

LIMMUD PROGRAMME

MONDAY

Agunah: a communal response to the challenges of agunah

Sarah Anticoni, Dawn Waterman. Monday 10.30am-11.40am/RED 3

Family lawyer Sarah Anticoni will lead a whistle-stop tour of the halachic challenges and possible solutions; share some research from Israel and identify where English law helps and hinders, looking at what may follow next.

The secret Jewish history of vodka

Richard Verber. Monday 8:10pm-9:20pm/RED 4

Many of our ancestors would have kept warm at night with a bottle of vodka while managing inns and taverns in eastern Europe. Come and learn about its Jewish history and taste some samples from Ukraine, Poland and Russia.

TUESDAY

The other F-word: is feminism kosher?

Miriam Shaviv, Ilana Ordman, Doreen Samuels, Hannah Brady.

Tuesday 10.30am-11.40am/MARQUEE 2

How comfortable are Jewish women with the term 'feminism'? What are the biggest barriers faced by women in our community? And what does the future hold for Jewish feminists? Miriam Shaviv chairs a panel of Orthodox and Progressive women discussing what feminism means to them.

Is Anglo-Jewry a safe space for Zionists?

Richard Verber, Emily Hilton, David Collier, James Sorene, Tom Wilson.

Tuesday 2.30pm-3.30pm/RED 1

Is it possible to have a conversation about Zionism in the Anglo-Jewish community without calling adversaries traitors or fascists? This daring panel of community activists and representatives is not to be missed.

Israeli academia's perspective on academic boycotts

Professor Zvi Ziegler. Tuesday 4.40pm-5.50pm/BLUE 34

World-renowned Professor Zvi Ziegler will be giving a lecture on countering academic boycotts of Israel. He will explore the issue in depth, and discuss tactics to combat these boycotts.

Antisemitism and Islamophobia: two sides of the same coin?

Akeela Ahmed, Michael Whine, Richard Verber. Tuesday 6.50pm-8.00pm/ORANGE 12

What can the Muslim and Jewish communities learn from each other's experience of discrimination and hate crime? How can we work together to combat Islamophobia and antisemitism? In a context of rising hate crime in the UK and beyond, our experts discuss these issues of vital importance.

Bridges Not Boycotts

Professor Zvi Ziegler, Fiona Sharpe, Liron Velleman, Ethan Schwartz, Joel Salmon.

Tuesday 6.50pm-8.00pm/ORANGE 10

We are often a reactive community when it comes to Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel, but how can we set the agenda in a positive and powerful way, which pushes for a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict whilst avoiding boycotts? Join leading activists from across the community to discuss this difficult issue.

Strictly Limmud Dancing

Richard Verber. Tuesday 8.10pm-9.20pm/MARQUEE 3

Experience the glitter, the glamour and excitement of the return of Strictly Limmud Dancing where six celebrities (including Richard Verber, Senior Vice President of the Board of Deputies) will be put through their paces by professionals to compete for the Nikki Millan trophy, and YOU decide who wins, guided by four experienced judges.

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith tour of Birmingham: the stories of four diaspora communities

Ruth Jacobs, Anthony Silkoff. Wednesday 8.50am-12.15pm/HILTON ENTRANCE

Visit a mosque, temple and church, to learn about the journeys of the Indian, African-Caribbean, Pakistani and Jewish communities to Birmingham, and the challenges they've overcome. Meet at the entrance to the Hilton hotel at 8:50am for a minibus departure at 9:00am prompt – returning to Limmud by 12.30pm, in time for lunch. Snacks provided. Max 15 participants.

Will our community exist 20 years from now?

Jonathan Arkush. Wednesday 9.15am-10.15am/YELLOW 23

Whether it is antisemitism – from the far right or far left – or assimilation and intermarriage, the Jewish community in Britain faces formidable challenges. In this talk and discussion Jonathan Arkush, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, addresses these concerns. Can we cope with the challenges, or are there good reasons for optimism?

In conversation with Shyam Bhatia, diplomatic journalist

Shyam Bhatia, Richard Verber. Wednesday 12.00-1.00pm/YELLOW 23

Shyam Bhatia was the Middle East correspondent and diplomatic editor of The Observer during the height of the peace process in the 1990s, where he had direct access to the most influential figures of the time. He will recount his near-death experiences, as well as his interaction with figures including Rabin, Peres and Arafat.

British Values?

Clive Lawton, Patrick Moriarty. Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm/RED 8 (BOULEVARD BACK)

British values is a very current idea, and one promoted throughout government departments. We will explore: what does it mean to have British values? What makes them British? Is this an enforcement of cultural homogeneity? What is a Jewish take on the concept? How can they be applied in our Jewish schools?

Humour Wars: food at the frontier of conflict

Marlena Spieler, Joel Salmon. Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm/MARQUEE 1

While we celebrate Israeli food as being a unique and delicious cultural hybrid, humour is a symbol of the conflict for many people in the region. In this session we explore these debates, present an opportunity for how we might conceptualise food as a medium and symbol of conflict and a means to resolve it. We will also have humour!

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