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# LIMMUD EVENTS IN 2013

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GERMANY  
HONG KONG  
INDIA  
JERUSALEM (FSU)  
JOHANNESBURG  
LOS ANGELES  
MELBOURNE  
MEXICO  
MOD'IN  
MONTREAL  
MOSCOW  
NETHERLANDS  
NEW YORK  
NEW ZEALAND  
ORESUND  
OTTAWA  
PERU  
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STOCKHOLM  
SYDNEY  
TURKEY  
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UKRAINE  
WINNIPEG

*Limmud's promise is that, wherever you find yourself, Limmud will take you one step further on your Jewish journey.*



## DAVID HOFFMAN

**I want to welcome you to Limmud International's first annual review. This builds on previous newsletters, but rather than just including a selection of events, we wanted to give every group the opportunity to be included, so that we can present a picture of what is going on with Limmud groups all round the world. As you will see, it is a picture of vibrant growth and a wide spread of events.**

### **LIMMUD AROUND THE WORLD**

Limmud International supports all the Limmud groups outside the UK in producing a whole range of events and community learning activities. I am delighted that this year has seen so many successful Limmud events across the globe – well over 40 outside the UK. These included first time events in Belarus, Peru, India and Ottawa, Limmud LA's first Fest, and a whole range of events on six continents (a full list of this year's events can be found elsewhere in this Review). Plus we have new groups in Haifa, Italy, Miami, Tel Aviv and Vancouver looking to hold events next year. We are most certainly building toward the goal of a Limmud wherever there are Jews.

### **LIMMUD INTERNATIONAL IN 2013**

Limmud International has been able to support Limmud groups this year in a number of ways:

- Two very successful regional Training on Tour volunteer and leadership development seminars, in Israel, involving six of the Israeli groups, and in Chicago, involving 14 groups across North America.

- More communication with groups and about our activities, including monthly e-bulletins, the Limmud International blog to report on events, and this first Limmud International Annual Review, based on a Limmud-wide survey of groups.
- Launching the Limmud International Resource Directory to encourage the sharing of documents with and between groups online, to supplement the Limmud International Online Forum for discussions of topical issues.
- Providing Limmud groups with chavruta books from the Limmud chavruta project.

If you are a volunteer with a Limmud group, do make sure that your group has access to these resources – especially the online Resource Directory and Forum that you receive our emails (and that we receive yours!), and please do keep us posted with the dates of your events in advance and share reports of your events afterwards for the Limmud International blog.

In addition, I am keen to ensure that every group benefits from a support and development visit from Limmud International when it needs it – whether to help get you started, to support volunteer development, to attend an event or to provide training. These visits to Limmud groups around the world are one of our most important activities, to provide you with mentoring support and development and to help generate and sustain volunteer enthusiasm. Our aim is to visit every group within the next 3 years, and we will be using the information from the recent survey to help plan this programme to make the timing, content and experience as useful as possible.

**THANKS...**

Of course, all of this is very much a team effort, relying on the hard work of a whole host of volunteers and professionals. The work of Limmud International this year has built on the work of my predecessors **Helena Miller** and **Uri Berkowitz**. The Limmud International Steering Group this year has been a valuable forum for discussion and actively helped drive activities forward: thanks to **Toby Axelrod**, **David Bilchitz**, **Rebecca Lester**, **Shlomit Naim-Naor**, **Shep Rosenman** and **Shoshana Waskow**. I would also like to thank those who helped with any of the planning or training of any of our activities, most especially Training on Tour, and the Limmud Board of Directors under the enthusiastic leadership of **Kevin Sefton**, for their support of the activities of Limmud International.

Our volunteers are in turn complemented by key Limmud professionals – most notably **Clive Lawton**, Limmud's Senior Consultant, who has continued to mentor and train groups around the world, and **Dani Serlin**, the Limmud International Coordinator, whose organisational skills, dedication and enormous hard work makes possible so much of what Limmud International does. My thanks also to **Shelley Marsh**, Limmud Executive Director, and the Limmud Office team for all their assistance and work throughout the year, and to **Sara Averick** who has continued to ensure that Limmud's profile is expanding worldwide.

In 2013 there were

**54 LIMMUD  
EVENTS**

**RUN BY 3,000  
VOLUNTEERS**

**WITH 25,000  
PARTICIPANTS**

In 2013 there are now

**80 LIMMUD  
GROUPS**

**IN 38  
COUNTRIES**

**ON 6  
CONTINENTS**

The work of Limmud International is also made possible by the generous support of many organisations and individuals, but in particular the **Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv Europe)**, the **Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation** and **Pears Foundation** as well as the **JDC** which directly supports many Limmuds around the world.

And of course, all of this would be meaningless without the hard work and dedication of all the many thousands of people around the world who generate Limmud communities and create Limmud events. To all of you, my thanks and congratulations on all the plentiful and various fruits of your labours – may we all go from strength to strength in the coming year.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be chair of Limmud International this year and I look forward to another even more fulfilling year next year.

**DAVID HOFFMAN**  
CHAIR, LIMMUD INTERNATIONAL  
DECEMBER 2013

## Limmud SA Cape Town

[WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.ZA](http://WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.ZA)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 2 – 4 AUG 2013



Limmud Cape Town has had an exceptionally busy 2013. Not only did we participate in a national training seminar in Johannesburg and hold regular volunteer meetings, but we organised an exciting one-day Taste of Limmud event in May and a weekend-long Limmud Conference in August. We have also represented ourselves at official Cape Jewish community events, such as the Yom Ha'atzmaut event, the Ignite Young Leadership Development initiative and the Board of Deputies Conference on Safe Spaces, thereby increasing our presence in the community.

Our Taste of Limmud event, chaired by Orli Barnett and Lara Fish, featured a host of exciting presenters and a full Young Limmud programme. Delegates were treated to 10 sessions including a hands-on challah baking workshop, a panel discussion on Jewish education and even a journey into finding their Jewish J-spot!

On Friday 2 August, hundreds of Cape Town Jews began the annual exodus to the Protea Technopark hotel in Stellenbosch for our 7th residential Limmud Conference. The weekend-long event was an unprecedented success, with all spaces booked for both the full conference and the Sunday visitor option. Partnerships with youth movements and student organisations meant a much larger youth presence than in previous years, with delegates commenting on the increased energy and "buzz" at the venue. Over 130 sessions were held, over 80 presenters shared their talent and enthusiasm, and even the weather cooperated. A huge thanks must go to all of the incredible Limmud Cape Town volunteers for putting together such an exciting event.



## AFRICA

Preparations are already underway for 2014. We hope to focus on increased volunteer recruitment and on-going training to increase our capacity in the future. Our goal is for Limmud Cape Town to be the premier space for Jews, young and old, to express and experience their Judaism.

BY GABI SULCAS, CHAIR OF CONFERENCE

## Limmud SA Durban

[WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.ZA](http://WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.ZA)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 5 – 6 AUG 2013



A resoundingly successful Limmud conference was held in Durban on the 5th and 6th of August.

Flanked by excellently attended and positively received conferences in Cape Town and Johannesburg, Durban held its own and enjoyed glowing reviews throughout and post the event.

For two evenings at the Durban Jewish Club, local delegates and visitors to Durban shared their Jewish experiences, thoughts, observations and insights.

The atmosphere was charged as people bustled from one session to another enjoying the balanced and substantial programme. The dinners were festive and the workings almost seamless, testimony to the dedicated team of volunteers who spared no effort in tailoring the experience for the Durban community.

Both national and international presenters, of which there were 12 and 9 respectively, drew good crowds.

Likely to have been the most well attended of sessions was the JDov-style talk. Giving the "Jewish talk of their lives" in 12 minutes were a well-published political analyst, an Orthodox Rabbi and world-renowned



thinker, and - representing the locals - a brave young humanitarian. These eloquent presenters expressed with candid openness their nuanced love of Judaism and in so doing inspired many present to appreciate their own.

If in life we endeavor to keep growing, then Limmud is like a watering can. The UK-born Jewish learning concept is providing an annual sprinkling of holistic enrichment across the Jewish world, and here in Durban it is now firmly rooted in the Jewish calendar of events.

BY TERRI PILLEMER, LIMMUD DURBAN COMMITTEE MEMBER  
(MARKETING & FUNDRAISING)



## Limmud SA Johannesburg

[WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.ZA](http://WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.ZA)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 9 – 11 AUG 2013



Limmud SA Johannesburg saw two new volunteers step up to chair the region in 2013. Daniel Barnett, who grew up in Habonim Dror and Hinda Mendelow, a graduate from Torah Academy and Chabad, hailed from vastly different parts of our community yet came together to take Limmud SA Johannesburg forward to new and greater heights.

Our first event of the year was a Taste of Limmud held at the Maboneng Precinct in the centre of the city. This area was once near the epicentre of Jewish Johannesburg, but Jewish life and activity in the centre of the city has been on the decline for a number of years. The event, which was well-attended and diverse, was a great way to kick off our campaign for the main conference.

We also decided to move our residential conference to Johannesburg, instead of hosting it outside of the city. Due to a national holiday on the Friday, we were able to host our first ever hybrid model, where people could either come for the Friday and/or the Sunday, or the full weekend residential Shabbat experience. We were unsure if delegates would be willing to spend a considerable amount of money for an event which was 25 minutes' drive from their homes. However, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Our volunteers pulled off the best Limmud residential event held thus far in Johannesburg. We had over 400 people for the weekend and an additional 500 day visitors. We look forward to continued growth next year. It is gratifying to see almost all of our core volunteers committed to 2014 and so many new volunteers step up to be involved in 2014.

BY WAYNE SUSSMAN, NATIONAL CO-CHAIR LIMMUD SA

## Limmud China

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LAST EVENT: 4 – 5 APR 2013



Volunteers worked together across China to create their first Limmud China event that took place just outside Beijing near the Great Wall of China in 2012, drawing presenters and participants from across Asia. Building on this success, the team brought the event to Shanghai in April 2013, a highlight of the Destination Shanghai events sponsored by the JDC to celebrate the culture and history of the Jewish community in Shanghai.

## Limmud Hong Kong

LAST EVENT: 12 MAR 2013

Just hours before the first Limmud Hong Kong the majority of the community was still asking, what is Limmud? Yet, despite this (as well as the fact that only 25 people signed up prior to the event), the inaugural Limmud Hong Kong, sponsored by the Hong Kong Jewish Community Centre, drew participation from approximately 85 members of the community representing an incredible cross section.

For some it was the novelty of the event, for others it was the chance to be part of something bigger and connected to the larger Jewish world and for others it was the content offered. And for a few, though less inclined to admit it, it was the cocktail and dessert party or the more than gentle nudge from one of their organizer friends. Irrespective of the motivations of the participants, it was an incredible start to something big for this community.

The majority of the team of organizers attended and were inspired by the Great Wall Limmud held last year in Beijing and were eager to create an even more local version of this event back home in Hong Kong.

This communal experiment was designed to run the course of one evening with two learning sessions, of three options each, followed by a cocktail party featuring live music. Here we learned about Maimonides and infected mushrooms, Talmud and tofu, but what we really learned, was that there is so much to learn from one another. We needn't look further than our own friends and neighbors to source talent, knowledge, unique perspectives and creativity; our own innovative, diverse and engaging program was right here for us.



It was refreshing in a community set in the heart of city that worships commercialism, rapid change and abundance; sometimes it is just a tried and tested yet simple formula that achieves success.

BY ERICA LYONS (EDITED FROM HER ARTICLE IN EJEWISHPHILANTHROPY.COM, MARCH 13 2013)

## Limmud India

LAST EVENT: 3 NOV 2013



Inspired by their experiences at Limmud China in 2013, a group of young volunteers in Mumbai have this year established a Limmud community. Growing their team and awareness of Limmud, they held a successful Taste of Limmud on 3 November experienced by over 100 participants. They are working on plans for a full Limmud event in 2014.



## AUSTRALASIA

### Limmud Fest Melbourne

[WWW.LIMMUDFEST2013.COM](http://WWW.LIMMUDFEST2013.COM)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 22 – 24 NOV 2013



Limmud Fest took place in the warmth of November 2013. It is an innovative residential event, where learning and socialising are combined with a Shabbat experience and an outdoorsy festival atmosphere. Limmud Fest is about being part of a vibrant, inclusive community, enjoying dynamic and diverse learning sessions and live performance, meeting new people across all denominations and political opinions and relaxing amongst scenic bush surrounds.

BY ANNETTE CHARAK

### Limmud Melbourne

[WWW.LIMMUDOZ.COM.AU](http://WWW.LIMMUDOZ.COM.AU)

[INFO@LIMMUDOZ.COM.AU](mailto:INFO@LIMMUDOZ.COM.AU)

LAST EVENT: 16 JUN 2013

NEXT EVENT: 7 – 9 JUN 2014



In June 2013, more than 300 people with different outlooks and opinions came together in Melbourne to warm their Jewish spirits on a winter's afternoon. The occasion was Yom Limmud, a sharp and interesting half-day program, and a new event for Melbourne.

The full Limmud Oz festival alternates between Melbourne and Sydney each year, and with the full event in Sydney this year, Yom Limmud provided Melbourne Limmudniks with a very welcome shot in the arm of learning.

In a program featuring overseas guests and local presenters, the questions raised sparked discussion and debate, interest and controversy:

- What does Judaism mean?
- How have artists perceived and depicted biblical women?
- How do the state and religion interact in Israel?
- What does the Jewish education landscape look like in Melbourne?

Planning is now in full flight for the full Limmud Oz 2014 which will take place in Melbourne, with an exciting international speaker lineup and ideas to include special interest streams for Israeli Australians and Russian speaking members of the community, and to enhance the performance side of Limmud Oz.

BY ANNETTE CHARAK





## Limmud NZ (New Zealand)

[WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.LIMMUD.ORG.NZ)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 10 – 11 AUG 2013



Limmud NZ's fourth annual Limmud over the weekend 10-11 August was another huge success! While we are tiny and far-flung by international standards, our presenters and participants were world class...starting from our opening plenary session on Shabbat afternoon with Ruth Calderon through to the last session with Rafi Zarum on Sunday evening, with fabulous local and international speakers in between.

Limmud NZ has succeeded in bringing together Jews from across the religious spectrum and involving many unaffiliated Jews who rarely if ever come to Jewish events. For the first time we had more local applicants for presenting slots than we could accommodate which was a lovely conundrum for us. We feel Limmud has a secure place on the NZ Jewish community calendar as the biggest Jewish event of the year here. While the smallness of our community is sometimes viewed as a negative, it also acts as a positive force in that Limmud can't afford to only deal with one or two parts of the community – we must appeal to everyone to succeed. As a result both youth groups (Bnei Akiva and Habonim Dror) had an active role in Limmud. Children were welcomed with special programming, all Rabbis in the community attended as well as Jews from all corners of NZ (and a few from Australia).



This year we also pushed the “volunticipation” model hard, and as a result more than half our participants volunteered in some capacity or another. Creating a culture where people both value and pay for Limmud, and contribute actively through volunteering, is a focus for us.

Challenges remain – the core Steering Group (most of who have been involved for years) is trying hard to implement a succession plan to replace ourselves. We have developed a great product and now we need to hand that over to the next group to flourish in new directions. We are looking forward to Limmud NZ 2014....

BY TANYA THOMSON, ON BEHALF OF THE LIMMUD NZ 2013 STEERING GROUP



# Limmud Sydney

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 LIMMUD@SHALOM.EDU.AU  
 LAST EVENT: 8 – 10 JUN 2013  
 NEXT EVENT: 15 JUN 2014

**Limmud-Oz** This year was a significant year of growth and development for Limmud Sydney. Our major 2.5-day event (non-residential), Limmud-Oz, was held over the long weekend in June and was a great success. It was the biggest ever, with over 1,200 people in attendance, and by many accounts, the best ever too. We also made huge strides with our Young Limmud program, which was a target area for this year. It grew spectacularly with quality programming for three age groups. In fact, overall, there was a much higher level of participation of younger people (young adults and children), which is a segment we work very hard to attract.

Limmud-Oz also made headlines in the Jewish press this year due to the inclusion of a presenter who holds very controversial and critical views on Israel (even though his session wasn't actually about Israel). It provoked a great deal of discussion in the community about the idea of red lines and the place of Limmud in the community.

The main change and challenge this year revolved around our transition to a more fully volunteer-led model. Limmud Sydney operates through the support of The Shalom Institute. Limmud is becoming more autonomous and this year was the first year volunteers chaired Limmud-Oz. This was a very positive step but managing the dynamic and working relationships between volunteers and staff needs a lot more attention.



Photo credit: Shirli Kirschner



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In the last year or so, the Limmud Sydney Board also decided to invest in volunteer development by dedicating significant funds to send two volunteers to Limmud Conference in the UK. This was done in 2012 and again this year.

In 2014, we will hold Yom Limmud (a day event) in June and our third Limmud Fest in November, which we hope will grow.

BY MICHAEL MISRACHI, COORDINATOR



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## Limmud France (Limoud France)

**WWW.LIMOUD.ORG**

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**LAST EVENT: 15 – 17 FEB 2013**

**NEXT EVENT: 28 FEB – 2 MAR 2013**



The three day national Conference of Limmud France took place in the beautiful setting of Parc Hotel Coudray Montceau, 35 kms south of Paris. This was the 7th national Conference and, as the previous ones, it was a great success. 600 participants joined the Conference and its 160 activities, including sessions in English, and a special program for children and youngsters. Participants came from all over France, as well as from more than 10 different countries (Israel, USA, Mexico, UK, Spain, Belgium, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Luxembourg).

The program included all types of activities (Culture, History, Torah, Leadership, Community, Israel, etc.), with two special themes: Spain (with lectures covering the history of Spanish Jews and also art, music, literature, architecture etc.) and the Couple (with sessions that dealt with the romantic encounter, the communication inside the couple, the desire, the divorce, the gay marriage etc). We also organized sports activities (walks in the Parc with the KKL, Krav Maga, running, dance), theater plays, and games. Three different Shabbat services took place (Orthodox, Masorti, and Liberal) and Limmud is probably the only place in France where this is possible.

As usual with Limmud France, the thrill was not only in the activities, but also in the wonderful atmosphere that developed all over the 3 days, and which enabled many encounters, unexpected discussions, and even improvised concerts in the lobby of the hotel. The food was also great, especially for Shabbat dinner with a fully packed dining room singing together Kiddush and various songs.

Half of the participants were coming for the first time and several of them are already enthusiastic and ready to come back! Once again, the organization of this big event went on (almost) smoothly, thanks to the amazing team of 60 volunteers. No burn-out: we are planning the next Conference that will take place from February 28th to March 2nd, 2014. Join us !

BY ELIE LOBEL, PRESIDENT

## Limmud FSU Belarus

**WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG**

**CONTACT VIA WEBSITE**

**LAST EVENT: 31 MAY – 2 JUN 2013**



Over 500 Jews from across Belarus, most of them aged between 20-40, gathered in the town of Vitebsk, Belarus from May 31-June 2, 2013 for the first Limmud FSU Belarus. This featured a packed program of lectures, workshops, round-table discussions, music and a wide selection of cultural events held simultaneously in six different halls, many of them inspired by the fact that the conference took place in Vitebsk, the hometown of Marc Chagall, the celebrated Jewish artist.

Among the presenters at the conference were leading academics, politicians, writers and artists from the USA, Israel, Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. Prior to the Limmud FSU festival in Vitebsk, a series of ceremonial events took place in Vishneyeva, Belarus, the town where Israel's President Shimon Peres was born, to celebrate his ninetieth birthday. As part of the events in Vishnyeva, a special photographic exhibition was opened dedicated to the life and work of President Peres and a plaque was unveiled on the building which now occupies the site where President Peres grew up. Earlier in the day,

Limmud FSU representatives and participants, together with citizens of the town, held an emotional memorial service at the "Valley of Death" monument which commemorates the 2,000 Jews of Vishnyeva murdered at the hands of the Nazis.

Following the Limmud FSU festival, participants took part in festivities which launched a series of events around the world marking the 100th birthday of former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The commemorative event, organized by Limmud FSU, the Jewish community of Brisk (Brest) and the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, took place in front of the school in Brisk that Begin attended as a child and marked the official launching of a series of events to honour the former prime minister and Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

BY CHAIM CHESLER, LIMMUD FSU FOUNDER

## Limmud FSU Moldova

[WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 10 JUN 2012



Limmud FSU Moldova held its first event in 2012. Alternating with Limmud FSU Belarus, it did not hold an event in 2013 but is working towards its next event.

## Limmud FSU Moscow

[WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG) / [WWW.LIMMUD.RU](http://WWW.LIMMUD.RU)

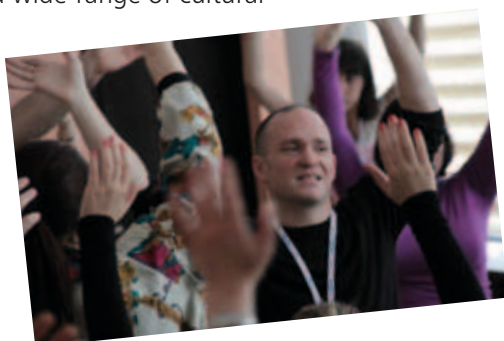
CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 11 – 14 APRIL 2013



A record number of 1,100 participants, mainly from Moscow, but also from other cities in Russia and the former Soviet Union, gathered in April this year for the largest Limmud FSU Moscow in the six years since its inception. Limmud FSU conferences are considered to be one of the most prestigious of Jewish cultural events in the FSU, providing a festival of Jewish learning with a packed program of lectures and a wide-range of cultural events

presented in three different languages – Russian, English and Hebrew. The



event in Moscow is the flagship of the Limmud FSU project for young Russian-speaking adults. Among the presenters were leading academics, politicians, writers and artists from the U.S., Israel, Russia and elsewhere, including Israeli TV presenter Gil Hovav, theatre producer Mark Rozovsky, Limmud co-founder Clive Lawton, the distinguished Russian journalist Nikolai Svanidze, businessman Eugene Kogan, social activist Lev Rubinstein, economist Mark Urnov, blogger Anton Nossik and many others.

BY ROMAN KOGAN, LIMMUD FSU CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

## Limmud FSU St Petersburg

[WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG) / [WWW.LIMMUD.SPB.RU](http://WWW.LIMMUD.SPB.RU)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 25 – 27 OCT 2013



On October 25 Limmud FSU came to St. Petersburg for the third time. Some 400 people attended the conference during three wonderful days packed with educational opportunities and entertainment of all sorts; all in the usual Limmud spirit of pluralism and volunteering, together with like-minded people who had come to celebrate the phenomenon of Limmud in Russia and C.I.S. Staying as we were, not far from the summer residence of Russian monarchs that is often referred to as the "Russian Versailles," emphasized the disconnect of Jewish history, inasmuch as Jews could never have stayed here just a hundred years earlier. Amazing that a Jewish conference could be held in the historical shadow of Russian royal history!



Limmud in St. Petersburg cherishes its really intimate nature and its local cultural heritage. Topics included entrepreneurship, leadership, the Holocaust, educational philosophy, history, cinema, fashion, Judaism, the Middle East and, of course, Israel. Presenters included Aharon Weiss, a Holocaust survivor and historian, who delivered a lecture on Jewish historical memory in the former Soviet Union, Israeli actress Yelena Yaralova, the poet and philosopher Lev Rubinstein and the historian Ilya Altman from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany.

Limmud FSU St Petersburg was a great success and promises to go from strength to strength in the future.

BY LARISA POPOVSKAYA

## Limmud FSU Ukraine

[WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 6 – 8 OCT 2013



This year's Limmud FSU Ukraine was the seventh Ukraine event and the third in Odessa, one of the key cities of Eastern European Jewry. Limmud was held in the picturesque district of Arkadia, and brought the sunshine to Odessa! The three day event had 500 participants, including from Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Moldova and even from the USA and Israel.

Presenters included the famous Russian actor Benjamin Smekhov, the writer Victor Shenderovich and Israeli reggae band Kozmo.

Like all Limmud events, it is volunteers that make things happen. It is not

typical of the Soviet mentality to do something for just a thank you, but Limmud makes miracles happen. Volunteers organize the audiences, volunteers interpret for non-Russian-speaking presenters, volunteers solve all problems and are always ready to give a helping hand!

BY LARISA POPOVSKAYA, ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

## Limmud Germany (Limmud.e.V.)

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LAST EVENT: 9 – 12 MAY 2013

NEXT EVENT: 30 MAR 2014

[limmud.de](http://limmud.de)

In 2013, Limmud Germany held its annual Festival, a four-day

residential event situated by a lake outside of Berlin. Currently in its sixth year, it attracted 420 participants with more than 150 workshops. Highlights (among many) included a session on Jewish jokes, lectures on current political developments in Israel, Jews and genetics, special programs for children and a Shabbat evening celebrated together by



all participants. Given the special makeup of the Jewish community in Germany, Limmud Germany is a trilingual event, featuring programs in German, Russian and English. The large Russian language track and translations of workshops are provided especially as a means to include all parts of the Jewish community in Germany.

Additionally, together with ELES, a scholarship program for Jewish students in Germany, a group of 50 students attended as participants, presenters and volunteers. Sponsored by ELES as part of their educational support for their scholarship holders, this mutually beneficial collaboration is planned to continue in the coming years.

Apart from the Festival, Limmud Germany also saw another day event in Hamburg, thus continuing this event's success as a means to give impulses to a city where community life is being discussed controversially. In this context, Limmud is able to help in creating a space where contentious topics can be debated in a respectful atmosphere and this way has become an element in shaping current discourse in the local community.

During the summer the board of Limmud Germany was newly elected and at the same time widened, thus more people now share in the responsibilities with regard to overseeing Limmud's activities in Germany. Also, new members were welcomed to the event team, bringing the number of core group volunteers to nearly 30. Together, everyone is highly motivated to help bring Limmud another step forward in the year 5774 and beyond.

BY JONATHAN MARCUS, HEAD OF THE BOARD, FESTIVAL CHAIR

## Limmud Hungary (Limmud Magyarország)

[WWW.LIMMUD.HU](http://WWW.LIMMUD.HU)

LAST EVENT: 1 DEC 2012



Limmud Magyarország számára 2013 az építkezés éve volt. Az alapítvány életében komoly változások történtek és ennek megfelelően igyekszünk felépíteni egy fenntartható rendszert, mielőtt egy komolyabb esemény szervezésébe kezdenénk. Ebben az évben több önkéntesképzést tartottunk, több önkéntesünk látogatott el más Limmudokra és képzésekre. A következő években tervezünk egy, az eddigieknél sokkal nagyobb és nagyobb közösséghez szóló Limmudot tartani Magyarországon.

*For Limmud Hungary, 2013 was the year of self-building and going back to the roots. There were several changes in the foundation and we are trying to build a sustainable system before jumping into the organization of a big event. This year we organized several volunteer trainings, we sent our volunteers to other Limmud events and trainings. In the upcoming years, we are planning the biggest ever Limmud event in Hungary that would speak to a wider community.*

BY RÉKA ESZTER BODÓ, CHAIR

## Limmud Italy (Limmud Italia)

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**NEXT EVENT: 1 – 2 JUN 2014**

Limmud Italia is still in its early stage. We are growing our team of volunteers and establishing the leadership. We are looking to include fundraisers and plan to assume a legal status (e.g. Cultural Association) in order to be able to receive donations. Our website has gone live and we are planning to hold our first event in June 2014.

BY MIRIAM CAMERINI, PROGRAMMING CHAIR

## Limmud Keshet Baltics

**WWW.LIMMUD.EU**  
**CONTACT VIA WEBSITE**  
**NEXT EVENT: 14 – 16 FEB 2014**



This year Limmud Keshet Baltics took a step back from their annual conference to reconsider their plans for future activities. Their event base has been Lithuania, drawing participants from both Estonia and Latvia.

## Limmud Keshet Bulgaria

**WWW.LIMMUD.INFO**  
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**LAST EVENT: 15 – 17 MAR 2013; 28 AUG – 1 SEP 2013**

During 2013 Limmud Keshet Bulgaria continued to hold two successful events: a mini-Limmud weekend in the Spring and a longer residential conference with around 700 participants at the end of summer. This year the conference moved to a new site which was felt to improve the overall participant experience. The team are planning for their next mini-Limmud in March 2014.

## Limmud Keshet ExYu

**WWW.LIMMUD-KESHET-EXYU.ORG**  
**CONTACT VIA WEBSITE**  
**LAST EVENT: 7 – 10 NOV 2013**

The Limmud Keshet ExYu volunteer community with support from the JDC have led the way in the global Limmud world for trans-national cooperation, with its core team members living in different countries and rotating their event between Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia and this year Montenegro. These gatherings regularly outnumber the size of the local Jewish community for their duration. This year's event in Montenegro attracted several hundred participants. The team is now planning events for next year and hopes to start operating teams in more than one country to create more frequent events.

## Limmud Keshet Poland

**WWW.LIMUD.PL**  
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**LAST EVENT: 29 NOV – 1 DEC 2013**



Held in Warsaw but drawing participants and presenters from Krakow and beyond, Limmud Keshet Poland's annual conference creates a vibrant learning community of around 1,000 participants. Limmud provides a significant opportunity for exploring Jewish identity in different forms and strengthening the Jewish community.

## Limmud Keshet Romania

A new volunteer team has emerged for Limmud in Romania, with a number of its leaders inspired by attending Limmud Conference UK and following participation in the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe Matara Youth Leadership programme. They are currently planning their first event to be delivered by the new team for January 2014, building on previous Limmud events in Romania.

## Limmud Netherlands (Limmoed Nederland)

[WWW.LIMMUDSE.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDSE.ORG)

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LAST EVENT: 6 OCT 2013

NEXT EVENT: 23 FEB 2014

This year Limmoed Nederland (Netherlands) has organised two 'Limmoeds' instead of one. We decided to go outside Amsterdam into the Dutch provinces. This way we attracted new participants and new volunteers that have not participated in Limmoed before. Both Limmoeds were very successful. Our next Limmoed is planned on Sunday 23rd of February '14 in Amsterdam. You are all invited.

BY DANIEL ELZAS, CHAIR OF LIMMOED NETHERLANDS FOUNDATION

## Limmud Oresund (Ö / Øresundslimmud)

[WWW.ORESUNDSLIMMUD.ORG](http://WWW.ORESUNDSLIMMUD.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 10 MAR 2013

NEXT EVENT: 9 MAR 2014



LundaLimmud 2012 expanded into Oresundslimmud for 2013, becoming a region-wide Limmud for Jews in an area that includes Lund and Malmö in Sweden and greater Copenhagen in Denmark. In the process, we committed to being a tri-lingual: at our annual learning festival, each block of sessions includes choices in Swedish, Danish, and English. Our programme book and our website reflect this, as do all of our communications whenever possible.

Everyone was rewarded for all of this effort. Despite lousy weather (even by our standards!), 160 people from all over the region participated in our second annual event in March, which included 36 diverse sessions offered in three languages. Topics ranged from the serious (Current Medical Questions from a Jewish Perspective presented in Swedish by neurologist and rabbi Peter Bornstein; "Friends and foes" growing up together in Vienna after the war: Interviews with my class mates 50 years later presented in English by Danish/German writer Helen Liesl Krag) to hands-on workshops – team members Sonja Gelvan and Scott Chase offering a bi-lingual session called You say tschulent, I say cholent! Let's make it! Du säger cholent, jag säger tschulent. Låt oss göra en! – with everything in between. (Our tri-lingual Programme Handbook is still on-line on our website).

A highlight of the event was the participation of Danish chief rabbi emeritus Bent Melchior. In his session, What About Interfaith Marriage, the active octogenarian asked himself difficult questions, and answered equally challenging ones from participants. Another very popular session was founding Oresundslimmud co-chair Jeremiah Richter's walking tour of old Jewish Lund.

The day ended with the pop-up Oresundslimmud chorus leading us in song, and everyone getting a taste of the cholents that were made during the session. As should any good Limmud event, it left all of us wanting more.

BY REBECCA LILLIAN, PROGRAMME CHAIR

## Limmud Stockholm

[WWW.LIMMUD.SE](http://WWW.LIMMUD.SE)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 16 – 17 NOV 2013


**LIMMUD** Limmud Stockholm STOCKHOLM held its 6th annual Limmud event in November 2013, which was a great success with over 650 people attending. Limmud Stockholm has become one of the largest and most important Jewish

activities in Stockholm. As well as the locals, the annual motzei Shabbat and Sunday event draws participants from across Scandinavia and beyond.



## Limmud Turkey

WWW.LIMMUDTR.ORG  
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LAST EVENT: 2 – 3 NOV 2013

 Limmud Turkey is the premier Jewish learning experience in the Turkish Jewish community, gathering around 1,200 participants, nearly 10 per cent of the Istanbul Jewish community. Limmud Turkey is also the inspiration for new learning initiatives in the Jewish community. The team look forward to celebrating their 10th anniversary event in 2014.

## Limmud Vienna

Limmud Vienna saw a pause for regrouping in 2013. A team of Vienna-based volunteers is currently looking at re-launching in 2014 with a more regional event, provisionally titled 'Limmud Danube', to include alternating events in Central Europe, supplemented by local events in Vienna and elsewhere. The team hope that this may also support those interested in starting Limmud groups in neighbouring areas such as the Czech Republic (represented at Limmud Conference UK), Slovenia and Slovakia. The team are recruiting volunteers and raising awareness for their planned events.



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## Limmud UK

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LAST EVENTS: MANCHESTER DAY LIMMUD 3 FEB 2013;  
HARROW DAY LIMMUD 3 MAR 2013;  
THAMES VALLEY DAY LIMMUD 26 MAY 2013;  
LIMMUD IN THE WOODS 22 – 26 AUG 2013;  
CAMBRIDGE DAY LIMMUD 3 NOV 2013;  
LIMMUD CONFERENCE 22 – 26 DEC 2013

NEXT EVENT: 2 FEB 2014 (MANCHESTER DAY LIMMUD)  
NEXT RESIDENTIAL EVENTS: AUG 2014 LIMMUD IN THE WOODS;  
DEC 2014 LIMMUD CONFERENCE



Limmud in the UK is part of the Limmud organisation, and is responsible for all Limmud activities in the UK. It is led by the Limmud in the UK Executive which is the group of experienced volunteers that provide long-term structure to individual event teams, from technology to programming, marketing to mentoring.

New groups, models and initiatives are being encouraged in the UK, and consistently with this, after nine years of Limmud Fest, the summer festival team choose a back to basics approach for an exclusively under-canvas Limmud in the Woods. With everyone helping out, including doing all the catering during the five-day event, there was a strong sense of community and being in it and learning together. And to be consistent with the ideas of the sustainability team, a major effort was made to reduce waste. UK presenters from our own community made up most of the programme, which included an open field Sunday afternoon which attracted many day visitors as well.

Around the UK, Day Limmuds in Manchester, Harrow, Thames Valley and Cambridge each drew hundreds of participants to enjoy a day of learning. For many regional groups, Limmud is a major date in the Jewish calendar locally, bringing together diverse people on teams and among participants from across a wide region.

Limmud Conference remains the global phenomenon and exemplar of Limmud, with over 2,500 participants and 1,000 sessions over the course of a wonderful week at the end of December to which everyone is welcome.

STEVEN FISHER, CHAIR, LIMMUD IN THE UK



## Limmud Arava

[WWW.ARAVA.CO.IL/MOATZA/MATNAS/LIMOD/LIMOD-ENGLISH.HTM](http://WWW.ARAVA.CO.IL/MOATZA/MATNAS/LIMOD/LIMOD-ENGLISH.HTM)

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LAST EVENT: 14 – 15 FEB 2013

NEXT EVENT: 13 – 14 FEB 2014



Limmud Arava is now preparing for its 6th Conference! Additional volunteers have joined, and our core committee is still going strong, although everyone is also busy with additional endeavors!

We are still challenged by our remote location, but have turned it our advantage; people from all over the country, presenters included, enjoy the special charm of the Arava desert during the mild winter. This year around 300 participants attend our February Conference, and we hope to grow somewhat in 2014 (despite building restraints in the local Community Center).

We have reached a comfortable balance between old and new, with returning presenters as well as new ones, and this coming year's program includes Avigdor Sheenan, Zohar Raviv, Ariel Picard, Rivka Carmi, Pinchas Wallerstein, Ron Ben Yishai, Orit Kamir, Giora Eiland, David Newman, Isaac Lifshitz, Gideon Levy and many others!

We continue to be blessed with the generous support of the Arava-Australia Partnership of the Jewish Agency, as well as the local Arava Regional Council and community center. The Limmud Arava Conference is scheduled to take place February 13–14 2014, and we invite Limmud participants from all over Israel and all over the world to take part in our event!

BY GILA RAZ, CHAIRPERSON



## ISRAEL

## Limmud FSU Israel

[WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 14 – 16 NOV 2013



Over 800 young Russian-speaking Jews from Israel and around the world attended the three-day Limmud FSU Jerusalem Festival, which was held on November 14–16. The festival included more than 120 lectures and workshops on fascinating art, culture, philosophy, religion and more. Festival participants heard from leading dignitaries and lecturers including, Deputy Foreign Minister MK Ze'ev Elkin, Jewish Agency Chairman Natan Sharansky, businessman, philanthropist and Limmud FSU International Steering Committee Chairman Matthew Bronfman, MK Ronen Hoffman, Prof. Amir Geva, Dr. Aviad Hacoen, CEO Hashava Company Dr. Israel Peleg, CEO Begin Heritage Center Herzl Makov, actress Helena Yaralova, Director Arthur Kogan and musician Leonid Ptashka. The closing event included an unforgettable performance by leading musician Arkadi Duchin

As part of the festival, Limmud FSU marked the 90th birthday of the President of Israel, Shimon Peres, as well as celebrated 100 years since the birth of late Prime Minister of Israel Menachem Begin by presenting two remarkable photo exhibitions that follow the lives and contributions to the State of Israel by these two leaders. President Shimon Peres visited the exhibition before the opening of the festival, and was accompanied by the

Chairman and Founder of Limmud FSU, Chaim Chesler, Honorary Chairman of Limmud FSU Jerusalem Diane Wohl and curator Yoram Dori who has been an advisor to the president for decades. "We are proud that Limmud FSU was able to initiate an exhibition of two incredible personalities and display them together under one roof in the eternal capital of the Jewish people, Jerusalem," said Chesler

BY ROMAN KOGAN, LIMMUD FSU CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

## Limmud Galil

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LAST EVENT: 2 – 3 DEC 2013



Limmud Galil continues to carry out a full calendar year of activities. 2013 began with the Tu B'Shvat Seder, this year held jointly with the Merom Hagalil Community Centre. Delegates to the 2012 Limmud UK Conference formed the volunteer team that organized the Shabbat Conference in March. Sixty participants enjoyed the Shabbat at the Hermon Field School with workshops and sessions centred on the topic of "Community" (*kehila*) in general and the Limmud community specifically. The Pesach holiday was celebrated with a Beit Midrash meeting. "Tiyullimmud" - the Galil version of Limmud Fest - took place in April with the theme "*Kum Hithalech b'Aretz*" (Get up and hike in Israel). Two days of hiking were interspersed with stops for Chavruta study and an overnight at the Meron Field School with everyone giving a hand for the barbecue dinner. Several *Beit Midrash* meetings were held throughout the year, along with a Tu B'Av celebration in July.



The Limmud International Training on Tour seminar held in Israel in May had a great impact on the Limmud Galil volunteers who participated. As a result the first day

of the Team Shabbat November

1-2 was spent in an interesting and exciting workshop on Limmud values. Sessions and Chavruta covered various aspects of the Conference theme of "Prayer".

Plans for the annual Limmud Galil Conference began in mid-summer with the formation of volunteer teams. The 11th Limmud Galil Conference took place during Hanukka in December 2-3 at the Rosh Hanikra Holiday Village. We brought together nearly 300 participants and welcomed team members from other Limmud groups in Israel such as from Limmud Arava. Two full days of sessions, workshops, Art Zone, music and Chavruta focused on the topic of "Prayer". An innovation this year was a track for children and youth.

BY MARY AZARIA

## Limmud Haifa

Our first year plan included the following steps which have been executed with great energy and have been received with enthusiasm city-wide, and excitement across communal segments. We began exploring the potential for Limmud Haifa with focus groups of interested professionals and lay leaders. Based on the excitement generated we began monthly "Taste of Limmud" sessions in which we studied for one hour and developed the Limmud understanding and commitment of our volunteer base in the second hour. We then solidified strategic connections with a physical location to host our meetings, enabled thanks to an anonymous donation, and a none-affiliated foundation as a financial partner. Seven months into the process we are now establishing our steering committee.

BY GOLAN BEN-CHORIN & MAYA WOLK,  
CO-CHAIRS LIMMUD HAIFA

## Limmud Jerusalem

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 LAST EVENT: 10 MAY 2012



Limmud Jerusalem held its first event in May 2012 over Lag B'Omer, drawing over 500 participants for a special Yerushalmi Limmud at Har Herzl museum in the capital. There was no event in 2013, but the planning team are regrouping and broadening their volunteer base to move forward with planning Limmud Jerusalem for 2014.

## Limmud Modi'in

[WWW.LIMMUDMODIIN.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDMODIIN.ORG)  
 CONTACT VIA WEBSITE  
 LAST EVENT: 9 – 10 MAY 2013



NEXT EVENT: 29 – 30 MAY 2014

This year Limmud Modi'in celebrated its 4th annual event, welcoming participants from across the town and nearby Jerusalem. New collaborations were established with groups of interest within the city, we anticipate continuing to reap their fruit in many years to come. We look forward to welcoming you to our next conference on May 29th and 30th 2014.

## Limmud Negev

[WWW.LIMMUDNEGEV.COM](http://WWW.LIMMUDNEGEV.COM)

Limmud Negev is regrouping, and in particular is likely to be two separate teams and events going forward, based in Beer Sheva and Yerucham. Neither had an event this year, but both have volunteers looking at organising events next year.



## NORTH AMERICA

### Limmud Atlanta+SE

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LAST EVENT: 30 AUG – 2 SEP 2013



More than 240 Limmudniks attended Limmud Atlanta+SE's 5th Labor Day Weekend "Fest," at Camp Ramah Darom in the north Georgia Mountains. Our signature song sessions, havdalah bonfire, waterfall hikes, canoeing, chrain-making (horseradish) workshop and Camp Limmud were in full force. New this year: expanded chavruta learning, an all-inclusive closing Gala, a track supporting attendees with disabilities and a YAD (young adult development) leadership training program. With Rosh Hashanah beginning just 48 hours after Fest, we used Selichot and the approaching high holidays to inspire our sessions. We welcomed Limmud leaders from New Orleans, Boston and New York plus Limmud UK. "Best Fest yet," said participants.

BY NINA RUBIN, PROGRAM TEAM



### Limmud Baltimore

[WWW.LIMMUDBALTIMORE.COM](http://WWW.LIMMUDBALTIMORE.COM)  
LAST EVENT: 21 APR 2013  
NEXT EVENT: 7 SEP 2014



Limmud Baltimore is in its 3rd year, with its second event on 21 April 2013, when 192 people gathered at Johns Hopkins University for our one-day event. Our attendance was up 30% on our first event, and the program included 48 sessions plus entertainment from the Shuk and Y-Love, amongst others. We had very strong feedback on the whole from participants and we are looking to build on this success for next year, when we are holding our event on September 7, 2014.

BY CHERYL TARAGIN, LIMMUD BALTIMORE CHAIR



### Limmud Bay Area

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LAST EVENT: 17 – 18 FEB 2013  
NEXT EVENT: 13 – 14 JUL 2014



This year Limmud Bay Area held its second annual residential conference in the beautiful Asilomar grounds over Presidents Day Weekend, 17-18 February. This was another successful event, growing in numbers of volunticipants and choice of sessions. As Limmud Bay Area plans for its 2014 conference at Sonoma State University campus July on 13-14, the team have created a role dedicated to working with Limmud International and connecting to the global Limmud community, as well as focusing on effective use of technology and developing a fundraising strategy as they move from start-up to a sustainable learning community.

## Limmud Boston

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 LAST EVENT: 8 DEC 2013



In just five years Limmud Boston has grown into a popular annual communiversity, attracting participants from all six New England states and beyond. We have increased our original volunteer teams, which were basically "Food" and "Everything Else." Now, three dynamic, evolved years later, the Limmud Boston conference boasts an impressive array of teams, including Program, Entertainment, Food, Logistics, Signage, Program Book and Volunteer Coordination.

This year Limmud Boston offered over 90 sessions in a one-day extravaganza, topped with both a lunchtime concert and a grand finale, headlined by the ever-popular Peri Smilow and Ellen Allard, and many other musical friends. Thanks to the Covenant Foundation partnership, Shai Held of Hadar joined us from New York. While we looked forward to hearing Boston area presenters from local synagogues and colleges, the majority of our sessions come from incredibly fascinating learner-volunteers who generously offer to share their passions with the Jewish community.

Families with young children love our Camp Limmud, which includes programming for children ages 3 to 13. And for the third year in a row, we welcomed up to 300 educators, whose attendance is sponsored by the Boston federation, Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

We have created two Limmud Boston Fellowships for 2013, which have been granted to graduate students in Jewish studies from Brandeis University and Hebrew College. The recipients gain experience as part of our operations teams and enjoy a special pre-Limmud learning opportunity with one of our presenters.

To increase our conference reach, and inspire greater participation, several Limmud Boston presenters also spoke in area synagogues during the weekend, in what we call, "Shabbat: the REST of Limmud."

In June, Limmud Boston founder Steffi Aronson Karp was honored to receive the 2013 Synagogue Council of Massachusetts "K'lal Yisrael Award." It is a testament to Limmud's values and principles that Limmud Boston has grown so quickly from a dream to a valued program of the Boston Jewish community.

BY STEFFI ARONSON KARP

## Limmud Chicago

[WWW.IMMUDCHICAGO.ORG](http://WWW.IMMUDCHICAGO.ORG)  
 LAST EVENT: 16 – 17 FEB 2013



Limmud Chicago 2013 gathered over 300 participants from across the region on a brisk weekend in February. This year's conference started with a Saturday evening of comedy, film, and music and continued on Sunday with scores of sessions on diverse topics.

This summer, Limmud Chicago was proud to host Limmud International's Training on Tour for North America – a stand-alone weekend of training and learning. Led by Shoshana Waskow, Clive Lawton, Dani Serlin and Marc Shoffren, it brought together 33 volunteer leaders from local Limmuds in Canada, Mexico and the US. The connections established during those training sessions remain important as we all develop our local groups.



The Board of Directors has welcomed new members Naomi Goldberg and Barbara Seaver, joining Andrea Hoffman, Anita Silvert, Neil Brill and Shoshana Waskow. Plans are underway for Limmud Chicago 2014 as we brainstorm, reimagine our events, and expand our volunteer base. Limmud Chicago has created connections and partnerships in the greater Chicagoland Jewish community and has enjoyed broad support from area congregations and organizations. In the coming year, we are seeking to deepen these relationships by engaging volunteers within local agencies, institutions and congregations and working with them as "shlichim" between Limmud and their home community.

Limmud Chicago is also excited to be sending two people to Limmud UK this winter. Jodi Eisenstadt and Board Member Neil Brill will be going to their first conference outside Chicago. Their experiences will be invaluable in bringing home passion, ideas and leadership.

BY SHOSHANA WASKOW & ANITA SILVERT, BOARD MEMBERS

## Limmud Colorado

[WWW.LIMMUDCOLORADO.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDCOLORADO.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 9 – 10 FEB 2013



Starting the year with a conference in February, Limmud Colorado has held a year round calendar of smaller events in 2013. This has included chavruta learning, wider engagement with other community organisations and inspiring learning events led by members of the Limmud Colorado planning team. Limmud Colorado is currently planning for their 2014 conference.

## Limmud FSU New York

[WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDFSU.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 15 – 17 MAR 2013

NEXT EVENT: 28 – 30 MAR 2014



750 Russian-speaking American Jews gathered at the annual Limmud FSU New York conference that took place on March 15-17, at the Marriott Hotel in Princeton, New Jersey for a festival of Jewish learning.

Highlights included a briefing by Ido Aharoni, Israel's Consul General in New York, the ceremony honouring the iconic past mayor of New York City, the late Ed Koch, and joining the Jewish world in commemorating the 25th anniversary of the "Freedom 25 Sunday Rally" in Washington, D.C, an historic moment in the movement for embattled Soviet Jewry, as well as the usual wide variety of other presenters and sessions. Among the presenters at the conference were leading academics, politicians, writers and artists hailing from the U.S., Israel, Russia and elsewhere, such as Shmuley Boteach, rabbi, author and television and radio host; Irwin Cotler, Member of Canadian Parliament; and David Brinn, Managing Editor of The Jerusalem Post.

Limmud FSU is particularly proud to have been able to the opportunity to salute the Freedom 25 to a younger generation of Russian-speaking Jews, many of whom don't know about the enormous efforts of many prominent Jewish leaders and activists that took part in this very important cause.

BY ROMAN KOGAN, LIMMUD FSU CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



## Limmud LA (Los Angeles)

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LAST EVENT: 16 – 18 AUG 2013



LimmudLA has had an exciting year. Following major organisational restructuring in late 2012, they are no longer run by an executive director, and are officially an all-volunteer organisation, with a new Steering Group in place to oversee future planning. This move confirms their commitment to the value of volunteerism and its complete integration into their every-day needs.

This past summer saw the launch of LimmudLA's first-ever Fest event, a weekend-long celebration of learning, teaching and community in a beautiful outdoor setting. It was also the first LimmudLA event to offer camping options - something that a surprising number of Angelenos seemed happy to take them up on. Being a much smaller, more intimate event than previous Conferences (and blessedly not based in hotel), LimmudLA



Photo credit: Stephen Klitzky

Fest successfully articulated the organization's return to Limmud's foundational, grass roots values.

LimmudLA's goals for the coming year include the growth and development of the Steering Group and volunteer base and the implementation of an exciting and innovative program of year-round events, including a second Fest. The success of Fest 2013 has brought new faces and new ideas to the table and LimmudLA is looking forward to more day-long events, evening salons and collaboration with the artistic community in the form of music and theater programs. With a wider volunteer base and more collaboration, LimmudLA hopes to create more entry points for Los Angeles and Southern Californian Jews to engage in Jewish learning and community.

BY AKIKO YONEKAWA, CO-CHAIR LIMMUD LA FEST



## Limmud Mexico (Limud México)

[WWW.LIMUDMEXICO.COM](http://WWW.LIMUDMEXICO.COM)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 27 OCT 2013



Limud México ha sido una experiencia muy novedosa para la comunidad judía ya que ha posibilitado ver otras formas de conexión entre nosotros. El 28 de octubre de 2012 realizamos el primer Día Limud con una asistencia de 230 personas en lo que resultó una verdadera fiesta del judaísmo con más de 50 sesiones sobre los temas: historia y pensamiento judío, mi comunidad, Israel, arte y cultura judía y lo judío en la vida cotidiana.

El 27 de octubre de 2013 tuvimos la segunda edición del Día Limud en donde aumentó el número de participantes hasta más de 300. Un equipo mucho más amplio y diverso preparó el evento que contó además este año con un mejor programa para niños, Limudito, y un programa cultural mucho más amplio. También había visitantes de América Latina y otras partes del mundo.

*Limmud Mexico has been very successful. From scratch the first ever one-day Limmud took place in Mexico City having over 50 sessions and over 230 participants. This was a very important event since it showed the enormous possibilities of connecting Mexican Jews from a widely inclusive perspective.*

*A much larger team of volunteers prepared the second one-day Limmud on October 27 2013. Limud México had a much more organized "Limudito", the Young Limmud Program, as well as a much larger cultural program. We also received participants from Latin America and some other countries. Limud México this year grew to over 300 participants.*

BY RENATO HUARTE CUÉLLAR



## Limmud Miami

[WWW.LIMMUDMIAMI.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDMIAMI.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

NEXT EVENT: 23 MAR 2014



Limmud Miami will be having its first event on March 23 2014. Our goal is to impact over 400 participants from varying backgrounds throughout the greater Miami Dade Jewish community.

Limmud Miami has already started forming a leadership board comprised of community members representative of our target audience, who bring to the table a vast wealth of information, history of community commitment, and skill sets that meet the mission of the Limmud program and will ensure our success at engaging our community in a deep and meaningful way. As part of our board development plan, we have begun the process of creating the following teams: technology, marketing, finances, programming, logistics, and fundraising to increase community participation in the leadership of our event, and have begun to set specific measurable goals for each team.

BY ROMINA NAPARSTEK, CO-CHAIR

## Limmud Montreal (Le Mood)

[WWW.LEMOOD.CA](http://WWW.LEMOOD.CA)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 3 NOV 2013

**LEMOOD** Le Mood had its third annual festival on November 3 in Montreal and featured nearly 120 sessions with over 1,100 attendees. The festival also included a live improv comedy show, a concert with Argentinian DJ Simja Dujov and a contest to crown the Ultimate Jewish Food. Popular sessions included discussions on the right to a healthy environment with David Suzuki, sanctifying sex with Jewrotica founder Ayo Oppenheimer, talking religion and politics with the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Justin Trudeau, and a Q&A with two former members of the Westboro Baptist Church. The event was made possible with the support of more than 125 volunteers, 25 committee members and various funders in the Montreal Jewish community, including lead gifts from Federation CJA, the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal and A Bit Off the Top.

BY RYAN HELD, LOGISTICS COORDINATOR



## Limmud NOLA (New Orleans)

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 NEXT EVENT: 7 – 9 MAR 2014



The story of Limmud NOLA (New Orleans) is one of continued growth and evolution, with each succeeding Limmud increasing in size, scope, and quality. Our third Limmud, which will be held on March 7–9, 2014, will expand from a one-day program to one that extends during an entire Shabbat plus all day Sunday.

LimmudFest 2014 will have the transformational qualities of a retreat but will be non-residential, thereby greatly reducing its cost and increasing participation. We project participation by about 500 people.

And, in an only-in-New Orleans happening — made possible by the community's pluralistic spirit — all the Reform and Conservative synagogues will be "closing up shop" and will be holding their Shabbat services at LimmudFest. We are committed to providing home hospitality for Shomer Shabbat participants and are working with the Modern Orthodox synagogues as well. The New Orleans Rabbinical Council is fully committed to the success of LimmudFest.

We want to share the richness of LimmudFest 2014 with members of small Jewish communities in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana within a 200-mile radius of New Orleans. In the next few months, members of our Steering Team will be visiting those communities to share their passion for LimmudFest and encourage their participation; we will also try to find home hospitality for these out-of-towners.

LimmudFest 2014 will be truly communal, bringing together people from across the denominational spectrum, as well as the unaffiliated, and members of small communities throughout the Deep South. We are committed to providing rich, inclusive programming drawing mainly on local resources with a sprinkling of national and even international presenters — and to continue Limmud NOLA on its upward trajectory.

BY GAIL NARON CHALEW, CHAIR

## Limmud NY (New York)

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 LAST EVENT: 15 – 18 FEB 2013  
 NEXT EVENT: 14 – 17 FEB 2014



After many happy years in the Catskills, the Limmud NY annual conference said goodbye and moved to a site in New Jersey for 2013, and now in Stamford, CT for its upcoming 2014 conference, providing easier access to participants and greater spaces for making connections. In late Spring Limmud NY organized another successful benefit and are planning a volunteer development day for early 2014. The February 2014 conference will preview its new Heller Holocaust Track and the first ever "Limmudapalooza" entertainment event!

## Limmud Ottawa

[WWW.CARLETON.CA/LIMMUD](http://WWW.CARLETON.CA/LIMMUD)  
[LIMMUDOTTAWA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LIMMUDOTTAWA@GMAIL.COM)  
 LAST EVENT: 19 – 20 OCT 2013

Limmud Ottawa 2013 took place on October 19 and 20 this year in the Congregation Beth Shalom building.

Our Limmud event opened with a motzei Shabbat evening concert, featuring talented young adults from the community and outstanding cantors from major synagogues in the Ottawa spectrum. The entire evening, beginning with a community havdala consisting of 350 plus participants who came from a wide spectrum of Ottawa's diverse Jewish community was exceptionally enthusiastically received!

The Sunday offered sessions from morning to night and highlighted a wide spectrum of artists, presenters and panellists. We offered presentations and hands-on sessions covering Torah text, panels on Jewish identity, engaging tough talking panels with young Jewish leaders on why young adults are turning away from mainstream shuls, Jewish meditation, cooking demonstrations on

Moroccan Dafina, new methodologies pertaining to Holocaust studies, session on Constitutional Law and its Jewish ramifications and more.

Limmud Ottawa 2013 was the subject of an article in the Canadian Jewish News, a newspaper distributed across the Canadian Jewish community nation-wide. The thirst for Jewish inspired-events





remains strong. Limmud Ottawa saw its mission as being both challenging and inclusive. Its varied topics aimed at attracting the entire spectrum of a vibrant and diverse Ottawa Jewish community, without regard to affiliations, degrees of Jewish religiosity, observance or knowledge or age. Limmud Ottawa remains a living, on-going project and the 2014 iteration promises to be similarly guided, rich in topics covered and equally diverse in its approach, presenters, volunteers and participants.

BY JENNY ROBERGE, ORGANIZER

## Limmud Philly (Philadelphia)

[WWW.LIMMUDPHILLY.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDPHILLY.ORG)

CONTACT VIA WEBSITE

LAST EVENT: 26 – 28 APR 2013



Limmud Philly celebrated its 5th annual Limmud conference over a Spring weekend, bringing together several hundred participants from Philadelphia and across the eastern seaboard, engaged in a wide range of Jewish learning opportunities. Phil Lindy, who first brought the idea of Limmud to Philadelphia and was a strong supporter of Limmud Philly, passed away this year and will be sorely missed.

## Limmud Toronto

[WWW.LIMMUD.CA](http://WWW.LIMMUD.CA)

[INFO@LIMMUD.CA](mailto:INFO@LIMMUD.CA)



Limmud Toronto in 2013 has been developing its leadership and expanding its volunteer base. Together they are focusing on a vision for Limmud Toronto going forward and plan to hold an event in 2014.

## Limmud Vancouver

[WWW.LIMMUDVANCOUVER.CA](http://WWW.LIMMUDVANCOUVER.CA)

[LIMMUDVAN@TELUS.NET](mailto:LIMMUDVAN@TELUS.NET)

NEXT EVENT: 9 FEB 2014



Our first Limmud event will happen on a Sunday in February, 2014. This year has been the basics of organization - getting a funding base, arranging site rental, caterers, website, etc., attracting volunteers, community publicity, inviting presenters. While we still need to grow our volunteer base, we have been amply blessed by an outpouring of presenter proposals and we anticipate a large attendance. LimmudVan '14 looks really good. And LimmudVan '15 will be great!

## Limmud Winnipeg

[WWW.LIMMUDWINNIPEG.ORG](http://WWW.LIMMUDWINNIPEG.ORG)

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LAST EVENT: 1 – 3 MAR 2013

NEXT EVENT: 1 – 2 MAR 2014



After a third successful Limmud in March 2013, the team has been busy planning for growth and independence in the next few years. Limmud Winnipeg 2013 brought together about 200 participants beginning with Havdallah on Saturday night. There were two sessions followed by Israeli and Jewish music and good food at a freilach reception. Sunday provided a full day of diverse sessions (30 to choose from) featuring both local and out of town talent, a full lunch and array of snacks.

Pre-Limmud Shabbat programs exposed many more Winnipeggers to out of town talent at Shabbat dinners (an independent minyan, Jewish GLBT group, and one private home), speaking engagements at a variety of synagogues (two conservative, one reform, one modern orthodox), and through the media (breakfast television and radio).

The content balanced Jewish issues with culture and the arts, covering diverse topics such as Gay and Orthodox, Israeli zumba, Jewish art workshops, genealogy, living in Israel, Jewish education in North America, authors who led writing workshops, and a full day program for children.

The event attracted younger volunteers to the planning team for the next event and presenters are now being confirmed for March 2014. A new teen leadership group from the day school is planning sessions to attract their peers. PJ Library is working on parallel programs for family and children to expose the whole family as an introduction to Limmud for young families. A young adult group is thinking about a "taste of" event to engage their peers in advance of the next conference.

Our new volunteers are developing a new website, preparing a video, engaging presenters, planning a marketing campaign and more. Everyone stays in touch with our fabulous coordinator Florencia Katz and we look forward to another successful conference. Join us!

BY FAYE ROSENBERG-COHEN, PROGRAM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

## SOUTH AMERICA



### Limmud Keshet Brazil (Limud Brasil Keshet)

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LAST EVENT: 2 SEP 2012

With the support of the JDC, Limmud Keshet Brazil held its third biannual event in Sao Paolo on 2 September 2012. Welcoming participants of all ages, they were encouraged to be both teachers and learners.

### Limmud Buenos Aires (Limud BA)

WWW.LIMUDBA.ORG

INFO@LIMUDBA.ORG

LAST EVENT: 13 NOV 2013

NEXT EVENT: 24 AUG 2014



El 30 de junio del 2013 realizamos la sexta edición de "Limud BA", participaron más de 700 personas, con un gran porcentaje de jóvenes; se realizaron 68 sesiones; colaboraron más de 80 voluntarios y 70 disertantes. Entre otras cosas, se expusieron 2 muestras de arte.

Este año, también, comenzamos con una serie de cenas más íntimas en cooperación con TEDx Rio de La Plata, realizadas en casas de nuestros voluntarios con la presencia de disertantes extranjeros de alto nivel. En estas cenas vinieron a compartir sus conocimientos Dan Ariely, Uri Adoni y Daniel Drubach.

El 13 de Noviembre realizamos nuestro segundo Limud Express, donde 3 disertantes de gran nivel (Martin Churba, Alfredo Zaiat y Alejandro Borensztein) brindaron una sesión simultánea cada uno y luego había un panel en conjunto, en el que se hicieron preguntas entre ellos enriqueciendo a todos los participantes.

Seguimos trabajando y organizando nuevos proyectos. Con la creación de nuestra nueva Comisión de Contenidos, se empezaron a generar textos de gran valor que ya estamos subiendo a nuestra web y replicando en las redes sociales, como también dos grandes proyectos que queremos lanzar para este nuevo año: el calendario Limud 2014/15 y el proyecto Javruta 2014. Por otro lado la Comisión de Voluntarios llevó a cabo el plenario anual de voluntarios, la evaluación del Evento Central, una capacitación para voluntarios de Google Apps y el mes pasado organizó una reunión para aquellos que se quieren sumar a Limud BA.

BY CAROLINA KAPLAN, COORDINATOR

*The sixth Limud BA took place on the 30 of June 2013 with more than 700 participants, of which a high percentage was young people, with 68 sessions, more than 80 volunteers and 70 presenters. Among other things, there were 2 art exhibitions.*

*This year we also started a more intimate dinner series with the help of TEDx Rio de La Plata, which was achieved through the help of our volunteers and our high-level foreign speakers. Dan Ariely, Uri Adoni and Daniel Drubach shared their knowledge in these sessions.*

*The second Limud Express took place on November 13, where 3 speakers of a high calibre (Martin Churba, Alfredo Zaiat and Alejandro Borensztein) each gave a stimulating session and then formed a panel session, in which they asked each other questions enriching the experience of the participants.*

*We are continuing to work and organize new project. With the creation of our new 'Communications Committee' we are beginning to produce material of a high calibre which we have already uploaded to our*

website and social media. Other big projects that we want to launch this year are: *Limud Calendar 2014/15* and the *2014 Chavruta Project*. The Volunteer Committee also held an annual meeting for volunteers, produced an evaluation of the main Limud event, created a volunteer training program on Google apps and last month arranged a meeting for those that want to join Limud BA.

TRANSLATION BY MIRIAM SHINDLER

## Limmud Peru (Limud Perú)

LIMUD.PE@GMAIL.COM

LAST EVENT: 13 OCT 2013



Limud Perú se logró gracias al trabajo conjunto de las tres Kehilot que conforman la Asociación Judía del Perú, con el estrecho apoyo de Hebraica (afiliada a Maccabi), del Colegio "León Pinelo", (el colegio judío de Perú) y del Hanoar haTzioni y contando con la colaboración del Joint.

Limud Perú Asistieron 450 adultos, 100 jóvenes y 60 niños menores. Limud Perú contó con 40 expositores de la comunidad, 10 personas de diferentes edades e instituciones en el equipo de organización y 50 jóvenes que apoyaron a lo largo del día en las inscripciones y la orientación permanente.

El programa para adultos contó con 40 sesiones a lo largo de 5 bloques horarios y con 8 ejes temáticos en cada uno: espiritualidad y misticismo, actualidad de Israel y el mundo judío, sionismo activo, psicología y judaísmo, humor, música y comics, sesiones de debates, talleres dinámicos (coaching) y clases de cocina

Adicionalmente se ofrecieron en paralelo 7 documentales sobre música y humor en un bloque llamado "Miscelanea Mishelanu" y 7 películas en "Cine Ma Tov".

Para los jóvenes tuvimos "Limud Sport" y "Limud laNoar" y para los niños "Limud Katan". Durante el almuerzo se presentó un show de Klezmer a cargo de dos músicos israelíes y el evento se cerró con el tenor y jazz argentino Dario Sayegh.

El evento fue gratuito para los asistentes gracias al apoyo de empresas auspiciadoras cuyos propietarios son directivos de la comunidad, lo que demuestra el compromiso del liderazgo comunitario con la educación y el mejoramiento continuo del judaísmo en Perú.

BY LEÓN PARDO - PRESIDENTE ASOCIACIÓN JUDÍA DEL PERÚ

Limmud Peru was achieved through working together with the three communities that form the Jewish Association of Peru, and with the strong support of Hebraica (which is affiliated to Maccabi), Leon Pinelo High School (the Peruvian Jewish High School), Hanoar Hatzioni and in collaboration with JDC.



Limmud Peru had 450 adults, 100 teenagers and young people and 60 younger children. There were 40 exhibitors from the community, 10 people of different ages and institutions in the steering committee and 50 young people who helped with registration and orientation on the day,

The adult programme contained 40 sessions over 5 time slots, covering 8 different themes: spirituality and mysticism, Israel and the Jewish world today, active Zionism, psychology and Judaism, comedy, music and comics, discussion and debate, coaching workshops and cookery. Two additional tracks were offered in parallel to the main sessions. "Miscelanea Mishelanu" featured seven documentaries about music and humour and "Cine Ma Tov" showed seven films.

There were also two activities for teenagers – "Limmud Sport" and "Limmud laNoar", and "Limmud Katan" for children, and a live Klezmer concert during lunch by two Israeli musicians, with the event finished off by the Argentinian tenor and jazz musician Dario Sayegh.

The event was free with the grateful help and support of business and companies whose owners are community leaders, thereby demonstrating their communal leadership in the education and continuous improvement of Judaism in Peru.

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## ABOUT LIMMUD

Limmud International is a project of the Limmud organisation. Based in the UK, the Limmud organisation is the strategic framework and governance structure for Limmud and our values.

The Limmud organisation includes:

- **Limmud in the UK** that is responsible for all Limmud activities in the UK
- **Limmud International** that nurtures and supports the network of Limmud groups outside the UK
- The new **Limmud University** project that will be offering diverse training and development across Limmud. This will be face to face and online and help everyone at all stages of their Limmud journey, from introduction videos in multiple languages, to specialist training for programming teams on the nature of learning. Limmud University has debuted a Chairs' Development Programme for Limmud Conference, been piloting some programming training and will be running the training and development sessions at Limmud Conference.

The Limmud organisation has also started to look at the potential to raise money in conjunction with individual Limmud groups, and to raise the profile of Limmud around the world, improving groups' ability to attract presenters, volunteers, supporters and participants. These are examples of how we are working to increase capacity across Limmud, with effective systems and processes that enable creativity, learning and the environment to stretch ourselves. To advance existing activities, and create new ones. We also want to be bold. To know that if put in all our effort to try something and fail, the worst thing is that something doesn't work. Like a true learning organisation, we will learn from that.

## Thank you

The Limmud organisation thanks everyone in Limmud, all our volunteers, our small professional team, our presenters, participants and financial supporters, without whom none of this would be possible.

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## MISSION & VALUES

### MISSION

**Limmud's promise is that, wherever you find yourself, Limmud will take you one step further on your Jewish journey.**

Limmud International's vision is that any community, wherever it is, can be taken one step further on its Jewish journey through a Limmud experience. Limmud International's mission is to facilitate the development of new Limmud communities and to assist the sustainability of existing ones. We provide support through mentoring and advice; international, regional and local development seminars and a global network for sharing knowledge, experience and innovation, in person and online.

### CORE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES THAT DEFINE THE ESSENCE OF LIMMUD

It is understood that the following values and principles are those towards which Limmud groups all around the world will be striving, though local realities may make it difficult for all of them to be fully achieved immediately in every place. Thus, whilst we recognise local and regional challenges and the consequent possible temporary variations, as well as nuances in interpretation, we accept that the following are the core values and principles that make Limmud what it is and therefore should underpin Limmud events across the Jewish globe.

**Learning:** we believe that every Jew should be a student and any Jew can be a teacher

**Expanding Jewish horizons:** we strive to create experiences which will allow all to strengthen their Jewish identity

**Community and mutual responsibility:** we strive to create community – together we can achieve more than as individuals

**Commitment to respect:** we expect our participants to act respectfully to each other, including to all volunteers. We believe it is important to make presenters' biographies clear enough to aid informed choice. We are committed to treating all of our participants, and all sessions presented, with equal respect. No-one is more important than anyone else.

**'For the Sake of Heaven':** we do not seek to place greater or lesser value on one way of Jewish life, thinking or belief over any other

**Religious observance:** we recognise that in private areas people will behave as they choose, but we believe in the importance of enabling Shabbat and kashrut to be kept in all public areas as far as possible, so that Jews do not have to separate themselves one from another

**Empowerment:** we believe in the importance of supporting individuals to enable them to maximise their contribution to the community

**Participation and voluntarism:** we believe that all have an important contribution to make, and that this is best done through voluntarism. Limmud is not for profit but for the benefit of the community. As far as possible, any excess resources should always be ploughed back into improving Jewish education.

**Valuing diversity:** we value choice, diversity and accessibility in all our learning. We seek to have the greatest possible diversity of Jews participate in our activities.

**Enabling connections to be made:** we strive to create opportunities for connections across communities and individuals, by providing the space for these to happen

## LIMMUD EVENTS (THAT WE KNOW ABOUT SO FAR)

### FOR AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF EVENTS GO TO:

[WWW.LIMMUDINTERNATIONAL.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.LIMMUDINTERNATIONAL.ORG/CALENDAR)

#### 2 FEBRUARY

Manchester Day Limmud

[www.limmud.org/day/manchester](http://www.limmud.org/day/manchester)

#### 9 FEBRUARY

Limmud Vancouver

[www.limmudvancouver.ca](http://www.limmudvancouver.ca)

#### 13 – 14 FEBRUARY

Limmud Arava

[www.limmud.gonegev.co.il](http://www.limmud.gonegev.co.il)

#### 14 – 17 FEBRUARY

Limmud NY

[www.limmudny.org](http://www.limmudny.org)

#### 14 – 16 FEBRUARY

Limmud Keshet Baltics

[www.limmud.eu](http://www.limmud.eu)

#### 23 FEBRUARY

Limmud Netherlands

[www.limmoed.nl](http://www.limmoed.nl)

#### 28 FEBRUARY – 2 MARCH

Limmud France

[www.limoud.org](http://www.limoud.org)

#### 1 – 2 MARCH

Limmud Winnipeg

[www.limmudwinnipeg.org](http://www.limmudwinnipeg.org)

#### 7 – 9 MARCH

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[www.limmudnola.org](http://www.limmudnola.org)

#### 9 MARCH

Limmud Oresund

[www.oresundslimmud.org](http://www.oresundslimmud.org)

#### 23 MARCH

Liverpool Day Limmud

[www.limmud.org/day/liverpool](http://www.limmud.org/day/liverpool)

#### 23 MARCH

Limmud Miami

[www.limmudmiami.org](http://www.limmudmiami.org)

#### 28 – 30 MARCH

Limmud FSU New York

[www.limmudfsu.org](http://www.limmudfsu.org)

#### 30 MARCH

Limmud Tag Hamburg

[www.limmud-tag.de](http://www.limmud-tag.de)

#### 1 – 4 MAY

Limmud International Training on Tour Europe

[www.limmudinternational.org](http://www.limmudinternational.org)

#### 18 MAY

Leeds Day Limmud

[www.limmud.org/day/leeds](http://www.limmud.org/day/leeds)

#### 29 MAY – 1 JUNE

Limmud Germany

[www.limmud.de](http://www.limmud.de)

#### 1 – 2 JUNE

Limmud Italia

[www.limmud-italia.it](http://www.limmud-italia.it)

#### 15 JUNE

Limmud Sydney

[www.limmud-oz.com.au](http://www.limmud-oz.com.au)

#### 13 – 14 JULY

Limmud Bay Area

[www.limmudbayarea.org](http://www.limmudbayarea.org)

#### 24 AUGUST

Limmud Buenos Aires

[www.limudba.org](http://www.limudba.org)

#### 7 SEPTEMBER

Limmud Baltimore

[www.limmudbaltimore.com](http://www.limmudbaltimore.com)

#### 12 OCTOBER

Limmud Peru

#### DECEMBER

Limmud Conference UK

[www.limmud.org/conference](http://www.limmud.org/conference)

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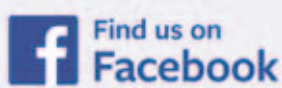
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