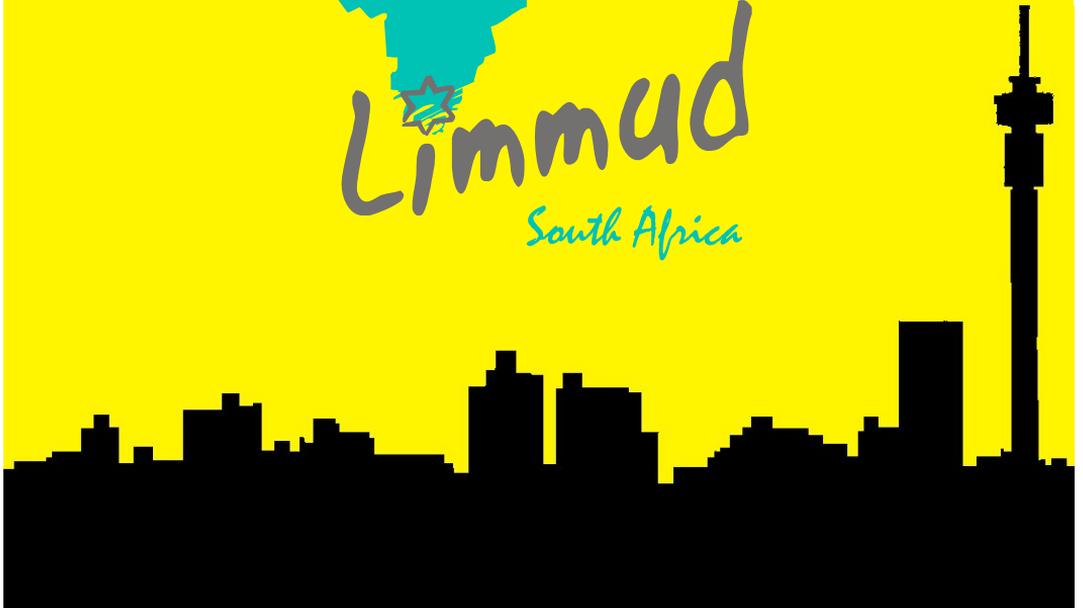


TASTE OF LIMMUD SA JHB 2010

PROGRAMME + PRESENTER LINE UP



Taste of Limmud SA Joburg is back!

When: Thursday, 13 May 2010. Registration @ 18:30

Where: Beyachad, 2 Elray Rd, Raedene

Price: R70

To register: email tasteoflimmud@gmail.com / call 072 553 0164

Taste of Limmud SA Joburg (TOL SA JHB) is back by popular demand!

This document is a guide to help explain how TOL SA JHB will work.

The evening will be divided into two separate sessions of one hour each. You'll only be able to listen to one presenter from each session. So choose wisely...

Session 1: (19:15 - 20:15) features six sessions on topics such as: Israel, football, kaballah, design, foreign policy and general interest.

Session 2: (20:30 - 21:30) features five sessions on topics such as: Israel, art, antisemitism and Yemenite Jewry.

Since all the presenters are of such high quality, we know it will be a difficult choice to make. So we've compiled this programme to give you enough time to make an informed choice.

Feel free to email us with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you.

Wayne Sussman + Naomi Dinur
(Co-chairs TOL SA JHB 2010)

SESSION ONE :

19:15 - 20:15

A CHOICE OF SIX PRESENTERS

CHARLES ASHER SMALL ROOM 1

MARC FRIEDMAN ROOM 2

IVAN KAPLAN ROOM 3

LEWIS LEVIN ROOM 4

DEBRA MANKOWITZ ROOM 5





charles ashers small *[room 1]*

*The Difference between the Freedom Charter
of the ANC and the Hamas Charter*

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO CHARLES' SESSION:

**Charles Asher Small is the founder and Director of The Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Anti-Semitism.

Dr. Small is also the founding Director of the nonprofit Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy and is a lecturer on the Ethics, Politics and Economics Program; the Political Science Department and with the Institute for Social and Policy Studies at Yale University.

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

The session highlights human rights and the hypocrisy of the 'Red Green Alliance'. The new antisemitism has as its focus the demonisation and deligitimatization of the State of Israel and its supporters. This contemporary form of antisemitism is spread by some of the so-called "left" and "progressive" forces, as well as by radical Islamists.

Charles will explore the irrationality of this social movement by comparing the Hamas Charter and radical Islamist thought with the South African Freedom Charter.



marc friedman

[room 2]

Fame from Faith: Football and Religion

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO MARC'S SESSION:

**Marc Friedman is a lawyer by profession, but also enjoys working in Media. He is a part-time radio broadcaster and a commissioning editor of spiritual programmes at the SABC.

His latest project is a series called *Fame from Faith: Football and Religion*, which takes a look at the association between football and religion through the eyes of a number of religious commentators and football players, some of whom will feature in the FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

The 6-part documentary series *Fame from Faith* was filmed on 4 continents and in countries around the world including Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Holland, India, Israel, Spain, Turkey and at home in South Africa.

It is being aired on SABC 1 on Tuesday nights at 9 pm, commencing in May and continuing until 8 June, the week before the World Cup opening match.

What is the connection between football and religion? Come and be the first to find out!



ivan kaplan

[room 3]

The Powerful Combination of Neurolinguistic Programming, Kabbalah and Meditation to Affect Real Change in Ourselves

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO IVAN'S SESSION:

** Ivan is probably the best informed esoteric teacher in South Africa. His practical workshops have effectively and experientially provided transformation and growth to over 6 500 people in this country and abroad.

Ivan has practised yoga and meditation, three to four hours daily, for the past 40 years. This work is based on extensive scientific research, and his meditation techniques include Hebrew, Western, Hindu and Buddhist traditions

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

This is a powerful technique, changing our conditioning at an unconscious level and resulting in emotional, mental, and spiritual growth. In effectively managing stress, physical health also improves.

By integrating the points of convergence between Kabbalah, astrology, tarot, yoga, tantra, meditation, alchemy, Jung, and Assagioli, the working power of NLP is enhanced, achieving positive outcomes in life. The workshop is colourful, experiential, transformational and fun.



lewis levin

[room 4]

*Squares and Spirals: A Personal Journey
through Jewish Sacred Geometry*

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO LEWIS' SESSION:

**Lewis is an architect and sculptor living in Johannesburg.

His great passion is to create kinetic steel installations for buildings and public spaces.

He is fascinated by Jewish sacred spaces, and has designed synagogues in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town.

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

The Bible and Talmud have captivating descriptions of geometric forms and structures.

These include the Tower of Babel, the Tabernacle and the Urim V'Tumin (the Divine breast plate).

Lewis will explore some of these fascinating ideas, and show how they have become inspirations for art works and buildings, including some of his own designs.



debra mankowitz *[room 5]*

The American Connection and the Middle East Crisis

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO DEBRA'S SESSION:

**Debra has been a Media activist for 9 years, persistently lobbying for fair and balanced South African reporting on the Middle East conflict.

She holds a BA degree in Communications and Sociology, and is currently a Middle East researcher and analyst.

WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

Have you ever considered the reason for the dramatic political change towards the Middle East by the Obama administration?

This session will give you a new insight into the Obama administration's real motives

SESSION TWO:

20:30 - 21:30

A CHOICE OF FIVE PRESENTERS

CHARLES ASHER SMALL ROOM 1

GILAD STERN ROOM 2

ROMI KAPLAN ROOM 3

TREVOR COLEMAN ROOM 4

ANAT APTER ROOM 5



charles asher small *[room 1]*

Radical Islam and Genocidal Antisemitism



WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

Radical Islamists, such as the Iranian Revolutionary Regime, Hamas, Hezbollah and others, do not accept Israel's right to exist, as it goes against the very basis of their worldview. It is becoming apparent that these groups are engaged in a concerted effort to destroy Israel, demonise the State of Israel, and the Jewish people as a whole, on a global context. This issue will be assessed by Charles Small of Yale University's Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism, the only research centre at a North American University dedicated to the study of antisemitism. Small will examine the historical, political, cultural and theological roots of the contemporary social movement as it relates to contemporary geo-political context and to genocidal antisemitism as a whole.

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gilad stern

[room 2]

The Four Assassinated US Presidents, the Jews, and the Bicycle Riders



WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

This is the Lincoln bicentenary year. Is there a Jewish connection to Abraham Lincoln? Yes, there is! His podiatrist was Jewish? Wow, how amazing - Lincoln's foot doctor was Jewish! Lincoln was assassinated, wasn't he? 3 other US Presidents were also assassinated; are there any Jewish connections to those 3 assassinated Presidents? Why do we care if there are Jewish links to Abraham Lincoln? Are we a 'normal' group, in terms of social-psychology? By comparison, are Greeks or Zoroastrians also determined to explore the Greek or Zoroastrian links to everything? Do we need to be in national-religious therapy? We will examine this theme: Why are we Jews so obsessed with Jewish connections?

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO GILAD'S SESSION:

**Gilad Stern has an M.A. in Public Administration from UCT. His thesis topic was the Administration of the Jewish Community in medieval Franco-Germany.

He has worked for the past 20 years for Eden Africa, as a Management Consultant, and is an active mountaineer.

romi kaplan

[room 3]

Israel and its Treatment of Refugees and Asylum Seekers



WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

There are currently between 19,000 and 20,000 asylum seekers in Israel, most of whom are from Sudan and Eritrea.

Until 2007, Israel did not have a considerable number of African refugees at its door and no clear policy had been instituted regarding asylum seekers. In an attempt to grapple with this relatively new situation, the state is prey to arbitrary laws from hard line legislators, and to the proliferation of myths regarding refugees, both in government circles and in the press.

Romi will present Israel's obligations under international law regarding refugees, and will refer to current legislation and to civil society initiatives that underscore the current crisis that asylum seekers are facing in Israel.

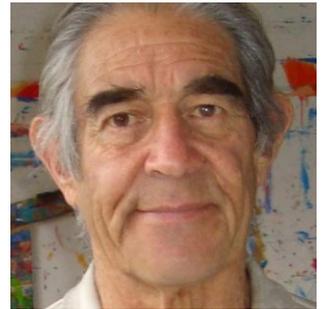
WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO ROMI'S SESSION:

**Romi is a director of ASSAF-Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel. As an independent journalist, she produced and directed several documentaries, including *Holding On*, a film about human rights abuses in Zimbabwe; *Meadowlands to Holyland*, a story about a South African jazz band collaborating with Palestinian and Israeli musicians; and *Ordinary People*, a series aimed at a climate of tolerance, which was produced and screened internationally

trevor coleman

[room 4]

Journeying Through Israel: An Artistic Inspiration



WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

Renowned artist Trevor Coleman will describe how he draws inspiration for his art by choosing a geographical location which coincides with his internal vision at a particular time.

Trevor will focus particularly on how, through his travels in Israel, he was able to explore his fascination with people and the spaces they occupy.

You will also have an opportunity to view and discuss some of Trevor's original paintings with the artist himself.

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO TREVOR'S SESSION:

**Trevor Coleman is an internationally renowned artist. Born in Johannesburg in 1936, he held his first exhibition in London in 1961.

Since then, his work has featured, amongst others, in the collections of the Johannesburg Art Gallery, Wits University and the National Gallery in Cape Town.

He has traveled extensively, both geographically and in spiritual terms. From his journeys of discovery, his paintings emerge full of light, bold colours and textures. His work is sensuous and can be described as a voyage in living colour.

anat apter

[room 5]

*The Fascinating Unknown Story of the
Yemenite Jews*



WHAT IS THIS SESSION ABOUT?

Back by popular demand, this session is an exploration of Yemenite history and tradition. It describes Yemenite 'Aliyot' to Israel and covers Yemenite Jews integration into Israeli society while maintaining their own sense of independence.

This session investigates Yemenite Culture's contributions to Israeli culture and also explores Yemenite Jewry's unique identity.

WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO ANAT'S SESSION:

**Anat Apter was born in Israel. Her parents are first-generation Israelis, her grand-parents descendents from Yemen.

Anat has been living in South Africa with her family for 28 years and, along with her husband, owns a local franchise, aptly named Anat. She can be described as the most piquant success story!

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