

# Preserving the Past for a Better Tomorrow

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### Limmud 2024 HANDOUT

#### Introduction to The Together Plan

Many Jewish people in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are disenfranchised, isolated, and untrusting. This is a direct by-product of the Holocaust and Soviet rule, events that collectively disintegrated a cultural and historic fabric woven over centuries. This state of affairs poses unique challenges when it comes to preserving and nurturing Jewish culture and history in these communities today. Indeed, many important artefacts to Jewish culture and history, such as writings, records, and buildings, have either been lost or are in danger of being lost.

Focusing its current efforts on Belarus, The Together Plan (TTP) has been working with pockets of the country's Jewry so they can confidently and

safely rekindle and nurture a love of Judaism, Jewish life, Jewish culture, and Jewish history. The Together Plan has been doing this by giving these people the freedom of choice over the projects they wish to undertake, and otherwise supporting their efforts to develop and manage their Jewish identity.

Success depends on building meaningful grassroots relationships, an inherently slow process. It requires a commitment to repeated connectivity, both live and virtual, and an ability to convert ideas into results. Through this repair and renewal process, The Together Plan intends to have Belarusian Jews feel a better sense of community with their Jewish brethren in Belarus as well as throughout the world.

#### The Together Plan and partners

The Together Plan became a UK charity (non-profit) registered with the Charities Commission of England and Wales in 2013. The founders are Debra Brunner in the UK and Artur Livshyts in Belarus. Jewish Tapestry Project (JTP) was founded by Debra Brunner and was set up to act as the American partner to The Together Plan. It was incorporated in August 2020 and became a 501(C)3 non-profit on 12th October 2021.

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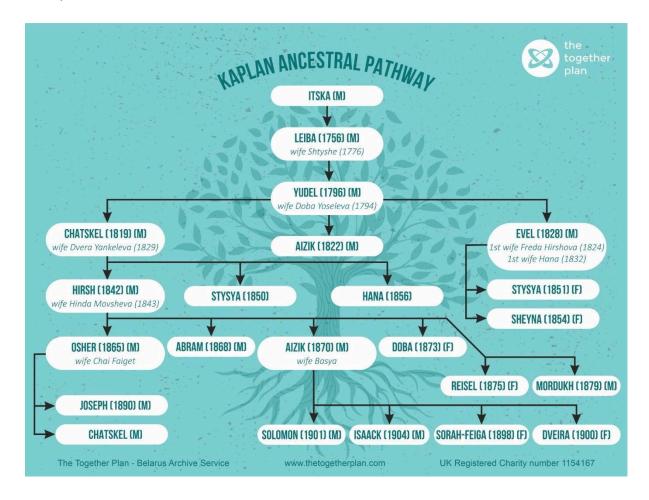
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