

My Jewish Life

The Jewish-Israeli Conflict

I am pleased to announce that I will be presenting at Limmud Festival 2021, the UK's largest annual Jewish cultural event.

Limmud Festival 2021 will be taking place from Friday 25th December through to Tuesday 28th December. Please note that all sessions are scheduled in GMT (UK Time).

The (fully virtual) event is from Dec 24th til Dec. 28th with sessions spanning all areas of Jewish culture.

My session is at 19:00-19:50 on Sunday, Dec. 19th.

Hope to see you.

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Sources

1. Mahatma Gandhi

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"

An Indian political and spiritual leader, who led the Indian independence movement in its struggle against the rule of the British Empire. Gandhi was the symbol of non-violent resistance.

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“קשט עצמך ואחר כך קשט אחרים”

(בבלי, מסכת בבא בתרא – דף ס, עמוד ב).

Keshot Atzmecha Veachar Kach Keshot Acherim

Decorate yourself, then decorate others

3. Reish Lakish- Rabbi Simon son of Lakish

One of the greatest Amorai of the Land of Israel in the second generation, in the second half of the third century AD.

4. Benjamin Zeev Herzl- The Visionary/Father of Zionism

A dream and an action are not so different as one tends to think, because all human actions in a dream are also dreams and their end is a dream ... so if you will, it is not a legend" (Herzl "Altneuland" 1902)

"All human actions were once dreams."

"The policies of an entire people scattered all over the world can only be made by means of pulsating people. Those who do not know how to harness the fantasy to their needs - will not be able to lead."

If there is something you crave, or something you want to happen, focus on it with all your might, imagine it in detail – and then you can realize your dream."

5. Rabbi Nachman of Breslav

Rabbi Nachman of Breslav - Founder of Breslav Chassidut. A spiritual teacher who emphasized the many obstacles on the way to the knowledge of God and the importance of joy.

6. Golda Meir- Prime Minister of Israel from 1969 to 1974

"It is not important to decide at a young age what you'd like to be when you grow up. If you take part in struggles that are good for others, not only for yourself, then it seems to me that that is enough, and maybe it's just what it is."

7. Beautifying the Synagogue

Prayer book of the Jewish community of Rome

He Who blessed Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah - may He bless every daughter of Israel who fashions a coat or covering with which to adorn the Torah, or who prepares a candle in honor of the Torah. May the Holy One, blessed be He, pay her reward and grant her the good that she deserves, and let us say Amen.

מִי שִׁפְרָה שָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה הוּא יְבָרַךְ אֶת כָּל בֵּת יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁעוֹשֶׂה מַעֲלֵל אוֹ מְטַפַּחַת לְכָבוֹד הַתּוֹרָה וְהַמִּתְקַנֶּת נָר לְכָבוֹד הַתּוֹרָה. הַקֵּב"ה יְשַׁלֵּם שְׂכָרָהּ וְיִתֵּן לָהּ גְּמוּלָהּ הַטּוֹב וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

8. Henrietta Szold

Henrietta Szold was a public activist who has dedicated her life and work to the Jewish people. She established Hadassah and Aliyat Hanoar.

"Many of my friends have warned me that a visit to the Land of Israel will put an end to my Zionism. This prophecy has not been fulfilled, on the contrary, I am now more convinced than ever that our redemption lies in this way."