



Welcome to **Limmud After Dark 2019** @Harrow College's Enterprise Centre, HA1 3AQ

We hope you enjoy the talks, music, food and drink on offer

Please see the **SESSION PLANNER** overleaf together with a **MAP** of the venue.

An Information Desk can be found in the foyer.

Any one of our volunteers in an **orange t-shirt** will be happy to help you at any time.

From 7.15pm	REGISTRATION
Food from 7.15 - 9.30pm	Bar open until 10.30pm
7.25 - 7.35pm 7.40 - 7.50pm	TEN MINUTE TALKS
7.55 - 8.05pm	HAVDALLAH
8.15 - 9pm	SESSION 1
9.15 - 10pm	SESSION 2
10.15 - 11pm	SESSION 3

Bookstall:	This is located in the foyer and open all evening.
Information Desk	Located in the ground floor foyer
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ROOM	SPEAKER AND TALK	TALK DETAILS	SPEAKER DETAILS
TEN MINUTE TALK 1 7.25 - 7.35pm			
E212	Ruth Soetendorp So Long, Its Been Good to Know You!	When a loved one dies, we know the rituals that apply to the Jewish mourner. But what are the traditions and customs that a community should observe when a Jew dies? How does the Chevra Kadisha's ritual of Tahara contribute to the life of a Jewish community?	Life as a Rebbetzin, Academic and seasoned Limmudnik in Bournemouth and latterly back in London has been full and rewarding. Teaching about Tahara, initiating Chevrei Kadisha and sharing the holy work has been a fulfilling experience.
E104	Merrill Dresner Tribute to Maureen Kendler	Tribute to Maureen Kendler	Longtime friend and supporter of Limmud and active member of Pinner Synagogue
TEN MINUTE TALK 2 7.40 - 7.50pm			
E214	Edwin Lucas The Yellow Candle honours individuals who did not make it.	We will describe the project and show how the older generation can honour the past and how the younger generation can empathise with the names on the cards, in some cases children younger than they are now. We will relate a story of how someone read a name of a former relative.	I am the son of Holocaust parents where many perished. I value my background and honour the past to promote the future. Yellow candle has brought the horrors of yesterday to life and our family remember those that perished, whose names we read out when lighting the candles at our seders.
E104	JDOV Video Maureen Kendler 52%: At the Crossroads	Maureen's JDOV talk takes a look at women in Judaism, what is happening at home and away in this area and sounds a serious warning for the Jewish community about the peril of rendering 52% of its community invisible.	Maureen lived and worked in the Orthodox Jewish community and was constantly frustrated by the indignities and lack of sensitivity sometimes displayed towards the women in the community with the long-term dangers of rendering them unable to and uninterested in making their contribution to the community's future.
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SESSION 1 8.15 - 9.00pm

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E214	Robin Moss Three Israeli Wars (without any actual fighting!)	We will explore three "wars" that fundamentally changed Israel - but where no soldiers took to the field! We'll look at the battle over what the national language should be, a surprising archaeological confrontation at Masada and the tussle for power between the courts and the Knesset in late 1960s.	Robin Moss is UJIA Director of Strategy, leading UJIA's work engaging young British Jews with Israel. He grew up in LJY-Netzer and is a member of the Board of National Officers of Liberal Judaism. A long-time Limmud volunticipator, he is the current editor of Limmud On One Leg
E212	Mia Hasenson-Gross MARVEL(lous) Jewish Superheroes	This session will outline the achievements of Jewish human rights heroes, Hersch Lauterpact, Raphael Lemkin and René Cassin and how they have left a legacy that is increasingly relevant to today's world.	Mia is the executive director of René Cassin, the Jewish voice for human rights, and a human rights activist for over 20 years. She is a graduate fellow of the Dangoor Senior Leadership Programme and of the Minerva Centre for Human Rights at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
E211	Tony Zendle Jews and Jazz	Jews played a massive role in Jazz in its Golden Years as writers, publishers, performers, or band leaders, and helped in the fight against discrimination and segregation in the USA in the last century. This talk chronicles the special relationship between Jews and this unique form of music.	I am a trivia maven collecting the arcane and obscure, especially if Jewish. I write books, notably "Jews and the Sea" and "The Definitive Guide to Jewish Miscellany and Trivia" I give talks on subjects ranging from Superstition to Film. I am a member of the Jewish Historical Society of England.
E207	David Finlay Songs of Peace, Songs of Love	Singer/guitarist David Finlay performs a selection of songs to make you think, reflect and maybe want to join in with. Some will be familiar, some will be new discoveries including a number of David's own compositions on Jewish themes. Together we will join our voices in song.	David is a writer and performer of story songs and performance pieces which bring to life different aspects of modern Jewish history.
E205/6	Luke Akehurst How did the Labour Party get into such a mess over Israel, Jews and antisemitism?	Luke Akehurst uses his insider knowledge as a former member of Labour's National Executive Committee to lift the lid on how the party got into such a mess over Israel, Jews and Anti-Semitism.	Luke Akehurst has been Director of We Believe in Israel since 2011. We Believe in Israel is a BICOM initiative and is a broad coalition of over 18,000 supporters of Israel. Luke is not Jewish but has been a committed Zionist all his life.
E111	Hannah Weisfeld The West Bank - where is it and what does it look like?	Some say settlements are a red herring whilst others believe they are the barrier to peace. Find out where they are and what people mean when they say the word settlement, and decide for yourself if it matters.	Hannah is director and founder of Yachad, which mobilises British Jews in support of a political resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. She passionately believes that Diaspora Jews have a part to play in shaping Israel's future and that Yachad can help British Jews find their voice.
E110	Lee Wax Domestic violence & abuse does not happen in the Jewish Community	Basic facts & stats, to help you recognise domestic violence & abuse. To help you better support Jewish women and children whose lives are affected by it.	Lee Wax is Jewish Women's Aid Comms & Training Manager. She joined JWA for a few months to help out, and six and a half years later is still there - passionate about ending domestic violence & abuse, and violence against women, in the Jewish community.

E104/5	Izzy Posen Judaism, Heresy and Free Speech	I will be drawing from my experience of a dogmatic belief system in my Charedi upbringing to understand dogmatic and censorious strands on campus and why I think that an open atmosphere of discussion and scepticism is so important.	Izzy Posen is a Free Speech activist on campus. He takes inspiration from his struggles leaving the Charedi community and sees parallels between his work and his Jewish heresy.
E004	Robi Damelin and Bassam Aramim Transformation from Hatred to Reconciliation	<p>Robi is the Israeli spokesperson and member of the Parents Circle - Families Forum (PCFF), a group of 600 Israeli and Palestinian families who have lost close family members to the conflict and who work together for reconciliation and a just resolution to the conflict. Robi Damelin's son, David, was killed by a Palestinian sniper in March of 2002 while he was guarding a checkpoint near a settlement during his army reserve service.</p> <p>Bassam Aramin lives in Anata -East Jerusalem. He is a father of 6. Bassam started his struggle against the Israeli occupation when he was 13 years old. In 1985 at the age of 17, he was incarcerated and spent 7 years in Israeli jails between 1985-1992. While in jail, Bassam came to learn and understand the Jewish narrative underlying the Israeli state. Bassam is a member of the Israeli Palestinian Bereaved Family Forum since 2007, after losing his 10 years old daughter Abir, killed by an Israeli border policemen in front of her school in Anata on the 16th January 2007.</p>	

SESSION 2 9.15 - 10.00pm

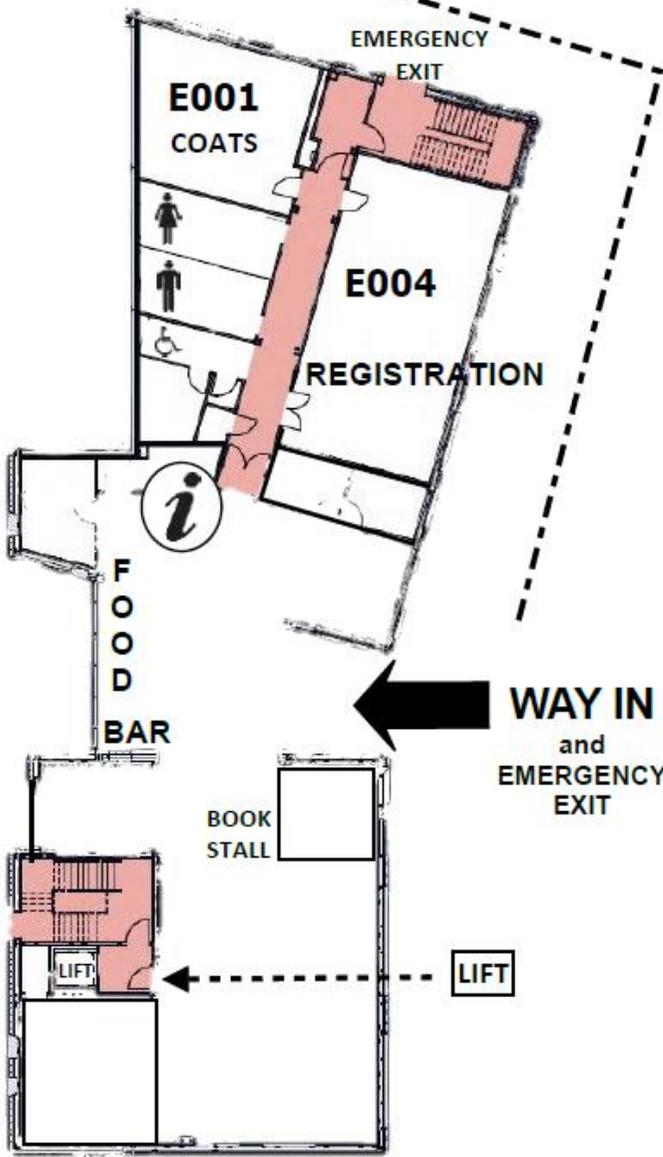
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E214	Melvyn Hartog Talking About Death Will Not Kill You	The talk will let you hear the lighter-side, beautiful and dignified side of an inevitable journey and the opportunity to ask those questions that you have always wanted know about.	Head of Burial for the United Synagogue since January 2002. Served in Royal Navy for 8.5 years. Member of the Home Office Burials, Cremation Advisory Group.
E212	Richard Verber How to Curse a Witch: a practical guide	Protect yourself from the dangers of witchcraft with this handy session. We'll learn a special incantation from the Talmud to be said on encountering witches. We'll also look at why the Rabbis of the Talmud were worried about them. Broomsticks not provided.	Richard is the United Synagogue's communications director. He is a Holocaust educator for March of the Living UK. He is a former Limmud Conference chair and Senior Vice President of the Board of Deputies. He worked for World Jewish Relief for 6 years.
E211	Steve Ogin Yiddish songs, both old and new, with the "London Yiddish Ukulele Group"	Sing along, or just listen to, old and new Yiddish songs, with the "London Yiddish Ukulele Group". We strongly encourage audience participation, providing both English transliterations and translations. From folksongs to theatre songs, from Leonard Cohen to 'Yidl mitn fidl' - and songs for Purim!	Stephen Ogin has been singing Yiddish songs for many years. He formed the "London Yiddish Ukulele Group" with Mike Zuke at the Jewish Music Institute's Yiddish programme "Ot Azoy" in August 2017. He co-hosts the monthly "Yiddish Open Mic Café" which meets at the Poetry Café and the Jewish Museum.
E207	Rachel Rose Reid Sing the Night In: Maariva Aravim	Sink into a blissful session of meditative niguns, and chants and songs based on Hebrew prayer. Maariva Aravim! The evening has arrived!	Rachel is the first British person to be ordained by the Kohenet Hebrew Priestess Institute, which reclaims history & practice of Jewish feminine spiritual & ritual leadership from antiquity to the present day. Rachel co-founded Moishe House London, & was selected by UK Jewish News for '35 Under 35'
E205/6	Aaron Goldstein Count Jews In, Not Out	There are plenty of reasons why Jews have hunkered down and placed barriers to entry to the Tribe, and other eras when pragmatism and realism prevailed. What ere are we in today and how should be responding to the contemporary challenges? Counting Jews in or out?	Aaron is Senior Rabbi of NPLS and Chair of Liberal Judaism's Clergy Conference. Hi motto is to 'Count Jews In, Not Out' and championed LJ's Equal Marriage campaign. He is an avid cyclist and chills out on the allotment with Unorthodox podcast, blues and jazz music.
E111	Rachel Kolsky To The Booth, To The Gallery	Discover how Jewish women (and men) committed to the campaign for votes for women and equal rights for synagogue membership. The Jewish League for Women's Suffrage was the first organisation to link Judaism with suffrage it broke down barriers to political and religious emancipation.	Engaging, informative and entertaining Rachel Kolsky is a popular prize-winning London Blue Badge Tourist Guide, guest cruise lecturer and author of Jewish London and Women's London.
E110	Merphie Bubis Breaking the Silence - Soldiers' testimonies from the occupied territories	What is the Israeli military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza? Learn about this reality through the testimonies of soldiers who have served there. Breaking the Silence aim is to expose the public to the high moral toll of military control over a civilian population.	Frima (Merphie) Bubis, 25 yrs, grew up in Jerusalem, to a Modern-Orthodox family. She served in a Operations Room of The Civil Administration in the West Bank between 2013 and 2015. She joined Breaking the Silence as a testifier, and today is the Jewish Diaspora coordinator for the organization.

E104	David Hirsh Contemporary Left Anti-Semitism and the new populism	I will talk about my book, which the story of the mainstreaming of 'Contemporary Left Anti-Semitism' and I will go on to relate that to the wider context of the mainstreaming of populist movements.	Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London. Author of 'Contemporary Left Anti-semitism'.
E004	Rafi Zarum The Godless Megillah	Why doesn't God get a mention in the Book of Esther? Truth is there are no 'gods' their either. Why? Because the Purim Megillah is at the end of the Bible and is the doorway to the modern secular age. As we shall see...	Raphael is Dean of LSJS where he lectures in Jewish Education and new readings of ancient texts; as well as training teachers, rabbis and educators. He has Semicha (Montefiore Kollel), a PhD (Theoretical Physics KCL), an MA (Adult Education, UCL), and is a Jerusalem Fellow (Mandel School).

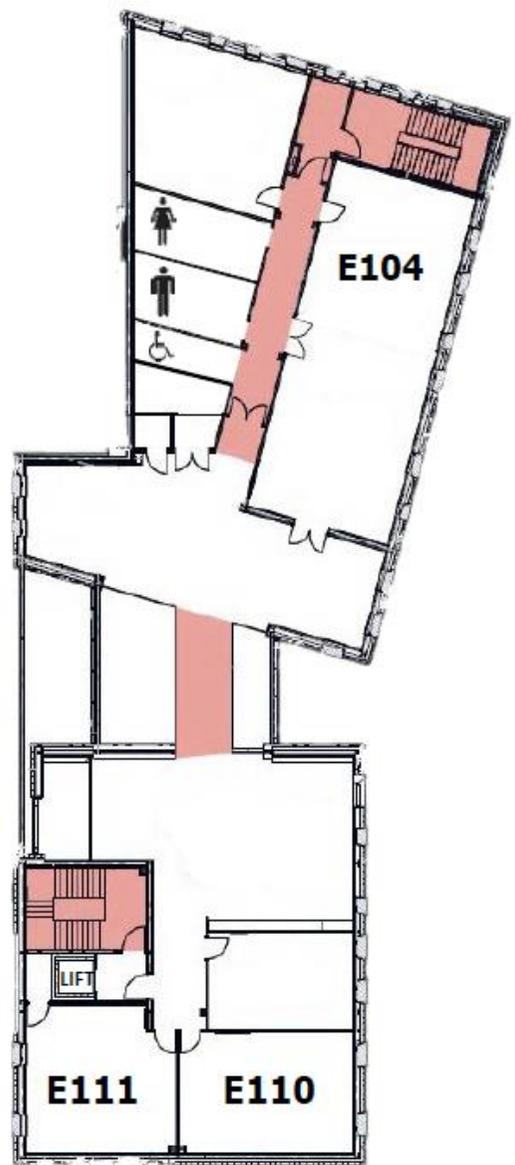
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E212	Adrian Cohen Paleo-Hebrew: its significance in Jewish history and its relevance today	A description of the ancient Hebrew script, its suppression, use and treatment in the Talmud and its significance in contemporary Israeli society	Adrian is a serial macher, with involvement in communal affairs for 35 years. He's lay chair of Labour Friends of Israel & London Jewish Forum and a Jewish Leadership Council trustee. He's also a trustee of Reprieve, campaigning against the death penalty & a partner in an international law firm.
E211	Phil Rosenberg Antisemitism, Brexit, Corbyn: An ABC of Jewish Public Policy	What worries you more? Antisemitism or Brexit? Join this session considering the Jewish community's key current and future challenges. Give your input in to how the communal leadership should engage with the key issues in the months and years ahead.	Phil is the Director of Public Affairs at the Board of Deputies of British Jews, taking a leading role in the community's relations with Government, parliament and different faiths. Phil is also Co-Chair of the Camden Faith Leaders Forum. He was previously a Labour Party councillor in Camden.
E205/6	Olivia Marks-Woldman and Eric Murangwa Commemorating Recent Genocides: in conversation with a survivor of the Genocide in Rwanda	The Holocaust prompted a new international system of justice, and a new word was coined: genocide. Eric Murangwa, footballer and a survivor of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, will be interviewed about his experiences by Olivia Marks-Woldman.	Olivia is a keen Limmudnik, former governor of Moriah JDS, tentative runner, and mum of three fab kids. She is also CEO of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, ensuring that communities across the UK can learn from the Holocaust and genocide, and take steps to make a better future. Eric is a former international footballer, playing goalkeeper for Rayon Sports Football Club. He survived the Genocide in part through the courage and humanity of his teammates, and is now a genocide education campaigner, sport for development and peace campaigner.
E111	Ben Levy The Magic of Jews You Never Knew	I'll be introducing you to the lives of lesser known Jewish magicians (Houdini is so last year). I'll be reviving their memory... and some of their magic	I am a pyschologist and working magician, who is far too passionate about every aspect of conjuring. Just ask my wife.
E110	Barry Kleinberg Universalism in Jewish Thought	We will explore how Judaism views other religions and non-religious groups. Is there room for interfaith work? We will explore the thought of Maimonides, Rabbi Soloveitchik, Rav Kook and Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks.	Barry is a Teaching Fellow at the London School of Jewish Studies. He has been involved in Jewish education for over 25 years. Barry is currently working on his PhD on the subject of Universalism in Orthodox Jewish Thought.
E104	Clive Lawton The People of the Book?	Trailing his upcoming course at JW3, Clive will explore whether or not the Jews can still claim to be 'The People of the Book', and, if so, which book that might be?	A founder of Limmud, Clive is Commonwealth Jewish Council CEO, a Bristol Magistrate, a senior educator at JW3 and has worked in education, policing and justice, health, community development and Third World development. He has four degrees in diverse subjects and has broadcast and published widely.
E004	Jonathan Romain More Confessions of a Rabbi	Yet more astonishing tales about congregational life: a rollercoaster of crises, emotional traumas, moral dilemmas, ghosts, poltergeists and machievellian families, It will be an inter-active session, with you deciding how best to handle some of the hair-raising cases.	Rabbi, writer and broadcaster, Jonathan Romain is minister of Maidenhead Synagogue. He is chaplain to the Jewish Police Association, chair of the Accord Coalition (campaigning for inclusive education) and a Patron of Dignity in Dying.

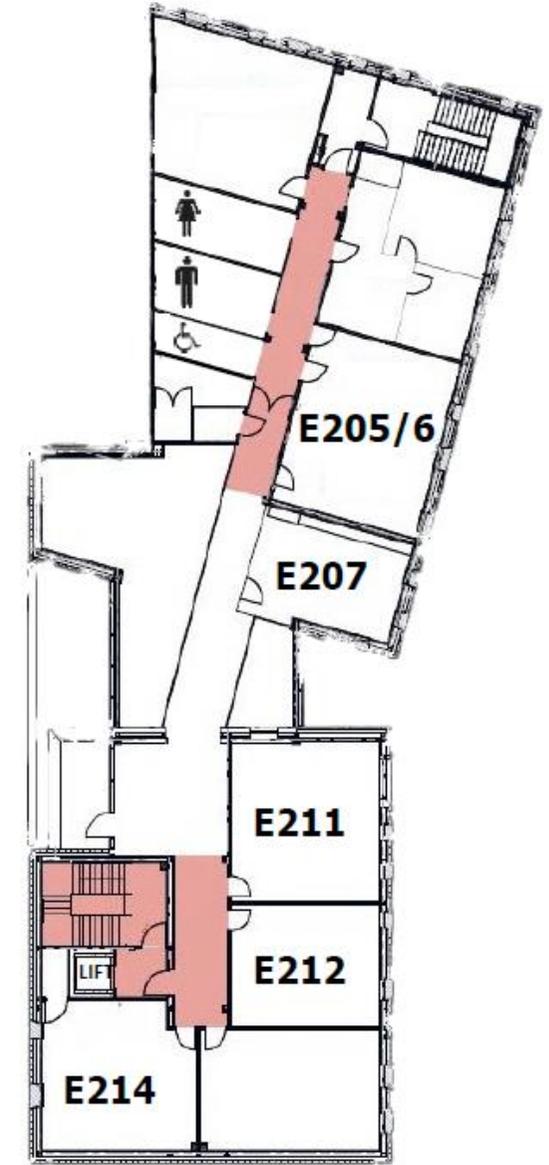
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