



[Limmud](#) Conference 2013 is being held between 22nd - 26th December at Warwick University. As the discussions around LGBT inclusion within the Jewish community develop, so do the range of activities grow at Limmud. See below for sessions being led by Keshet UK volunteers and other sessions at Limmud conference that may interest you. Visit our [calendar](#) or [subscribe](#) for further details.

## Sunday:

### **9:10 - Joseph (w)as a woman**

Tanya Zion-Waldoks

Location: Soc 3

We will explore the alluring and complex personality that was Joseph: his gender-bending character as beloved son of Jacob and Rachel, hated haughty brother, charismatic beauty, sexual assault victim, dreamer, and Pharaoh's Hand. We will examine Joseph's tale of (mis)adventures through art, modern Israeli poetry, midrash and our own interpretations and imaginations. Though somewhat text-based, no prior knowledge is necessary.

### **13:30 - Approaches to Leviticus 18:22**

Alma Smith

Location: Sci 8

In Leviticus 18 we encounter a verse which has been used as a proof text to justify harm, humiliation and hatred on the basis of sexual orientation or practice. In this session we will explore a number of textual interpretations of this verse which challenge traditional readings.

### **14:20 - Sex and halacha in the age of Grindr**

Daniel Lichman

Location: Sci 1

Sex outside of marriage is a normal and usually uncontroversial part of modern life. Yet it often seems that Jewish teachings have little to say on the matter beyond assur (forbidden). In this lecture and text study we will consider how to create a Jewish sexual ethic framed through a highly creative approach to halacha.

### **19:00 - From the beginning: a queer rereading of Genesis**



David Lazar  
Location: Ram 1

We have not entirely succeeded in creating Torah that speaks to everyone since it has not really heard everyone. Let us go back to the Beginning, to the book of Genesis, to the stories we have heard and told time and again. But let us do it 'right' this time in a way that listens and addresses the entire community.

### **21:10 - Queer Space (1 of 2)**

Limmud Social Programming Team

Location: Rootes Chancellors 1

Come along to this informal social to meet and shmooze with the rest of Limmud's LGBT community. Feel free to bring your drink!

## **Monday:**

### **12:00 - Parents of Jewish gays and lesbians**

Alison Walsh

Location: Ram 8

What would you do if your child told you he/she was gay? 'How are we going to cope?' 'How can we tell our family and friends?' Is this you, and you would like to meet other parents who understand the issues? Please, please also come if you accept your child's sexuality and can share your experiences to help other parents.

### **13:30 - Keshet UK inclusivity training (1 of 3)**

Alma Smith

Location: Ram 7

Keshet UK runs training seminars offering theory, tools and ideas on how to make Jewish spaces more welcoming and inclusive of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender members. This intensive will offer taster sessions from these seminars. Session 1 will cover: Creating a safe space, statistics and gender sexuality and language.

### **5:40 - More than marriage: queering our communities**

David Lazar

Location: Sci 7



From legal accomplishments in the EU and the US to social achievements around the world, GLBTQ people are slowly gaining full access to society. Why are some Jewish communities still stuck with their gates closed while others are leading the way? A rabbi shares communal experience of the last two decades and hopes to learn more from those who attend.

### **21:10 - How I became an Orthodox feminist and what I hope my daughters (and son) will do next**

Tanya Zion-Waldoks

Location: Sci 3

Through humorous and thought-provoking anecdotes from her life so far, Tanya weaves a story of becoming an Orthodox feminist. She reflects on the inspiration for her commitment to Jewish social justice in Israel, and describes how she led significant change on issues of Orthodox LGBT, agunah rights and women's standing in Jewish rituals. Wondering aloud: what's next for our children's generation?

#### 21.10 - [Living with HIV: a Jewish journey](#)

Scott Fried

The AIDS issue isn't over, neither is the obligation of Jews to address it. Come be inspired by Scott as he celebrates 26 years this week of living with HIV. Hear his perspective on the subject of in light of Jewish imperatives. Be an agent of change in your community. AIDS is everyone's issue. Staying alive is yours!

## Tuesday:

### **13:30 - Keshet UK inclusivity training (2 of 3)**

Alma Smith

Location: Ram 7

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### **Same time: The modern (Jewish) family**

Vincent Knowles, Danny Rich, Jonathan Romain, Nancy Wiener

Location: Ram 4



The nostalgic image of a Jewish nuclear family is not the reality for many Jews today. Single parents, non-Jewish in-laws, LGBTQ family members, bi- and multi-racial families are an increasingly common reality. Come here to understand the impact of some alternative family models and how to adapt your family ideals

### **18:20 - What's new for Queer Jews?**

Alma Smith

Location: Sci 1

What do you want for the future of provision for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Jews? What do you want to see happening in the Jewish community? Come and hear from a panel of volunteers about what is currently available and debate what the future could hold.

### **21:20 - Keshet UK inclusivity surgery**

Daniel Lichman, Alma Smith

Location: Ram 7

Meet with volunteers working for the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Jews in all aspects of communal life. We will offer a short presentation on making communities more inclusive, but come with your questions and dilemmas to a panel of experts with plenty of personal experience.

## **Wednesday:**

### **13:30 - Keshet UK inclusivity training (3 of 3)**

Daniel Lichman, Alma Smith

Location: Ram 7

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### **22:30 - Queer Space (2 of 2)**

Limmud Social Programming Team

Location: Rootes First Floor



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## Thursday:

### **9:50 - Marriage equality in Jewish communities**

Benjamin Crowne, Laura Janner-Klausner, Zvi Solomons, David Wolpe

Location: Ram 1

Same-sex marriage won major victories this year in both the UK and USA. How has it affected Jewish communities? What happens when rabbis and their congregants disagree? An interdenominational panel of leading rabbis consider this and other issues.