



Limmud

South Africa

**GET YOUR ISRAEL FIX
AT LIMMUD SA 2009**

Limmud SA is now in Joburg!

When: Sunday 9 & Monday 10 August 2009 (Long weekend)

Where: Wits Medical School. 7 York Rd, Parktown

Price: R475 (Adults) / R280 (Under 28s) / R300 (Under 18s)

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Limmud SA is a festival of Jewish learning that deals with everything and anything relating to Jewish culture and identity through philosophy, religion, history, politics, dance, music, art and literature.

Meet Jews of all backgrounds, affiliations and interests. Enjoy film, workshops, meditations, text-study sessions, panel discussions, debates and musical performances. Listen to local and international presenters that will captivate you and spark your interest.

Be a part of a knowledge seeking society.
Register now to secure your place!

Limmud SA has pulled out all the stops in 2009. There will be non-stop sessions on **Israel** and **Zionism** at Limmud this year.:

This document is a guide to showcase our local and international presenters who will be presenting Israel & Zionist related sessions.

ISRAEL - RELATED PRESENTERS

A CHOICE OF 20 PRESENTERS

YISRAEL AUMANN

DAVID BENJAMIN

TODD HASKELL

ANAT HOFFMAN

MENDEL KAPLAN

ORA KATZ

TIM HUGHES

YARON PILGER

DANIEL BARNETT

ELIAS INBRAM

JACK BLOOM

FELICIA LEVY

BENJI SHULMAN

ROLENE MARKS

SHLOMY ZACHARY

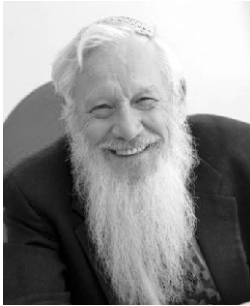
LARRY BENJAMIN

JONATHAN BERGER

TZACHI LEVY

ANAT APTER

RONNIE MINK



YISRAEL
AUMANN

Yisrael Aumann is a professor emeritus in the Institute of Mathematics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a member of the University's Center for the Study of Rationality. He is the author of over ninety scientific papers and six books, predominantly in the field of Game Theory, and was awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize in Economics for his efforts. When not working, he likes to hike, ski, cook, study the Talmud and spend time with his family, 34 of whom went with him to Stockholm to collect his Nobel Prize

Aumann will present: *War and Peace in the Middle East—a Game Theoretic Solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.*

DAVID
BENJAMIN

David served as one of the top legal advisors to the Israeli Defense Force. He has advised senior IDF commanders on Operational Law issues. From 2001 until the Israeli Disengagement from Gaza in 2005, Lt Col. Benjamin served as chief legal Advisor for the Gaza Strip. He is a specialist in International Law, with emphasis on Law of Armed Conflicts and Counter-Terrorism.

Benjamin will present: You be the judge: *The Israeli Defense Force and International Law (Panel Discussion)*

Israel International Law: Conflict or Compliance?

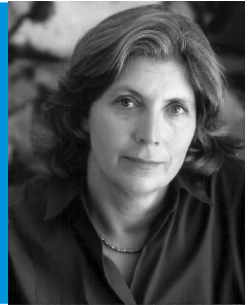
The Gaza Strip from Disengagement to 'Cast Lead': Bring in the Lawyers!



TODD
HASKELL

Todd Haskell is the Public Affairs Officer at the American Consulate in Johannesburg. He has served in a variety of posts throughout the world, including Israel, Mexico, the Philippines, Pakistan, Burkina Faso and Poland, and he also served as a civilian observer in Sinai during the first Gulf War. He is a graduate of Georgetown University.

Haskell will present: *Obama's Eye on the Middle East: A Shift in US Policy?*



ANAT
HOFFMAN

Anat Hoffman became Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center in 2002. Previously, she served as a Jerusalem City Council woman for 14 years. Anat led in the battles for the right of women to pray at the Western Wall and for women's equal pay for equal work. Anat represented the Civil Rights and Peace Movement on the Jerusalem City Council.

Hoffman will present: *Can You Translate Pluralism into Hebrew?*

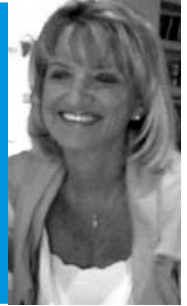


MENDEL
KAPLAN

Mendel Kaplan is a lawyer by training, industrialist by profession and a student of archaeology by a consuming passion to better understand the origins of the Jewish people and the environment, in which they were conceived, nurtured and developed. He is Chairman of the Executive of the World Jewish Congress and the Honorary President of the Keren Hayesod.

Kaplan will present: *Was it David's City?- A Look At The Archeological Excavations Around The City of David*

ORA
KATZ



Born in Israel, Ora was always interested in music and dancing and played the piano from a young age. She embraced Israel's love of folk dancing, and participated in this national "sport" passionately for many years. While living in Portugal, she taught a local group Israeli folk dancing. In SA she dances with a group who teach one another and dance together. She believes that music and dancing keeps us young, happy, and healthy!

Katz will present: *Put on Your Dancing Shoes: Hora with Ora*



TIM
HUGHES

Tim Hughes B.A (Hons); M.A. (Cum Laude) UCT, is Research Fellow and Programme Head of the South African Institute of International Affairs. He has written on Israeli-Palestinian and South African relations and delivered papers and seminars, inter alia, at Princeton, Williams College Mass., Hebrew University, Jerusalem. He has also worked with the Palestinian Legislative Council in Ramallah.

Hughes will present: *The peace process in the Middle East: scenarios and projections*



YARON
PILCER

Yaron holds Business Administration, Economics & Social Science degrees, is director of companies, actively involved in community affairs, bi-lateral trade, commercial and cultural ties between SA and Israel. Involved in Israeli music for over 40 years, as a member of Israeli singing trio 'TSEVA TARI', as well as the founder and conductor of the 'ZIMRIA', a local Israeli Singing Group playing an integral part of Israeli spirit and culture in the Community.

Pilcer will present: *A Musical Journey of Israel: Its Songs and Story*



ELIAS
INBRAM

Elias has a law degree from Ono Academic College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Ben Gurion University and studied Educational Leadership at the Mandel School. After completing the prestigious Israel Foreign Ministry cadet course, Elias became the first Ethiopian Israeli Political diplomat, and is presently posted in the Israeli Embassy in South Africa, as a Political Attaché and spokesperson. Elias is committed to Israeli Society and has been a consistent volunteer since his teens.

Inbram will be present: *The Conflicts Within – Israeli Society Exposed*

DANIEL
BARNETT



Daniel Barnett holds a BSocSci in Law and Politics from UCT. Daniel has a keen interest in both contemporary and classical Zionism. He is the current Deputy Chair and Rosh Machaneh of Habonim Dror, Chairman of the South African Zionist Youth Council, and is also Chai FM's local Israel analyst. Having been a part of Limmud Cape Town for the last few years, Daniel is ready and excited for the Limmud Johannesburg experience!

Barnett will present: *The state of Israel in the 21st Century - Is the Zionist Dream Over?*



TZACHI
LEVY

Tzachi Levy is the National Shaliach for Habonim Dror SA and the Aliyah Shaliach at the Israel Centre. He was one of the founders of Kibbutz Eshbal in the Galilee – a new form of Kibbutz based on educational enterprise. Tzachi worked as a Parliamentary Assistant for MK at the Israeli Knesset and his main interest was the Kibbutz Movement. Today at 33 years old, he is married to Orna and father of Oz

Levy will present: *An interactive quiz: Tel Aviv at 100!*

ANAT
APTER



Anat Apter is an Israeli-born woman of Jewish, Yemenite descent. Anat has been living in South Africa with her family for twenty eight years and, along with her husband, owns a local franchise, aptly named Anat. Anat's parents are first-generation Israelis, their parents descending from Yemen.

Apter will present: *The Unique and Magical Story of the Yemenite Jew*



RONNIE
MINK

Ronnie Mink is the deputy headmaster and head of Jewish Studies at King David Linksfield. He is the former chair of the SA National Yad Vashem Memorial Foundation and is Vice Chair of the SA Zionist Federation. He has had an intense interest in the Shoa for nearly 30 years and is deeply passionate about Jewish history. Ronnie is also very excited about the growth of Limmud in South Africa

Mink will present *Muslim Antisemitism : The Double-Edged Sword*



Jack Bloom is Democratic Alliance member in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature. Elected as Councillor for Highlands North in Johannesburg in 1991, he has served in the Legislature since 1994 as DA Health Spokesman. Jack studied Psychology Honours and Masters of Business Administration at Wits University. He is the author of three books and has a passionate interest in political ethics.

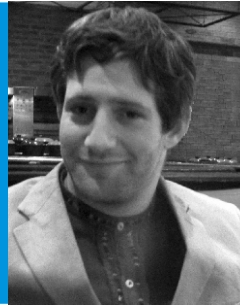
Bloom will present: *Human Rights in the Middle East – a weapon or an ideal?*



FELICIA
LEVY

Felicia is a business director with an interest in Israeli affairs. She was a founder member of the Media Team of the South African Zionist Federation. She has represented the Team in the media and in formal complaints to the Press Ombudsman.

Levy will present: *Who's land is it anyway?*



BENJI
SHULMAN

Benji Shulman is doing his Masters in the department of Geography, Archeology and Environmental Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand. His interests include public space and city governance. He is currently National Chairperson of the South African Union of Jewish Students (SAUJS). He is also the coordinator for the Egoli Greenmap, the Johannesburg chapter of an international mapping initiative. The Greenmap system enables local communities to map their environmental resources using global symbols.

Shulman will present: *Mapping the Holy Land: Three Religions, Three Geographies*



ROLENE
MARKS

Rolene is a member of the SAZF Media Team Israel and has appeared on radio, television and has had articles published both locally and internationally. She represents World WIZO on the WZO Zionist General Council. Rolene also produces the afternoon drive show “The Overdrive with Max Abro” on Chai FM. She is married to Saron Marks.

Marks will present: *A turn on for youth? Should we try Zionism?*

SHLOMY
ZACHARY



Shlomy is a young Israeli attorney who works in the areas of International Law, International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Copyright Law and Civil Litigation. Some major clients are: “Peace Now Settlement Watch” (one of the legal advisors to the project); “Yesh Din – Volunteers for Human Rights” (part of the legal team). He has written ‘Between the Geneva Conventions – Where Does the Unlawful Combatant Belong?’, published in the Israel Law Review

Zachary will present *Why is Obama Upset? The Legal and Political Aspects of the Settlements*

Be The Judge: The Israeli Defense Force and International Law (Panel Discussion)



LARRY
BENJAMIN

Larry Benjamin has been lecturer in international relations at Wits University since 1984. He specializes in Diplomacy and Negotiations, The Middle East and Strategic studies.

Benjamin will present: *Barack Obama, American power and the future of the Middle East*

JONATHAN
BERGER



Until recently a senior researcher at the AIDS Law Project, Jonathan joined Minister of Economic Development, Ebrahim Patel's staff, in mid-July. He has also served as the legal education and advice officer at the National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality, and has clerked for Justice Kate O'Regan of the Constitutional Court. He holds degrees in architecture and law and has published widely on a range of law and human rights issues

Berger will present: *My mother went to Israel and all she brought me was a small piece of Palestine*

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