

# LIMMUD@Home Sunday 22 August 2021

## 6:00PM - SESSION 1

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 <p><b>Leon Fenster</b> Taipei</p> <p>Jewish art: From a Haggadah in Beijing to a Sukkah in Taipei</p>	 <p><b>Anshel Pfeffer</b> Jerusalem</p> <p>Israel in the post-Netanyahu era</p>	 <p><b>Marc Katz</b> New Jersey</p> <p>Yochanan's gamble: The controversial move that saved Judaism</p>	  <p><b>Judith Ancer / Karen Milner</b> Johannesburg</p> <p>Beyond tea and tissues: Protecting and promoting mental health at work</p>	 <p><b>Ann Harris</b> Cape Town</p> <p>Beyond our borders: Jewish life today in Sub-Saharan Africa</p>

## 7:00PM - SESSION 2

 <p><b>Caroline Rothstein</b> New York</p> <p>We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For</p>	 <p><b>David Rosen</b> Jerusalem</p> <p>The King(s of Saudi Arabia) and I</p>	 <p><b>Esther Safran Foer</b> Washington DC</p> <p>I want you to know we're still here: A post Holocaust memoir</p>	 <p><b>Tamar Elad-Appelbaum</b> Jerusalem</p> <p>Jerusalem: An ancient teacher of healing</p>	 <p><b>Melinda Silverman</b> Johannesburg</p> <p>Season's greetings: A tour of Jewish history through Rosh Hashana cards</p>
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## 8:00PM - SESSION 3

 <p><b>Yakie Ayalon</b> Jerusalem</p> <p>Scategories - a film (90 minute session)</p>	 <p><b>Wayne Sussman</b> Johannesburg</p> <p>Local government elections: Foregone conclusion or messy muddle?</p>	 <p><b>Daphne Geismar</b> Connecticut</p> <p>Invisible Years: The Holocaust memoir of a Dutch family- the craft of making a book</p>	 <p><b>Aharon Ariel Lavi</b> Negev</p> <p>Biblical agriculture in a post capitalist world: Shmita's relevance for economic and climate justice</p>	 <p><b>Ruben Shimonov</b> New York</p> <p>Bukharian Jews: At the crossroads of Sephardic, Mizrahi, and Russian-speaking worlds</p>
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## David Rosen

### The King(s of Saudi Arabia) and I

In addition to his interreligious contribution to the Abraham accords, David Rosen was part of historic interfaith initiatives with Saudi Arabia, meeting twice with the previous late Saudi King Abdullah. In February 2020, he was the first rabbi and the first Israeli to be received by a Saudi King in his palace in Riyadh. He will discuss these experiences and their significance for the region and for Israel in particular.

## Daphne Geismar

### Invisible Years: The Holocaust memoir of a Dutch family - the craft of making a book

Daphne takes us on a journey through profound loss and remarkable self-discovery that resulted in *Invisible Years*, a book that she composed, designed and produced. Hear the breathtaking stories of eight family members from two generations, who lived in the Netherlands during Nazi occupation and eventually had to go into hiding, children separated from parents. Geismar shares her process of weaving voices and capturing powerful imagery to present this odyssey of human strength over human frailty.

## Esther Safran Foer

### I want you to know we're still here: A post Holocaust memoir

Esther Safran Foer grew up as a child of parents who were each the sole survivors of their respective families. For Esther the Holocaust loomed in the backdrop of daily life, felt but never discussed. When Esther's mother casually mentions an astonishing revelation - that her father had a previous wife and daughter, both killed in the Holocaust - Esther resolves to find out who they were, and how her father survived. *I Want You to Know We're Still Here* is the poignant and deeply moving story not only of Esther's journey but of four generations living in the shadow of the Holocaust.

## Yakie Ayalon

### Scattegories - a film

The film *Scattegories* is about Esther, Emmanuel and Michal, who were born in Israel to migrant parents from Nigeria. In a moment of despair, they were torn away from their Israeli existence to a life of poverty and survival in Nigeria, unable to continue their studies, living for a time on the streets. When Esther celebrated her eighteenth birthday she managed to return to Israel on her own. Israel is not the same home she remembered, but despite everything she is determined to reunite her family there. In this 90 minute session, Yakie will introduce the film and answer questions afterwards.

## Caroline Rothstein

### We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For

We Jews are a storytelling people using language and words to make sense of how we not only survive but also, ultimately, thrive. In this interactive spoken word poetry performance, New York City-based writer, poet, and performer Caroline Rothstein will share a unique set list of original poems, both new and old, rooted in resilience, perseverance, and hope. As we grieve, heal, and process the impact of this past year, no matter where we are in the world, no matter what many identities we hold, no matter what our politics or beliefs may be, may this session be an artistic opportunity for catharsis and joy, even through a screen.

## Judith Ancer / Karen Milner

### Beyond tea and tissues: Protecting and promoting mental health at work

Is a tsunami of mental illness flooding our workplaces? Are you struggling with psychological issues that impact your work? Is your boss a psychopath? Is an employee always absent? A discussion of how workplaces (and individuals) can respond meaningfully to these challenges. And how we can survive and thrive?

## Wayne Sussman

### Local government elections: Foregone conclusion or messy muddle?

It is not clear when South Africans will go to the polls, but what is clear is that these are arguably the most difficult elections to project. The ANC have been plagued by significant internal challenges and service delivery shortcomings, while the opposition have battled to seize the moment and offer compelling alternative solutions. When will the elections take place, will South Africans show up to vote and what is likely to transpire?

## Anshel Pfeffer

### Israel in the post-Netanyahu era

Has a new age dawned in Israel with the departure of its longest-serving prime minister? Does the Bennet-Lapid government signify not just a new style of politics but an evolution of Israeli society?

## Marc Katz

### Yochanan's gamble: The controversial move that saved Judaism

Rabban Yochanan Ben Zakkai is known as the father of Rabbinic Judaism. According to legend, he single-handedly saved Judaism after the Second Temple was destroyed. However, his methods were not without controversy. He was crafty, practical, and pragmatic and history has questioned his behavior ever since. Come study who he was, why he was effective, and make up your mind whether you agree with his tactics.

## Leon Fenster

### Jewish art: From a Haggadah in Beijing to a Sukkah in Taipei

By delving into a selection of Leon's intricate artworks we'll find not just a new form of vivid storytelling, but a window into the latest frontier of Jewish diaspora: Asia. Especially China and Taiwan. Including a Chinese Haggadah, a glass sukkah, a transcontinental Ketubah, and a synagogue that won't keep still.

## Tamar Elad-Appelbaum

### Jerusalem: An ancient teacher of healing

During the days of Covid, on the way to Rosh Hashanah, this session is an invitation to meet with the teacher of hope and healing, Jerusalem, who in our tradition, has always escorted us along the way, wherever we were, and are today. A teacher of hope, courage and faith.

## Ruben Shimonov

### Bukharian Jews: At the crossroads of Sephardic, Mizrahi, and Russian-speaking worlds

The experiences of Central Asia's ancient Jewish community, Bukharian Jews, is situated at the unique intersection of Sephardic, Mizrahi, and Russian-speaking Jewish identities. We will explore the eclectic story of this millennia-old community, discovering the ways in which Bukharian Jews have developed their multifaceted and rich culture, while also shedding light on how their journey fits into the broader historical saga of the Jewish people.

## Aharon Ariel Lavi

### Biblical agriculture in a post capitalist world: Shmita's relevance for economic and climate justice

Aharon's forthcoming book deals with the social and economic aspects of the Shmita, the biblical sabbatical year, which repeats itself every 7th year. The Sabbatical cycle seeks to create a socio-economic mechanism to enable and encourage personal and social growth based on free enterprise and trial and error. In the session Aharon will engage with the core ideas of Shmita, and investigate their relevance for our time, in terms of economics, social justice and climate change.

## Ann Harris

### Beyond our borders: Jewish life today in Sub-Saharan Africa

It is often forgotten that there are still Jewish communities of varying sizes and levels of activity in several Sub Saharan Countries. This continuing fight for the preservation of Jewish identity is coordinated by the African Jewish Congress which operates from South Africa. Its story is one of ongoing modern history.

## Melinda Silverman

### Season's greetings: A tour of Jewish history through Rosh Hashana cards

With Rosh Hashana just days away, it's time to look at that delightful tradition, Yom Tov cards. It all began around the 1880s, with the great migration of Jews from Eastern Europe. Jewish families, separated from their relatives, started sending printed Rosh Hashana cards, an idea borrowed from Christmas cards. The cards followed fashions which changed over time: sentimental Biblical scenes, photographs of the sender's family, celebrations of exciting new technologies (phones, motor cars, aeroplanes), followed by anti-Nazi cards and patriotic Israeli cards featuring soldiers, tanks and fighter jets. These days the field has been dumbed down to mere apples and honey. In short, Rosh Hashanah cards offer a fascinating map of changing Jewish consumer culture over the years.