish Answers to Global Climate Change: Preparing for the 5775 Sabbatical Year
Sarah Chandler, Jacob Fine Social Justice; Education; Spirituality; Text & Thought; Jewish Identity
How might the biblical laws of shmitta (sabbatical year) guide us toward sustainability? Through text study and practical workshop, participants will learn about the Jewish Environmental movement’s project to combat climate change while supporting sustainable communities. Presented through the Green Hevra: A New Coalition of Jewish Eco-Projects

11:30-12:30 Youth Lounge

Storytelling Games & Open Mic! Theme: Mishpocha
Cindy Rivka Marshall, Judith Black, Bruce Marcus, Hal Miller-Jacobs Jewish Identity; Arts & Culture
Got family? Tell about it! Members of the Jewish Storytelling Coalition will lead participants in story games and prompts to inspire stories on the theme of mishpocha. Open mic follows, for anyone wishing to share a 5-minute family tale. Bring a story, or let one come to you. No experience necessary! Participation encouraged, but listeners welcome!

11:30-12:30 Yamins Chapel

Dreams, Kabbalah, and Renewal
Yael Linda Schiller Spirituality; Text & Thought
Learn the rich history of dreams in Judaism, a Kabbalistic system for understanding them, and practice doing dreamwork together as we interactively explore our dreams as a group and learn from each other's dreams as well as our own.

11:30-12:30 Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall

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Cecilia Kremer Arts & Culture
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1:15-2:15  
**Beit Midrash**

**The Stranger Among You: African Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel**  
Stephane Acel-Green  
Israel; Social Justice

News reports of violence and political incitement against African asylum seekers have highlighted the plight of this community. Over 60,000 Africans, most fleeing conflict, have crossed into Israel. Not permitted to work and destined for the world’s largest refugee camp, the asylum process is not working for them. Learn about the humanitarian response.

1:15-2:25  
**Classroom 7**

**Sacred Texts, Modern Questions: Connecting Ethics and History Through a Jewish Lens**  
Jan Darsa  
Education; Text & Thought; Jewish Identity

This session will guide us through Facing History and Ourselves’ newest educator’s guide Sacred Texts, Modern Questions: Connecting Ethics and History Through a Jewish Lens. Participants will have the opportunity to sample and participate in a lesson from this rich resource that aligns biblical and rabbinic sources with contemporary history.

1:15-2:25  
**Classroom 8**

**Ritual Transformation for GLBTQ Celebration**  
Becky Silverstein, Benjamin Maron  
Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Spirituality; Jewish Identity

What existing rituals within Jewish tradition can be adopted to celebrate and affirm the experiences and lives of queer members of our community? How can we reimagine and create new rituals to reflect and embrace diverse gender identities and experiences? Join us to learn about existing rituals designed to celebrate and embrace diversity.

Encore: www.keshetonline.org

1:15-2:25  
**Classroom 10**

**Jews, God, and Food: The Relationship of Jews and Eating in the Tanakh and Beyond**  
Maureen Mintz  
Text & Thought; Health, Medicine, Food; Jewish Identity

Are you Jewish? Love food and love to eat? You’re not alone. Jews have been passionate about food and eating for 4,000 years. In this session, we’re going to explore examples of biblical texts about eating, followed by a broader look at the way we relate to food in our Jewish tradition and culture.

1:15-2:15  
**Classroom 11**

**Torah Chanting With Heart**  
Sheila Rosalyn Deitchman  
Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Spirituality

It takes more than words, more than grammar, more than melodies to bring our sacred text alive for our listeners. It takes heart. No one will fall asleep in shul during the Torah service when you chant your special verses with confidence, meaning, and expression. A master Torah reader will show you how.

1:15-2:25  
**Classroom 14**

**Are We Bound by the Binding of Isaac? The Akeidah with Midrashic and Modern Re-readings**  
Anne Lapidus Lerner  
Text & Thought; Arts & Culture

The Akeidah, the Binding of Isaac, informs the Jewish imagination as a classic tale of piety. But the text raises many issues: Does Abraham pass his test? Are faith and ethics reconcilable? Where is Sarah? What is the impact of the story on Jews who for millennia have read and reread the story, often using it as a paradigm for their own actions?

1:15-2:25  
**Classroom 15**

**More than Meets the Eye: The Structure & Meaning of Prayer Seen through the Friday Evening Liturgy**  
Cherie Koller-Fox  
Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Spirituality; Text & Thought

The Siddur was carefully designed to encapsulate the most important Jewish ideas & ideals. Where did the concept of prayer and Siddur originate? Who wrote the Siddur and why? What did the rabbis want us to know about belief in God? As familiar as we are with individual prayers, it is good to look at their deep underpinnings.

1:15-2:25  
**Classroom 16**

**Soulful Education: How to Teach from Mind-to Heart-to Life—A Demonstration.**  
Aryeh Ben David  
Education; Text & Thought

Aryeh Ben David founded Ayeka because Jewish education too often focuses exclusively on conveying information. For Ayeka, the larger goal of learning Jewish wisdom is to affect and change us. We will demonstrate how to move from information to transformation by focusing on the MOST fundamental question in Judaism—one that is almost never asked.

1:15-2:25  
**CMT Foyer**

**The Big Picture and the Little Tiny Things: An Outdoor Experience for Parents and Children**  
Katy Z. Allen  
Family, Parent & Child Together; Spirituality

This session will take participants outdoors to the Webster Conservation Area (families and children welcome). We will use basic prayers and texts and a variety of activities to experience G!d both in the details and as the “Big Picture,” as we explore nature with our senses and with binoculars and magnifiers.

1:15-2:25  
**Feinberg Library**

**Shlimiels and Shlimazels: Fifty Yiddish Words You Can’t Live Without!**  
Moshe Waldoks  
Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity

We will review 50 Yiddish words that should be in our vocabularies as Jewish-Americans
1:15-2:25  Lefell Conference Room
Why Do I Exist? A Soul Journey in Four Parts
Hanna Tiferet Siegel
Spirituality; Meditation, Movement, Music-making
Rivka Imeynu, mother of Yaakov and Esav, experienced the wrestling in her womb and sought help to understand. Each of us bears witness to a struggle of meaning and purpose within, especially in the face of loss and uncertainty. Through song and prayer we will seek our individual and collective answer.

1:15-2:25  Youth Lounge
Finding the Sacred through Rhythm
Lillian Ain
Meditation, Movement, Music-making; Spirituality
In a supportive group context, we will use rhythmic movement to create a sacred space. In a gentle process, you will be guided into weaving a tapestry of rhythms with your voice, clapping hands, and stepping feet. This workshop is suitable for everyone, whether or not you have musical experience or rhythmic talent.

1:15-2:25  Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall
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Cecilia Kremer  Arts & Culture
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1:15-2:25  Yamins Chapel
The Last Jews - An Apocalyptic Comedy/A Play Reading
Larry Jay Tish, Chuck Schwager, Annette Miller, Mike Handelman
Performance and Films; Arts & Culture
Professional actors will present a reading of the newest play by Larry Jay Tish, the co-writer of “The Black-Jew Dialogues.” The Jewish Advocate called the Last Jews, “A hybrid of Mel Brooks and Ionesco. Hilarious!” It is a story that explores the darker side of humanity with humor and hope.

1:15-2:25  Sanctuary
Sam Norich, Steve Grossman  Social Justice; Jewish Identity
In the recent presidential elections, both sides assiduously courted the Jewish community. Both sides claim Jewish affinity. What changes were seen in the way American Jews voted? What changed? What’s next?
Encore: Read The Forward (www.forward.com)! Vote!

2:30 PM to 3:40 PM
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2:30-3:30  Beit Midrash
Superman or Mitzvah Man? Teaching Jewish Values through Comic Book Super Heroes
Aron Neesman  Education; Arts & Culture; Text & Thought
In this session, we will look at new and creative ways to teach Jewish values by using comic book heroes. The curriculum would be aimed towards High School students and will be designed to be easily adaptable for either a supplementary school or a more informal setting such as youth group or camp.

2:30-3:30  Classroom 7
Beyond the Fiddler-on-the-Roof: Pathways to Future Jewish Music Theater
Matti Kovler  Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity
Matti Kovler, Israeli composer and artistic director of JMT talks about the dilemmas and talks about the dilemmas and possible pathways to the future of the genre of Jewish Music Theater, showing examples from JMT’s recent productions.
Encore: Visit www.mattikovler.com or www.jewishmusictheater.com

2:30-3:30  Classroom 8
The Peace Puzzle: America’s Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace
Scott Lasensky  Israel; Israel
Scott Lasensky will discuss American efforts to broker Arab-Israeli peace since the end of the Cold War. His just released book, The Peace Puzzle: America’s Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace, is a detailed account of this ongoing diplomatic drama, drawing from never-before-shared insights from many of the central Israeli, Arab, and American players.
This session presented in memory of Sid, Ida, James Barry, Robert Kim and Peter Aron Stark, z”l
Idealism in our traditional text.

Were more radical than we thought! Come mine for meaningful work and collective economy. Perhaps our forebears period, highlight traditional values of small scale society, with the Jewish agricultural laws that took form in the Rabbinic period, describe the Tabernacle described in the Torah, along with the Jewish agricultural laws that took form in the Rabbinc period, highlight traditional values of small scale society, meaningful work and collective economy. Perhaps our forebears were more radical than we thought! Come mine for progressive idealism in our traditional text.

Sacred Sound and Healing

Jessica Schwartz
Meditation, Movement, Music-making; Spirituality

Our Jewish tradition teaches that God SPOKE the world into being. Judaism's core faith statement begins with "Shma — Listen." Experience using your voice in community to cultivate and resonate with your higher healing nature and to realize a deeper connection with the Source that Heals. It's fun! No singing experience required.

Stories of our Jewish Journeys

Cindy Rivka Marshall
Jewish Identity; Arts & Culture

How has Jewish tradition, community or identity intersected with your life journey — or not? Learn techniques to begin crafting and telling stories of your Jewish journey. While these stories are great for self reflection, sharing them with your family, students, colleagues, or fellow congregants helps to build community.

Bible Stories You Didn't Learn in Hebrew School

Ronnie Levin
Text & Thought

Murder, Rape, Incest. The juicy stories you didn’t learn as a kid. They are ripping-good stories, and they teach us a lot, although not always about the Golden Rule. We will read them in translation.

Welcoming Our Babies

Benjamin Maron
Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Parenting; Spirituality

Having a baby should be a time of joy! But for some interfaith families, navigating life cycle events is stressful. Will the mohel come to the bris? Will grandma feel included at a baby naming? How can we include elements of other religions or heritages if we're raising our kids as Jews? Learn and share tips and resources at this open discussion.

Spiritual Gym: Exercises for a Healthy Soul

Marcia Plumb
Spirituality; Text & Thought

Do you find you hold back before speaking? Are you too assertive? Do you ask for what you need or refrain? Using traditional Jewish practices and texts called Mussar, we will explore how to get what we need without overshadowing others. We will examine the trait of humility to help us find the balance between what we need and the needs of others.

Our Radical Tradition: How the Torah Instructs Us to Build a Free Society

Rachie Lewis
Social Justice; Text & Thought

The construction of the Tabernacle described in the Torah, along with the Jewish agricultural laws that took form in the Rabbinc period, highlight traditional values of small scale society, meaningful work and collective economy. Perhaps our forebears were more radical than we thought! Come mine for progressive idealism in our traditional text.

Brother Keepers: Jewish Men's Issues in the Twenty-First Century

Shawn Zevit
Jewish Identity; Spirituality; Text & Thought

Through study and dialogue we will explore issues of being a male and Jewish in Western culture, and how these religious, ethnic, and gender issues impact Jewish men (and women) today. Material will be drawn from Rabbi Zevit's years helping lead the JMR annual Jewish men’s retreat and his and Harry Brod’s new book on Jewish men’s issues.

Encore: www.davvenenleadership.com

The Music Man of Terezin: The Story of Rafael Schaechter as Remembered by Edgar Krasa

Susie Davidson, Edgar Krasa
Arts & Culture

Terezin and Auschwitz survivor Edgar Krasa of Newton will speak about singing in composer and pianist Rafael Schaechter's production of the Verdi Requiem at the Terezin concentration camp on June 23, 1944, before Nazi officials and Red Cross representatives. It was a risky, secretly defiant act, as the Requiem warns of Judgment Day for one's sins.

Encore: Susie Davidson’s books and documentary on Holocaust survivors.

Reading ACROSS the Lines: Daughters of Abraham Women's Interfaith Book Group

Judith Kummer, Deborah Malone, Latifa Ali
Jewish Identity

After the 9-11 tragedy, Jewish, Christian and Muslim women began gathering monthly in Daughters of Abraham interfaith book groups to learn about each others' religious traditions, overcome stereotypes, and foster mutual respect and understanding. While discussions are not always easy, they have been illuminating for the many participants nationwide.

Should Jews Read the New Testament?

Marc Brettler
Text & Thought

Marc Brettler and Amy-Jill Levine’s recent The Jewish Annotated New Testament, the scholarly Jewish commentary on the New Testament, has raised questions and controversy among both Christians and Jews. Marc will discuss the book’s genesis, and will explore the benefits of Jewish knowledge of the New Testament.
3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

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3:45-4:15  Beit Midrash  
Camp Limmud 01  
Got Hebrew? - Family Friendly  
Rahel Limor  
Education; Israel; Parenting; Arts & Culture; Jewish Identity; Family, Parent & Child Together; Meditation, Movement, Music-making  
Got Hebrew? Learning Hebrew is fun for Camp Limmud kids--with interactive songs, rhymes, finger play, games and more. You’ll love this hands-on workshop if you are an educator, parent, musician, school director... heck, just come and have fun learning Hebrew! CD's available for purchase.

3:45-4:45  Classroom 7  
Jews on Screen  
Sharon Pucker Rivo  
Arts & Culture  
Treasures from the Diaspora's Largest Jewish Film Archive. This presentation features rare film clips of Jews, which have been rescued and preserved by the National Center for Jewish Film. These unique images provide a window to shed light on the attitudes toward Jews found in early American cinema and insight into American cinema history.

3:45-4:45  Classroom 6  
Change and Transitions in the Tanach and Today  
Lilly Platt  
Spirituality  
Life changes date back to Adam and Eve. Some seem harder than others. Some people thrive with change; others are stressed. We will examine the dynamics of change and transition illustrated in the Tanach. Come learn what it takes to thrive through life’s changes with grace and ease.

3:45-4:45  Classroom 7  
Gleaning: A Torah-Based and Modern-Day Response to Hunger and Food Waste in Greater Boston  
Rina Hoffman  
Social Justice; Education  
Students and staff from The Binah School will present the results of our school’s interdisciplinary exploration of gleaning. Using discussion and a multi-media slideshow created by students, we will focus on gleaning as a response to hunger in Greater Boston. Participants will explore Torah sources and will learn how to get involved.

3:45-4:45  Classroom 8  
Living in a Fragile World: Teaching Conservation to Children Through Spiritual Exploration  
Michael Shire  
Education; Spirituality  
Using the methods of Godly Play to uncover the curiosity, imagination and sacred awareness of young children, this workshop will model a lesson on creation and responsibility for the created world. Using biblical narrative, contemporary explanation and wondering questions, this session will explore how to introduce the importance of conservation.

3:45-4:45  Classroom 9  
Embodying the Kabbalistic Tree of Life Through Meditation & Movement  
Jeff Foust  
Meditation, Movement, Music-making; Spirituality  
This session will connect you with your own bodyheartmindspirit through the sefirot/energy centers of the Tree of Life. You’ll align yourself with Source, open your heart and personal creativity, and tap into the dynamic energies of your body, heart, mind, and spirit.

LimmudBoston To Go: Buy books & CDs from our presenters at Book Selling Table in Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall from 11:30 to 6:30.

Limmud Values – Why Even Volunteers & Presenters Pay to Attend Limmud

All around the globe, volunteer-run Limmud organizations ask for both time and money from all attendees, volunteers & presenters, alike. We rely on those who are willing to give of their time to make the event possible, and who ultimately come to feel a keen sense of ownership over the festival. But time alone does not cover the costs of creating LimmudBoston, so we must also ask for money.

The conversation revolves around how our community values Jewish learning. As individuals, how can we support Jewish learning so that the entire community can participate? In true Limmud fashion, LimmudBoston has not turned any participant away. Those who request scholarships are asked what they can fairly pay.

LimmudBoston is open to the entire community because we are creating the ideal of Clal Yisrael, all Jewish people, sharing community, with respect for all. We are all volunteers. LimmudBoston thanks you for coming. For participating. For volunteering. Your presence supports our efforts. We thank all who have devoted time and energy to make this possible.
3:45-4:45 Classroom 10
From “OY” into “AH HA”: Relevant Resources for Jewish Nonprofit Organizations!
Jess Kent
Social Justice; Israel; Performance and Films; Spirituality; Arts & Culture; Text & Thought; Jewish Identity; Family, Parent & Child Together
Travel with an aspiring Jewish-nonprofit-professional on her journey from Buffalo to Brandeis, Istanbul to Idaho and beyond! Discover commonly overlooked but preventable problems, & share your own best practices. Jess will discuss how to maximize Jewish philanthropy, renew teen programs, revitalize synagogue boards, and refresh Jewish nonprofits!

3:45-4:45 Classroom 11
ESPN-Judaism: Breaking Down the Separation of Shul and Sport
Lex Rofes
Jewish Identity; Education
Chances are your zayde can tell you the entire lineup of the 1952 New York Yankees, and your Rabbi may have cried when his beloved Boston Celtics fell to the Heat in the playoffs. What’s the deal with the ongoing Jewish love affair with the world of sports, and how can we use it to engage sports fans in Jewish life in the 21st century?

3:45-4:45 Leffell Conference Room
Rabbis, Rogues and Schlemiels: What Makes Jews Laugh
Lewis Glinert
Arts & Culture
What is Jewish humor, what are its roots, and what can it tell us about ourselves? Taking it back to the satire of Esther and Midrashic chutzpa and word-play, we can follow the threads all the way, via Teyye and Heine, to Groucho, Woody Allen and Seinfeld — but with many intriguing departures (think JAPS and Jewish mothers).

3:45-4:45 Schwartz Social Hall
The Jar of Tears: A Memorial from the Warsaw Ghetto
David Arfa
Performance and Films; Spirituality; Arts & Culture
This 50 minute storytelling performance is based on the life of Rabbi Kalonymous Kalman Shapiro, known as the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto. The performance chronicles his changing experiences, introduces his mystical theology of weeping, and shares how through it all he remained a compassionate leader even then, even there.

3:45-4:45 Trager Conference Room
Exploring Nature & Judaism Inside and Outside
Laura Bellows
Education; Family, Parent & Child Together
Learn about Teva Learning Alliance’s creative curriculum created for Boston’s JCRC. Discover the connections between Judaism and nature, focusing on nature-based education for youth in a Jewish context. Weather permitting, we will go outdoors. Parents and children welcome! Presented through the Green Hevra: A New Coalition of Jewish Eco-Projects.

3:45-4:45 Youth Lounge
Hebrew Letters - A Mystical, Rational and Practical Exploration
Rachel Schoenfeld
Text & Thought; Arts & Culture
Hebrew Letters have incredible depth — from their mystical meaning, to their historical origins, to their influence on your name. Come explore what’s hidden below the surface, and add new dimensions to your relationship with Hebrew. No prior Hebrew required.

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Books and music by LimmudBoston presenters will be sold in the Coppelman-Clarke Social Hall, Starting at 11:30

5:00-6:00 Beit Midrash
Cousins of Faith: Film Screening and Discussion
David Micley
Jewish Identity; Arts & Culture
David Micley will show and discuss the film he produced called “Cousins of Faith,” an ethnographic film about the daily lives of a religious Jew and a religious Muslim that explores questions of how identity, faith and tradition play out in America. David uses this film as a tool to humanize the way Muslims and Jews perceive one another.

5:00-6:00 Classroom 7
What’s in a Name? Anonymity and Identity Among Biblical Women
Miriam Rosalyn Diamond
Text & Thought
Although the Torah details copious lineages, something is often missing. Women are frequently unnamed - even in stories where they are key actors. Is this a case of chauvinism, or are there other explanations? Through text study and bibliodrama we will explore the phenomenon of unnamed women. Women and men are welcome to engage in this discussion.

5:00-6:00 Classroom 6
Where have all the shtetels gone? And why?
Burton Klein
Jewish Identity
The obliteration of Jewish life in Europe by Nazi Germany is still with us today, by its very absence. Has this void created a ‘black hole’? If so, what does it say to us today? Should those of us two generations later and a continent away make a connection to our lost Jewish family and, if so, how?

5:00-6:00 Classroom 8
Owning Midrash: Exploring Personalities in Tanach through Traditional and Contemporary Midrash
DeDe Jacobs-Komisar
Text & Thought; Education
What is the difference between traditional and contemporary midrash? What do these new layers of meaning add to our understanding of Biblical personalities? We will confront our preconceptions of these characters by exploring traditional midrash and the midrashic poetry of the late Enid Dame, and end by crafting our own midrashic responses.
Zamir Chorale of Boston Open Sing followed by LimmudBoston 2012 Finale

Joshua Jacobson, Conductor

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall

Performance; Music-making

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5:00-6:00

A Taste of Jewish Meditation

Marcia Plumb

Meditation, Movement, Music-making

Whether you are a seasoned meditator or a complete beginner, this taste of Jewish meditation is for you. Find some calm and quiet in the midst of a busy Limmud day. We will share a guided meditation with some silence. Silence and meditation have long been part of Jewish tradition, so join us as we reach a deep place in our soul.

5:00-6:00

Biblical Metaphor Reveals: You Really Don’t Know Clouds at All

Goldie Milgram

Text & Thought; Spirituality

Precious portals to higher consciousness reside within Biblical metaphors. In this session we will have group chevruta study on the metaphoric role of clouds in Torah, Midrash, Prayer and Zohar.

5:00-6:00

What Comes Next?: Jewish Approaches to the Afterlife

Davin Wolok

Text & Thought; Spirituality

In this session we will explore Jewish approaches to the question of an afterlife. Does the individual survive bodily death? Is there an ultimate redemption in which all who have lived will live again? Jewish, as well as general philosophical and parapsychological sources, will be consulted in our exploration.

5:00-6:00

Using Jewish Values to Build Better Professional-Lay Relationships

Daniel Margolis, Marya Axner

Education; Social Justice

Can Jewish values help volunteers & professionals work together on division of responsibilities/roles, communication/authority lines, and supervision/evaluation? Using cases and Jewish texts, Marya Axner, Jewish Labor Committee CEO, and Danny Margolis, past BJE CEO, explore these issues. For educators, clergy, agency personnel, Board & other volunteers.

5:00-6:00

Art as Tikkun Olam

Jason Henry Simon- Bierenbaum

Arts & Culture; Social Justice

How can art contribute to Tikkun Olam, going beyond “repairing” the world to making it better? We will ask: how can art help you see? build communities? be a medium of social change? help us make the world G-d would want us to live in? Encouraged for all ages. We will include a brief creative writing workshop if time permits.

Encore: www.pocketfulofpens.blogspot.com

5:00-6:00

Spicing Up Birkat ha-Mazon

Scott Tepper

Ritual, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Holidays; Spirituality; Text & Thought

Come examine the structure of the classical Birkat ha-Mazon (“Grace after Meals), learn some classical and newer shorter and alternative forms, some variations (including 3 words in Yiddish!), some new melodies, and investigate how to make Birkat more a part of your life and the life of your community. And why is it called “bentsching” anyway?

5:00-6:00

Earth Based Rituals For all Seasons: On the Farm and in the Garden

Sarah Chandler

Spirituality; Education; Text & Thought; Jewish Identity; Meditation, Movement, Music-making

In this interactive session, participants will explore ancient texts connected to the Jewish calendar applying them to modern agriculture and sustainability. We will discuss creative ways to gather in community to take part in earth-based Jewish ritual in all seasons. Presented through the Green Hevra: A New Coalition of Jewish Eco-Projects.

5:00-6:00

Possibilities for Peace in Israel

Adam Steinberg

Israel

Is it possible for Israelis and Palestinians to agree on borders for a two-state solution? Learn about challenges and opportunities thru a multimedia presentation about borders, produced by S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace and The Atlantic, followed by a discussion about facts and hopes, facilitated by J Street’s Adam Steinberg.
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Stephane Acel-Green

Stephane is New England director of the New Israel Fund. He has worked for the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education and was Executive Director of Ameinu: Liberal Values, Progressive Israel. He currently volunteers as co-chair of Watertown’s Energy Efficiency and Environment committee which advises Town Council. The Stranger Among You: African Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel
1:15-2:15 Beit Midrash

Marthajoy Aft

Marthajoy Aft is a student and teacher of Jewish mysticism, a storyteller, and a Kabbalistic spiritual healer. A long time area Jewish educator, Marthajoy most recently served as a Consultant at the Boston Bureau of Jewish Education.
EnLIGHTen Yourself
10:15-11:25 Classroom 16

Lillian Sober Ain

Lillian Sober Ain is a clinical psychologist with special interests in meditation and the therapeutic effects of rhythm. She has recently completed a three-year program in the group rhythm method called Taketina (developed by Reinhard Flathisher), and she conducts experiential drumming workshops called “Drumming for Health and Transformation.”
Finding the Sacred through Rhythm
1:15-2:15 Youth Lounge

Sandra Alfonsi

Dr. Sandra Alfonsi holds a BA, MA and Ph.D. in Modern Languages and teaches at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. She is Director of ACT! for America Education’s Textbook Review Project: Director of Textbook Alert, an independent think tank that she started in 2009 and past Chair of National Hadassah’s Curriculum Watch and Academic Advisory Board.
The Anti-Israel Bias in Schools: What are our Children Really Learning?
9:00-10:00 Yamins Chapel
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Latifa Ali

Latifa Ali is the first Muslim woman to be elected President of a major interfaith social justice organization, Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM). She holds an MA in Community Economic Development. As COO of Nurrudeen Development, a social entrepreneurial venture, she has hosted and produced talk radio for 14 years.
Reading ACROSS the Lines: Daughters of Abraham Women’s Interfaith Book Group
2:30-3:30 Schwartz Social Hall

Katya Z. Allen

Rabbi Katya Z. Allen is a staff chaplain at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA. She is the founder and leader of Ma’yan Tikvah- A Wellspring of Hope, a congregation that holds services outdoors. Through the Nature Chaplaincy Program of Ma’yan Tikvah, she leads interfaith programs connecting nature and spirituality.
The Big Picture and the Little Tiny Things: An Outdoor Experience for Parents and Children
1:15-2:25 CMT Foyer
www.mayantikvah.org

Dalia Cahana Amitay

Dalia Cahana Amitay, PhD, is a Research Assistant Professor of Neurology at Boston University School of Medicine, and is on the board of Israeli Stage. The Importance of Israeli Theatre In America
11:30-12:30 Classroom 14

David Arfa

Maggid David Arfa celebrates Judaism’s storytelling heritage and ancient environmental wisdom. His performances, The Birth of Love: Tales for the Days of Awe and Tales of Herschel of Ostropol are available on CD. His performance, The Jar of Tears: A Memorial for the Warsaw Ghetto Rebbe won the Hildebrandt Award for artistic excellence and vision.

Noah Aronson

Noah Aronson’s musical style propels is popular across the country and in Israel. His first solo Jewish album and its title song, “Am I Awake,” won in the 2011 NewVoices song competition. He is a founder of NuRootz, and a member of the award winning a capella group Six13. Noah is both Rabbinic Intern/Chazzan Sheini at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, and in the Hebrew College Rabbinical School.
Lunchtime Concert
12:00-1:15 Schwartz Social Hall

Marya Axner

Marya Axner directs the New England Jewish Labor Committee, a social justice organization that works to engage the Greater Boston Jewish community in support of issues affecting all workers and the Labor Movement. Ms. Axner has also worked for the Jewish Women’s Archive and Somerville Public Schools.
Using Jewish Values to Build Better Professional-Lay Relationships
5:00-6:00 Classroom 14

David Barak-Gorodetsky

David Barak-Gorodetsky is the Director of Haifa Hillel, and a PhD candidate in the Department of Jewish History at Haifa University. He will be joined by Connectech students from MIT and the Technion, a joint venture of Hillel and the Boston-Haifa Partnership, focusing on technology, social justice and Jewish identity.
The First Light: Judaism between Paganism and Technology
10:15-11:15 Classroom 7

Joey Baron

Joey Baron can not hold a tune. But in just three years he has established the Boston Jewish Music Festival as one of the most respected and innovative Jewish music programs in the United States. A Me’ah graduate, he is also the Director of Community Life and Learning at Congregation Or Atid in Wayland.
Bet You Haven’t Heard This One: New Jewish Music
9:00-10:00 Classroom 16 bostonjewishmusicfestival.org

Shai Bazak

Shai Bazak served as media director and spokesperson for Benjamin Netanyahu when he was the leader of the opposition party (1994-1996) and during his first term as a prime minister (1996-1998). Mr. Bazak was the Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico (1998-2000). Mr. Bazak has been Consul General to New England since November 2010.
Israel Today: Updates from the Consul General of Israel to New England
10:15-11:25 Sanctuary
Laura Bellows
Laura Bellows, a student at Hebrew College, was the Director of Congregational and Community Programs of the Teva Learning Center, North America’s leader in Jewish-environmental education, from 2005 to 2012. She has extensive experience as an organizer, curriculum writer and educator at community gardens, synagogues, havurot, and rallies. Exploring Nature & Judaism Inside and Outside 3:45-4:45 Trager Conference Room

Aryeh Ben David
Aryeh Ben David taught at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem for 20 years. He served as the Hillel International Rabbinic Consultant for three years. Five years ago he founded Ayeka: Center for Soulful Jewish Education. He lives in Efrat, Israel, with his wife Sandra and their six children. Soulful Education: How to Teach from Mind-to-Heart-to-Life—A Demonstration. 1:15-2:25 Classroom 16 www.ayeka.org.il

Guy Ben-Aharon
Guy Ben-Aharon is Producing Artistic Director and Founder of Israeli Stage, an Artist-in-Residence at the Goethe Institute Boston (where he was hired to develop German Stage), the Producer/Director of “Cupcake,” a new musical, and a proud Emerson College alum. Guy has produced three New England premiers, four American premiers, and one world premiere by Israeli playwrights. The Importance of Israeli Theatre In America 11:30-12:30 Classroom 14 IsraelStage.com

Lisa Berman
Lisa Berman has been involved with Mayyim Hayyim since its opening in May 2004. Lisa initially trained as a Volunteer Mikveh Guide. Since 2006, Lisa has directed the Paula Brody & Family Education Center where she develops curricula for all ages and interest levels; she also organizes and teaches more than 110 programs annually. Water Power: Experience, Text, and Ritual 10:15-11:15 www.mayyimhayyim.org

Judith Black
Winner of the Oracle: Circle of Excellence, storytelling’s most coveted award, and featured on stage from The Montreal Comedy Festival, to The National Storytelling Festival, The Smithsonian Institution, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, NPR, and over 10 CAJE conferences. Jewish Tales - Live! 10:15-11:25 Storytelling Games & Open Mic! Theme: Mishpocha 11:30-12:30 Yamins Chapel

Brynna Bloomfield
A designer and illustrator, Brynna Bloomfield has worked in print, animation, film and theater. She has designed sets for many local theaters, including Lyric Stage, Nora Theater Co. and SpeakEasy. Brynna teaches stage craft and design at Emerson College. She has appeared with Israeli Stage as an actor, and is an Israeli Stage founding member. The Importance of Israeli Theatre In America 11:30-12:30 Classroom 14 www.IsraeliStage.com

Lisa Breit
Lisa Breit coordinated the 2011 and 2012 cohorts of the CJP Teaching & Technology Fellowship. Her professional development work with Jewish educators focuses on student-centered, project-based curriculum that uses new technology for powerful instruction and learning. She is currently the Curriculum & Technology Integrator at Schechter Boston. Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom: What it takes…and gives! 8:45-9:55 www.CJP.org

Marc Brettler
Marc Brettler, the Dora Goldman Professor of Biblical Studies and former chair of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University, teaches in various adult Jewish education settings. In addition to his books, he has written for The Forward, and was heard on NPR’s “All Things Considered” and “Fresh Air” with Terry Gross. Why Should We Care About the Dead Sea Scrolls? 11:30-12:30 Feinberg Library Should Jews Read the New Testament? 2:30-3:30 Yamins Chapel www.brandeis.edu/hib

Ariel Burger
“Ariel Burger is a rabbi, a lifelong Jewish learner and director of the CJP Commission on Jewish Life and Learning. He teaches in many programs where he has helped develop learning opportunities. Ariel has a Ph.D. in Jewish philosophy and conflict studies and a bachelor’s in comparative religion and Jewish studies. Educators @ LimmudBoston 10:15-11:25 Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall

Sarah Chandler
Sarah Chandler, the Associate Director of Adamah farm at Isabella Freedman, is a Jewish experiential educator, community activist, and spiritual leader. She has her M.A. in Jewish Communal and Experiential Education and Hebrew Bible from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and serves as educator with the Teva Learning Center and the Kohenet Institute. Earth Based Rituals For all Seasons: On the Farm and in the Garden 5:00-6:00 Trager Conference Room

EJ Cohen
EJ holds MA degrees in both Deaf Ed and Jewish Ed and has spent over 20 years combining both fields. She has taught at Jewish conferences all over the US, UK, Israel, and Germany, and has interpreted at conferences and concerts internationally. She currently is an educational and freelance sign language interpreter and also teaches at Temple Beth Jacob in Concord, NH. She is a staunch Limmudnik, and former Londoner. Lunchtime Concert 12:00-1:15 Schwartz Social Hall

Josh Conescu
Josh Conescu is a CJP teaching and technology fellow at Temple Shalom in Newton. Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom: What it takes…and gives! 8:45-9:55 Classroom 6

Jan Darsa
Jan Darsa is Director of Jewish education at Facing History and Ourselves. She facilitates workshops and seminars for educators across the country and in Israel and provides follow-up consultations and support. She has developed a myriad of curricular materials and was a Covenant Award Recipient (2010) for excellence in Jewish education. Sacred Texts, Modern Questions: Connecting Ethics and History Through a Jewish Lens 1:15-2:25 Classroom 7 www.facinghistory and ourselves.org

Susie Davidson
Susie Davidson is a poet, author, filmmaker and journalist who writes regularly for the Jewish Advocate, the Jewish Journal, the Jewish Daily Forward and JointMedia News Service, and has contributed to the Boston Globe, Boston Herald and the Jerusalem Post. She was a Boston Globe G Section “G Force” in July. This is her 4th Holocaust book. The Music Man of Terezin: The Story of Rafael Schaechter as Remembered by Edgar Krasa 2:30-3:30 Lefell Conference Room
Sheila Rosalyn Deitchman
Sheila Rosalyn Deitchman is a trained singer, an innovative educator, and a master Torah reader at Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland, Massachusetts. She holds the A.B. degree cum laude from Radcliffe College, the Ed.M. degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a diploma from the Prozdor Division of Hebrew College.

Torah Chanting With Heart
1:15-2:15
Volunteer

Andrea DeSharone
Andrea DeSharone is a Body Oriented Psychotherapist in private practice for 25 years. She integrates Dance/Movement Therapy, Chanting, Drumming and Meditation in a process called Embodied Chant. Andrea is a graduate of Society of Souls and Yoga Teacher who brings Kabbalistic Healing and Kundalini Yoga to her facilitation with individuals & groups.

Embodied Jewish Chanting
10:15- 11:25

Miriam Rosalyn Diamond
Dr. Miriam Rosalyn Diamond teaches Jewish and secular studies to students of all ages, and is currently leading a course on the Psychology of Friendship. Her books (Encountering Faith in the Classroom, Fostering Religious Literacy across Campus) address practical aspects of enhancing religious literacy.

What’s in a Name? Anonymity and Identity Among Biblical Women
5:00-6:00

Samuel “Moooly” Dinnar
Samuel “Moooly” Dinnar is a consultant specializing in negotiation, strategy, and venture, with over 20 years of management experience. He teaches at Harvard Law School’s Negotiation Institute, and serves on technology and non-profit boards in the U.S. and Israel, including Israeli Stage. He has trained as a teacher-director with Shakespeare & Co.

The Importance of Israeli Theatre In America
11:30-12:30

Beth Ecker
Beth Ecker is a CJP teaching and technology fellow at Temple Beth Torah in Holliston.

Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom: What it takes...and gives!
8:45-9:55

Margot Einstein
Margot Einstein is a board member of Christians and Jews United for Israel (www.cjui.org) and is active in Fairness in Newton Education (www.newtonfine.org). She helped organize a grass-roots movement to remove false and biased anti-Israel material from use in public schools in Newton, MA.

The Anti-Israel Bias in Schools: What are our Children Really Learning?
9:00-10:00
Yamins Chapel
www.newtonfine.org

Michael Fel
Rabbi Michael Mauricio Fel is Assistant Rabbi of Temple Emunah in Lexington. He received his ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary where he was a Schusterman Rabbinic Fellow and earned a Master's Degree in Midrash. Michael loves integrating technology with Judaism and teaches Torah to over 650 people on Twitter through “TheTweetedTorah”.

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11:30-12:30

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Revolution of Jewish Spirit: How to Revive Ruakh in Your Spiritual Life and Transform Your Synagogue
9:00-10:00
Feinberg Library
www.shirathayam.net

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A Modern Jewish Wedding: Making Your Wedding Traditional and Personal
11:30-12:30
Beit Midrash

Jeff Foust
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Everett Fox
Everett Fox is the Allen M. Glick Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies at Clark University, where he heads the Program in Jewish Studies. He is the translator of The Five Books of Moses published by Schocken Books. His translation, notes and commentary of The Early Prophets) will be published in 2013.

What Happens When You (Kind Of) Get What You Wish For: The Story of Yiftah
8:45-9:55
Schwartz Social Hall
Bonnie Greenberg
Bonnie is a sought-after edu-tainer who touches the heart and teaches the mind. A perfect combination of the inspiring and the practical. Her work is described as vibrant, engaging, and energizing. Her passion for storytelling is utilized in treating communication disorders and her audio recordings won a Parents’ Choice award! Come join the fun!
Jewish Tales - Live!
10:15-11:25
Yamins Chapel

Michael Grodin
Michael Grodin, M.D. is Director of the Medical Ethics and Human Rights Program at Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health, Co-Director of the joint project in Jewish Legal Bioethics of the Institute of Jewish Law at the BU School of Law, and Director of the Medicine and the Holocaust Project of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies. He has consulted and taught all over the world on medical ethics, human rights and the Holocaust, and has numerous awards and publications.
What Jewish Law Teaches Us About Moral Dilemmas and Prohibitive Decision-Making in Modern Medicine
10:15-11:25
Leffell Conference Room
www.projectmedhlo.org/

Sherry Grossman
Sherry joined Gateways: Access to Jewish Education in July, 2009 where she currently works as the Community Special Education Services Director consulting, coaching, providing professional development and grants management. In 2007-2009, She worked with the Greater Boston BJE, as a consultant and coach in early & special ed settings.
Discover Dignity and Disability with a Jewish Lens
8:45-9:55
Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall
www.jgateways.org

Steve Grossman
Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Steve is a leading figure in numerous charitable organizations. He is a distinguished political activist who has chaired the Democratic Party both in nationally and in Massachusetts.
1:15-2:25
Sanctuary

Baruch HaLevi
Revolution of Jewish Spirit: How to Revive Ruakh in Your Spiritual Life and Transform Your Synagogue
9:00-10:00
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www.shirathayam.net

William Hamilton
Rabbi William Hamilton has been a rabbi at Brookline’s Congregation Kehillath Israel since 1995. He is delighted to share in his first Limmud Conference.
WWHD - What Would Heschel Do?
9:00-10:00
Classroom 10
www.congki.org

Mike Handelman
Mike engages with the Jewish traditions of humanism and social justice wherever he can. He can be seen in various theatrical productions in the Boston area.
The Last Jews - An Apocalyptic Comedy/A Play Reading
1:15-2:15
Yamins Chapel

Rina Hoffman
Rina Hoffman, M.S.W. is Co-Founder, Co-Director and Service Learning Teacher of The Binah School, an innovative Orthodox middle and high school for girls in Sharon, MA. She is also the Teen Training Coordinator for Gateways. With over 15 years of experience in social work, education and administration, Ms. Hoffman was a CJP PresenTense Fellow.
Gleaning: A Torah-Based and Modern-Day Response to Hunger and Food Waste in Greater Boston
3:45-4:45
Classroom 7
www.thebinahschool.org

Jodi Hoffman
Jodi Hoffman, MD is a Geneticist and the Director of the Victor Outreach and Screening Program for Ashkenazi Jewish Genetic Diseases at Tufts Medical Center, where she practices as a general medical geneticist. Dr. Hoffman has spoken at over 90 venues on Jewish genetic diseases and screening.
Why Us? The Genetics of Breast and Ovarian Cancer in the Jewish Community
9:00-10:00
Beit Midrash
jewishgeneticsscreening.org

Susan Howards
Susan K. Howards PhD., J.D. Susan is a practicing Criminal Defense attorney, and a member of the Jewish Domestic Violence Coalition and Co-Chair of the Greater Boston Hadassah Attorney's Committee. Susan, a former college professor, is a founding member of Israeli Stage.
The Importance of Israeli Theatre In America
11:30-12:30
Classroom 14
www.newtonfine.org

Charles Jacobs
Dr. Charles Jacobs holds a doctoral degree in education from Harvard. His 1993 award winning piece for Moment Magazine, called “Arab PR” first exposed the infiltration into public school curricula of Arab/Islamic propaganda, and persuaded Hadassah to create “Curriculum Watch.”
The Anti-Israel Bias in Schools: What are our Children Really Learning?
9:00-10:00
Yamins Chapel
www.jccnh.org

DeDe Jacobs-Komisar
DeDe is Cultural Arts Manager at the New Haven JCC, where she is creating JCC Theaterworks. Originally from Baltimore, DeDe founded the Jewish Theatre Workshop and ran JTTV Live, an interactive teen theater program. While living in Israel, DeDe co-founded and led BamahMabat Theater Company. She holds an MFA from Yale School of Drama.
Owning Midrash: Exploring Personalities in Tanach through Traditional and Contemporary Midrash
5:00-6:00
Classroom 8
www.jccnh.org

Joshua Jacobson
Joshua R. Jacobson, one of the foremost authorities on Jewish choral music, is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Northeastern University and Visiting Professor and Senior Consultant in the School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College. He is also founder and director of the Zamir Chorale of Boston.
Zamir Chorale of Boston Open Sing
4:00-6:30
Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall

Jess Kent
Jess Kent is 25 years young & she is delighted that you are here! She mentors Jewish teens at Congregation Mishkan Tefila and works as a 5th grade teacher at Congregation Or Atid. Special thanks to her grandmother who trekked over from Buffalo, NY to attend LimmudBoston!
From “OY” into “AH HA”: Relevant Resources for Jewish Nonprofit Organizations!
3:45-4:45
Classroom 10
Burton Klein
Burton Klein grew up in the 1950s in Medford, MA. His grandparents, as well as his wife’s grandparents, came to U.S. in the 1890s, but never talked about those family members who stayed in Europe. He has become increasingly interested in their history. He and his wife traveled to Eastern Europe this spring to learn about their roots there.
Where have all the shtetels gone? And why?
5:00-6:00 Classroom 6

Susanne Klingenstein
Dr. Susanne Klingenstein studied Jewish, European, and American literary history at Harvard, Brandeis and the University of Heidelberg. She taught at MIT and now teaches at Harvard Medical School (focusing on humanistic and socio-historical aspects of medicine). She is currently completing a book about Abramovitsh for a German publisher.

Who Was Mendele Moykher Sforim? A Short Introduction to the Great Beginning of Modern Yiddish Literature
11:30-12:30 Leffell Conference Room

Cherie Koller-Fox
Rabbi Cherie Koller-Fox is President of NewCAJE. She is also a chaplain in hospitals and nursing homes. Locally, she has served as the Rabbi of Congregation Eltz Chayim in Cambridge and Temple Emmanuel of Marlboro. Currently, she is the rabbi of the Chapel at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley.

Embodyed Jewish Chanting
10:15-11:25 Classroom 15
hewaybrechantboston.com

Matt Kovler
Matt Kovler is a Russian-born Israeli composer whose music has been praised for its “emotive potency” (New York Times), and described as “part mystical, part comical” (Grade A Entrepreneurs).
Recent projects included commissions from Carnegie Hall, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Tanglewood Music Center.
Beyond the Fiddler-on-the-Roof: Pathways to Future Jewish Music Theater
2:30-3:30 www.jewishmusictheater.com

Edgar Kraska
Edgar Kraska is a survivor of Terezin and other concentration camps. He is on the board of the Terezin Music Foundation, which has established a Kraska-Schaechter Foundation for young composers, and often speaks at schools and community venues.

The Music Man of Terezin: The Story of Rafael Schaechter as Remembered by Edgar Kraska
2:30-3:30 Leffell Conference Room

Cecilia Kremer
Mosaic artist and founder of Chromatile, Cecilia Kremer, transforms raw material into vibrant works of art which can be found in galleries and private collections worldwide. She facilitates community mosaic projects throughout the US. Cecilia is commonly commissioned for personalized b’hai mitzvah gifts made for each student for entire classes at area schools and synagogues.

LimmudBoston 2012 Community Art Project—Mosaic Design by Cecilia Kremer of Chromatile
10:15-11:15 Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall
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2:30-3:30 Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall

Evelyn Krieger
Evelyn Krieger is the mother of three ambitious children. Her oldest daughter, Leah Larson Caras, 21, is the publisher of Yaldah Magazine for Jewish Girls, which she founded at age 13. Evelyn is a learning specialist for Gateways and a writer. Her debut young adult novel, One Is Not A Lonely Number, was named a 2011 Sydney Taylor Honor book (AJL).

Raising Jewish Girls to Dream Big
9:00-10:00 Classroom 7
www.yaldahmagazine.com

Judith Kummer
Rabbi Judy Kummer serves as Executive Director of the Jewish Chaplaincy Council of Massachusetts. She is a member of two Daughters of Abraham women’s interfaith book groups, and leader of one. She also serves on the planning committee of Building Bridges through Learning: Rabbis and Imams Study Project.

Reading ACROSS the Lines: Daughters of Abraham Women’s Interfaith Book Group
2:30-3:30 Schwartz Social Hall

Scott Lasensky
Scott Lasensky holds a Ph.D. in Politics from Brandeis University. Currently a senior policy advisor on the Middle East at the State Department, he was a senior researcher from 2004-2011 at the U.S. Institute of Peace. A former fellow at the Brookings Institution and the Council on Foreign Relations, “The Peace Puzzle” is Lasensky’s third book.
The Peace Puzzle: America’s Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace
2:30-3:30 Classroom 8

Lisa Lehmann
Lisa Lehmann is Director of the Center for Bioethics at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School. She practices primary care internal medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

Perspectives on End of Life Care
11:30-12:30 Classroom 7

David Lerner
David Lerner has served as the rabbi of Temple Emunah in Lexington since 2004, teaching tefillah, halakhah, Jewish thought and spirituality. He is the vice-president of the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis, the chair of the Rabbinical Assembly’s Commission on Keruv, Conversion & Jewish Peoplehood. His articles have appeared in various periodicals.

Are We Angels or Ashes?: An Answer In A Prayer
9:00-10:00 Classroom 14
www.templeemunah.org

Anne Lapidus Lerner
A Boston native and a member of the Jewish Literature Department at Jewish Theological Seminary since 1969, Dr. Lerner was its first woman vice chancellor. She is also a Research Associate at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute. A pioneer in Jewish Women’s Studies, she is both a scholar and an activist. Her most recent book is Eternally Eve.

Eve Exposed: Looking at Biblical, Rabbinic and Modern Texts
10:15-11:25 Classroom 14

Naomi Less
Naomi Less (Brooklyn, NY) is a Rock musician, Worship musical leader and educator who has s dedicated her life to putting out music and programming that promotes the full inclusion of un-objectified girls and women in Jewish Rock Music and all music, for that matter.

LimmudBoston 2012 Grand Finale
6:00-6:30 Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall
Ronnie Levin
Ronnie Levin is a long-time member of the Havurah movement, with an advanced graduate degree in Bible.
Bible Stories You Didn’t Learn in Hebrew School
2:30-3:30 Classroom 11

Rachie Lewis
Rachie Lewis is a resident organizer at the Moishe Kavod House and an alum of the Jewish Organizing fellowship. She is interested in building Jewish community that is committed both to ritual practice and social action. She believes the intersection of both allows our communities to harness widespread, thoughtful, collective power. Our Radical Tradition: How the Torah Instructs us to Build a Free Society
2:30-3:30 Classroom 16
www.kavodhouse.com

Rahel Limor
Educator, singer/songwriter, guitarist, folk and therapeutic musician, and mother to Inbal and Eran, Rahel holds a B.Sc. in the Arts (Musical and Theater Arts for Children) from Empire State College (SUNY), and a Certificate of Distinction from the Barbara Cass Beggs “Listen Like Learn” music program for babies and young children. 
Got Hebrew? - Family Friendly
3:45-4:15 Camp Limmud 1
www.tikkunrahel.com

Judith Mabel
Judith Mabel is a dietitian, nutritionist and biochemist, with degrees from Cornell, Harvard, and Boston Universities. She works in private practice in Brookline, specializing in digestive issues and food sensitivities. She blends traditional, functional and complementary techniques. 
Let My People Eat: Passover for Gluten-Free and Other Special Diets
9:00-10:00 Classroom 11
NutritionBoston.com

Deborah Malone
Deborah Malone is a retired geriatric/psychiatric/community health nurse. She is a Protestant Christian, married to a Presbyterian minister. She served as a parish nurse and lay pastor in a multi-ethnic church in Lowell before moving to Boston. She has been a member of a Daughters of Abraham group for 5 years.
Reading ACROSS the Lines: Daughters of Abraham Women’s Interfaith Book Group
2:30-3:30 Schwartz Social Hall

Laura Conrad Mandel
Laura Conrad Mandel has been Creating Jewishly inspired papercuts since she first learned about the art form in 4th grade. By day, Laura does the young adult programming at the New Center, and in her free time runs her own art/Judaica business - allowing her to constantly envision new ways to incorporate spirituality and meaning into custom gifts.
Papercutting: A Jewish Tradition
10:15- 11:25 Youth Lounge
www.newcenterboston.org

Bruce Marcus
Bruce Marcus is a local storyteller who has performed throughout the region since 1990. A Boston area story slam 2010 finalist and 2011 and 2012 semi-finalist, Bruce has helped produce and host slams and is feature coordinator for weekly series The Story Space in Cambridge. One of his greatest storytelling thrills is hearing first-time tellers.
Storytelling Games & Open Mic! Theme: mishpocha
11:30-12:30 Yamins Chapel

Daniel Margolis
For over 26 years, Danny Margolis led the Boston Bureau of Jewish Education, an agency known for its innovative approach to educational and organizational change, Israel education, youth & informal education, professional & curriculum development, and educational resources & technology. He is now the CEO of a non-profit consulting group, bbje.org.
Using Jewish Values to Build Better Professional-Lay Relationships
5:00-6:00 Classroom 14
newenglandjjc.org

Benjamin Maron
Benjamin Maron, Director of Content and Educational Resources at InterfaithFamily, is known online as @thewanderingjew. A Canadian nomad of North America currently residing in Brookline, he’s an editor, educator, community organizer, chef, Scrabble player, and baby whisperer.
Welcoming Our Babies
2:30-3:30 Classroom 14
www.interfaithfamily.com

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Ritual Transformation for GLBTQ Celebration
1:15-2:25 Classroom 8

Cindy Rivka Marshall
Cindy uses story to facilitate learning, to build community in synagogues and schools, and for professional development. An invited presenter at Limmud UK and featured at Riverway Storytelling Festival, she works as a consultant to Combined Jewish Philanthropies and Brandeis High School Summer Programs. Her work appears in “Mitzvah Stories.”
Jewish Tales - Live!
10:15- 11:25 Yamins Chapel
Storytelling Games & Open Mic! Theme: mishpocha
11:30-12:30 Yamins Chapel
www.cindymarshall.com

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An invited presenter at Limmud UK in 2012, Cindy Rivka Marshall appears at synagogues, schools and conferences, offering folktales, midrashic stories and storytelling workshops for all ages. She works as a consultant to Combined Jewish Philanthropies and Brandeis High School Summer Programs. Her work was published in the book, “Mitzvah Stories.”
Stories of our Jewish Journeys
2:30-3:40 Classroom 10
www.cindymarshall.com

Jared Matas
Jared Matas has been teaching all ages at JCDS for the past decade. An alumnus of Brandeis DeLeT program, he is pursuing a doctorate of education in the Hebrew College/Northeastern joint program for Jewish Educational Leadership. He is an instructor for faculty at Beth El Temple Center through the Hebrew College Congregational Education Initiative. The Spiritual Lives of Children: Implications for Classroom Teaching
11:30-12:30 Classroom 15

David Micley
David Micley is the Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Prozdor of Hebrew College, an institution that his family has actively been involved in for three generations.
Cousins of Faith: Film Screening and Discussion
1:15-2:25 Classroom 6
www.hebrewcollege.edu
Goldie Milgram
Covenant Award Finalist, director of ReclaimingJudaism.org, & editor-in-chief of Reclaiming Judaism Press, Reb Goldie is acclaimed world-wide for her innovative programs & resources for meaningful Jewish living. Known for her humorous, empowering teaching style & deep scholarship, her new book is Mitzvah Stories: Seeds for Inspiration and Learning.

The God of Curried Fish: A Mitzvah-centered Story and Discussion Session
10:15-11:25 Classroom 10
Biblical Metaphor Reveals: You Really Don’t Know Clouds at All
5:00-6:00 Classroom 10
www.reclaimingjudaism.org

Annette Miller
Annette Miller is about to begin her sixteenth season with Shakespeare & Company. She is the winner of the 2003 Elliot Norton Award and IRNE Award for Best Actress as Golda Meir. She has appeared in several films and on Broadway. Annette is a member of Actor’s Equity.

The Last Jews - An Apocalyptic Comedy/A Play Reading
1:15-2:15 Yamins Chapel

Hal Miller-Jacobs
Hal spent his working life making technology usable to people; he now tries to do this with Torah & Tefillah. He works with both adults and children inviting them to develop stories (mirashim) on Torah themes. He has also been a finalist in the MassMouth story slam competition for the past several years.

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Maureen Mintz
Maureen has been an educator in the Jewish community for over 35 years, working mainly in Jewish day school as a teacher, administrator, and teacher mentor and coach. She has recently become a Weight Loss Coach, combining her interest in food and eating with her desire to help people improve their lives. Jews, God, and Food: The Relationship of Jews and Eating in the Tanakh and Beyond
1:15-2:25 Classroom 10 areyoureadytolose.com

Beth Mintz
Beth Mintz is a CJP Teaching and Technology fellow at Temple Beth Torah in Holliston. Going Digital in the Supplementary Jewish Classroom: What it takes...and gives!
8:45-9:55 Classroom 6

Deanna Mirsky
Deanna Mirsky is a Boston native and writer/speaker. She studied at Prozdor and is a member of Congregation Shaarei Tefillah in Newton and an active LimmudBoston volunteer. Kosher Trash: Building a Cheap and Easy Sukkahleh
11:30-12:30 Classroom 11 Volunteer

Aron Neesman
Aron Neesman grew up in Omaha, NE & earned a B.A. in Religious studies & History from the University of Nebraska Omaha. After college, he continued his studies at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. He went on to earn a Masters in Jewish Education from Hebrew College. He currently works as a Job Coach for Adults with Autism.

Superman or Mitzvah Man? Teaching Jewish Values through Comic Book Super Heroes
2:30-3:30 Beit Midrash

Ruth Nemzoff
Dr. Ruth Nemzoff is the author of Don’t Roll Your Eyes: Making In-Laws Into Family and Don’t Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Rewarding Relationships With Your Adult Children. A frequent speaker on family dynamics, she is a resident scholar at the Brandeis Women’s Studies Research Center. Dr. Nemzoff holds a Doctorate in Administration from Harvard.

Don’t Roll Your Eyes: Make Those Intermarried In-laws into Family
9:00-10:00 Leffel Conference Room
www.ruthnemzoff.com

Sam Norich

But What Does It Mean to The Jews? A Conversation on the Jewish Community and Current Events.
11:30-12:30 Classroom 10
1:15-2:25 Sanctuary

Marla Olsberg
Marla Olsberg has been engaging youth and families in acts of tzedakah for over 20 years in day school and informal education settings. At Jchoice, Marla develops tzedakah curricula and helps families incorporate meaningful tzedakah opportunities around Bar and Bat Mitzvah, with the ultimate goal of continued giving throughout the teen years.

JCHOICE presents Social Media and Tzedakah: Magnifying the Voice of a New Generation
11:30-12:30 Classroom 6
www.jchoice.org

Lilly Platt
The focus of Lilly Platt's professional life has been to help people deal with change and transition. Her background as a Developmental Psychologist, Organizational Development Consultant, and Life Coach has given her a deep understanding of the challenges that come with change.

Change and Transitions in the Tanach and Today
3:45-4:45 Classroom 6
www.hadassah.org

Marcia Plumb
Rabbi Marcia Plumb is the Executive Director and founder of Neshamah for the Soul, an organization that promotes Jewish spiritual well-being. She teaches Mussar at Rashi, serves as rabbi at Mishkan Tefilla, Beth Elohim and Orchard Cove. She has recently moved from London to Boston with her husband Rabbi Dr. Michael Shire and their 2 children.

Spiritual Gym: Exercises for a Healthy Soul
2:30-3:30 Classroom 15
A Taste of Jewish Meditation
5:00-6:00 Classroom 9

Charles Radin
Charlie Radin is Director of Global Operations and Communications at Brandeis University. He worked at The Boston Globe for more than 30 years, serving as Middle East bureau chief from 2001-5, Far East bureau chief from 1993-6, and as a general assignment foreign correspondent during the 1980s and 90s.

But What Does It Mean to The Jews?
11:30-12:30 Classroom 10
Sharon Packer Rivo
Sharon Packer Rivo is Executive Director of The National Center for Jewish Film. Rivo has been a leading force in the field of Jewish film and culture for more than three decades through her work as a curator, programmer, archivist, film distributor, film and television producer. Recipient of many honors & awards, Rivo is on the faculty of Brandeis.
Jews on Screen
3:45-4:45 Beit Midrash

Lex Rofes
Lex Rofes is a Senior in Judaic Studies at Brown. He is the President of Brown RISD Hillel and serves on the Hillel International Board.
He thinks that Judaism and fun need not be mutually exclusive and does not identify with any one Jewish denomination. A Milwaukeean, he has boundless love for the Green Bay Packers and Marquette Golden Eagles.
ESPN-Judaism: Breaking Down the Separation of Shul and Sport
3:45-4:45 Classroom 11

Joseph Rosenstein
Joe Rosenstein is a member of the Highland Park (NJ) Minyan and the author of Siddur Eit Ratzon and Machzor Eit Ratzon; he and his wife are blessed with five daughters, four sons-in-law, and six grandchildren.
A History of Rosh Hashanah and How It Has Changed Over the Years
9:00-10:00 Classroom 8
The Tenth Commandment: “Thou Shalt Not Covet”
10:15-11:15 Classroom 8
www.newsiddur.org

Larry Ruttman
11:30-12:30 Classroom 8
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Yael Linda Schiller
For over 25 years Yael Linda Schiller has been helping people to harness the power of their dreams to enhance creativity, further spiritual awakening, and solve problems in everyday life. Psychotherapist, author, teacher, and consultant in practice in Watertown, MA and national speaker. www.lindayaelschiller.com; blog at www.awaketoyourdreams.com. Dreams, Kabbalah, and Renewal
11:30-12:30 Youth Lounge

Rachel Schoenfeld
Rabbi Rachel Schoenfeld is an aspiring soferet and fascinated with Hebrew letters. She is the rabbi of Congregation Shirat Hayam in Marshfield, MA, and of Hampshire College in Amherst. She spent part of the past summer scribing her ketubah. Hebrew Letters - A Mystical, Rational and Practical Exploration
3:45-4:45 Youth Lounge
www.shirathayam.net

Chuck Schwager
Chuck Schwager is an actor in the Boston area featured in plays, commercials, and indie films. In the recently released indie film “Marranos” set in Spain during the Inquisition Chuck plays a scion of a wealthy Jewish family who choose him to convert and become a Bishop in order to protect the Jewish community.
The Last Jews - An Apocalyptic Comedy/A Play Reading
1:15-2:15 Yamins Chapel

Jessica Schwartz
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Sacred Sound and Healing
2:30-3:30 Classroom 9

Benjamin Shalva
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Two Jews Can Still be a Mixed Marriage
10:15- 11:25 Classroom 11
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Sara Shalva
Sara Shalva is the Director of Enrollment Management at Hebrew College. Sara graduated cum laude from Mary Washington College with a BA in Political Science, and as a Taub Fellow, from NYU with dual masters in Nonprofit Management and Judaic Studies.
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Yoga and Judaism
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Michael Shire
Rabbi Dr. Michael Shire is the Dean of the Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education at Hebrew College. He is the convenor of the Jewish Godly Play Community of Practice, bringing spiritual pedagogy to Jewish classrooms.
Living in a Fragile World: Teaching Conservation to Children Through Spiritual Exploration
3:45-4:45 Classroom 8
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Hanna Tiferet Siegel
Rabbi Hanna Tiferet is a singer/songwriter, spiritual guide, and liturgical artist who brings the heart of compassion into the experience of prayer. She has recorded eight albums of liturgical “soul” music. Hanna is currently blessed to serve as interim rabbi of Congregation B’nai Or of Boston.
Why Do I Exist? A Soul Journey in Four Parts
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Becky Silverstein
Becky Silverstein is a genderqueer rabbinical student at Hebrew College who seeks to create communities where all Jews can enter and be fully present. She co-founded the Queer Interfaith Community, www.queerinterfaithcommunity.org, which strives to make religious communities more inclusive by creating a space for LGBT clergy to support each other.
Ritual Transformation for GLBTQ Celebration
1:15-2:25 Classroom 8
www.keshethonline.org
Jason Henry Simon-Bierenbaum
Building on our people's history of story telling, valuing education, and finding humor in everything, Brandeis graduate Jason Henry Simon-Bierenbaum is an accomplished poet, performer, and educator. He is the current Speak Out Loud Performance Poetry Teaching Artist in Residence at Harvard University.
Art as Tikkun Olam
5:00-6:00 Classroom 15
www.pocketfulofpens.blogspot.com

Tova Speter
Tova Speter is the founder and director of The MEM Project (www.themempjct.org); and is an artist, art therapist, and art educator. Tova has 10+ years of experience leading community murals, engaging students in artistic expressions of their Jewish identity, and reaching out to under-served communities through art.
Sparks of Hope: Art-making Workshop Inspired by Chanukah
8:45-9:55 Youth Lounge
www.themempjct.org

Adam Steinberg
Adam Steinberg is the Northeast Regional Field Organizer for J Street. In the two years prior, he volunteered as a lay activist, helping to build and mobilize J Street's young professional network in Boston. He is an alumnus of the Jewish Organizing Institute and Network.
Possibilities for Peace in Israel
5:00-6:00 Yamins Chapel
jstreet.org/boston

Liz Suneby
Liz Suneby is a writer and author of children and teen books, including The Mitzvah Project Book: Making Mitzvah Part of Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Your Life, as well as a picture book, It's a...It's a Mitzvah. Both books are published by Jewish Lights who will be at LimmudBoston as well.
Create a Great Mitzvah Project @Camp Limmud
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It's a...It's a Mitzvah -- Read-a-long @Camp Limmud
10:30-11:15

Fumio Taku
Rev. Fumio Taku is president of Christians and Jews United for Israel, founding Board member of Rabbis and Ministers for Israel. He lived in Israel for three years as General Manager of an Israeli High Tech Company.
The Anti-Israel Bias in Schools: What are our Children Really Learning?
9:00-10:00 Yamins Chapel

Scott Tepper
Scott A. Tepper, Ed.M. (“Reb Zisha”), is an unlicensed mystic who advocates a Judaism with active exploration and participation, and without labels. He is Religious Leader of United Brothers Synagogue, Bristol, RI, a Mikveh Guide at Mayyim Hayyim, and an active member of Temple Beth Zion, Brookline. He loves his daughters, spicy food, and karaoke.
Spicing Up Birkat ha-Mazon
5:00-6:00 Classroom 16
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Larry Jay Tish
Larry Jay Tish is a playwright, actor, improviser, poet, copywriter, short story, TV, and travel writer. Larry was a freelance copywriter for ten years in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston and wrote humorous travel descriptions of worldwide destinations for VacationCoach.com. You can see some of his acting work at www.larryjaytish.com.
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1:15-215 Yamins Chapel
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Josh Trodeman
Josh Trodeman serves as the president and CEO of JChoice, the Tzedakah Network, connecting teens through Jewish values and commitment to giving. His position at JChoice is a culmination and integration of his life mission to bring Creative Light into the world by contributing energy through the arts, education and the service of others.
JCHOICE presents Social Media and Tzedakah: Magnifying the Voice of a New Generation
11:30-12:30 Classroom 6
www.jchoice.org

Nahum Twersky
Nahum (Neal) Twersky is President of Adcamp Associates, a marketing consulting firm that services major Fortune 100 consumer product companies. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University with a BA in History, a Masters degree in Philosophy, and semikha from its Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological School. He also holds an MBA from New York University. Fruit of the Vine: What Makes Wine Kosher?
10:15-11:15 Classroom 15

Julie Vanek
Julie is the Director of Jewish Learning Connections at CJP.
Educators @ LimmudBoston
10:15- 11:25 Coppleman-Clarke Social Hall

Andrew Vogel
Rabbi Andy Vogel serves Temple Sinai in Brookline, MA, a Reform congregation in Coolidge Corner. Israel’s Declaration of Independence & Jewish Tradition
8:45-9:55 Classroom 15
www.sinaibrookline.org

Moshe Waldoks
Reb Moshe Waldoks serves TBZ (Temple Beth Zion) an independent congregation in Brookline, MA. He is the co-editor of THE BIG BOOK OF JEWISH HUMOR and a Yiddish lover.
Shlimiels and Shlimazels: Fifty Yiddish words You Cannot Live Without!
1:15-2:25 Feinberg Library
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Jessica Weiss
Jessica started her study of yoga in the Kripalu style. One of her favorite experiences is working as a program assistant at the Kripalu Center in Lenox. She studied iyengar Yoga and completed yoga certifications through Baptiste Power Yoga and Fitness Resources. She teaches yoga and pilates at the JCC, Newton and Needham Y’s, and Tufts Health Plan.
Yoga to a Jewish Beat
8:45-9:55 Classroom 9

Davin Wolok
Davin Wolok is the chazzan sheni and ritual director of Congregation Mishkan Tefila. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy from SUNY Stony Brook and has taught Jewish thought at Hebrew College. He is the author of You Can Come Home Again: Musings and Amusings of a Philosopher-Clergyman.
What Comes Next?: Jewish Approaches to the Afterlife
5:00-6:00 Classroom 11

Shawn Zevit
Rabbi Zevit serves in numerous venues as a spiritual leader and congregational, organizational and social justice consultant. Rabbi Zevit is also a recording artist (www.cdbaby.com/Artist/ShawnZevit) and a leader in Jewish Men’s work (www.jewishmensretreat.org/), co-director of DLTI (www.davvenenleadership.com) and a spiritual director in the ALEPH Hapsa’ah program.
Offerings of the Heart: Jewish Values-Based Spiritual Approaches to Money and Community
10:15- 11:25 Feinberg Library
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