

London School of Jewish Studies

ONLINE



LSJS

COURSES & EVENTS
October–December

2020

LSJS during Lockdown

Welcome

"Go, my people, come into your chambers and shut your doors behind you; hide for just a while until the wrath passes."

(Isaiah 26:20)

Our lives have changed so much in the past months. We worry more, consume less, and hope the virus can be contained. And yet, the challenge of Jewish life and learning continues...

This term *all* our courses are online so you can study safely at home. Where possible, following government guidelines, there will be in-person classes at our Hendon Campus.

Take advantage of our early bird and student reductions. Learn daytime or evening. Topics include: literature, law, Talmud and history - plus the return of the LSJS Tanach course. And don't miss our special events including barristers tackling Bible and Rabbi Dweck.

We will provide you with the best learning we can, *"until the wrath passes"*, and a long time after that too.

Stay safe and see you on screen,

Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum
Dean, LSJS

Reductions for Students: email a valid student ID to receive a discount code for your booking

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Book for courses online or by phone:
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Any questions? Call or email us at:
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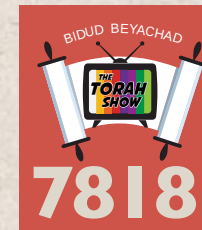


to transfer ALL our courses online, delivered on Zoom



10 hours every day

our administrators have been responding to phone queries and supporting students



views on Facebook of our weekly LSJS Torah Show, *Bidud Beyachad* (Alone Together).

ADULT EDUCATION

389

 individual students in

18

 online courses

1034

people attended one-off online lectures



87 recordings of online classes now available for purchase and download

TEACHER TRAINING & DEGREES

33

 students completed their intense training and academic studies online

366

 very happy families, friends, colleagues and supporters joined us at our first ever online 'Graduation Celebration'

229th

graduate of the **Susi Bradfield Educators Programme** completed her classes online



TOURS



142

joined our Israel guides on virtual tours of Jerusalem



298

attended a virtual Jewish tour of the **Sistine Chapel**



people visited the **British Museum** online to see Jewish history embodied in objects

LSJS provides engaging Jewish educational experiences for British Jewry and beyond. We train teachers and leaders to have a transformative impact on Jewish schools and communities. Our teacher training, degree courses and adult education programmes are delivered in person and online.

LSJS British Museum Tours

Founded in 1753, the British Museum is probably the greatest museum in the world. It houses countless treasures that bring the age of the Bible to life. Sign-up for one of our popular online tours and be guided room by room using cutting-edge software that allows you to see the artefacts up-close from the comfort of your sofa. **Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum** will be your expert guide.

The Ten Lost Tribes Tour

Times: 1–2:30pm or 6–7:30pm
Date: Sunday 15 November
Fee: £20 (£16 before 9 Nov)

2741 years ago the neo-Assyrian empire wiped out the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Ten of the twelve tribes were exiled. Through the study of key biblical texts and the piecing together of cuneiform inscriptions and stunning reliefs we will learn what really happened to the ten lost tribes.

Chanukah & Ancient Greece Tour

Time: 1–2:30pm or 6–7:30pm
Date: Sunday 13 December
Fee: £20 (£16 before 7 Dec)

The ancient Greece collection affords a perfect window into the festival of Chanukah. Pots, coins, reliefs and sculptures reveal the ideological battle symbolised by the Parthenon in Athens and the Temple in Jerusalem. Take this fascinating tour during Chanukah.

Abraham on trial

A court room drama of biblical proportions

The story of Abraham's divinely-instructed attempt to sacrifice his son is truly shocking. Millennia have not lessened its impact. Was Abraham right to risk his son's life? Was it fair to his wife Sarah?

We have gathered great legal minds to debate this historic case. Both sides will present arguments and the judge will determine the verdict. This court room drama will serve to deepen our appreciation of the Torah and the profound challenges faced by our ancestors.



Presiding Judge:

Lindsey Kushner QC

Recently retired Senior Circuit Judge. Expert in Family Law.

Prosecution and defence lawyers:



Professor Anthony Julius Solicitor advocate, Mishcon de Reya. Chair in Law and Arts, University College London.



David Wolfson QC Barrister, One Essex Court. Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year 2020.



Jonathan Seidler QC Deputy Head of Chambers at Wilberforce. Ranked top silk for Real Estate Litigation in 2019.



Dr Harris Bor Barrister, Twenty Essex. International Arbitration Junior of the Year, shortlist 2020.

EVENT

Date: Sunday 8 November 2020
Time: 7:45–9:30pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE

£15 (£12 before 30 October)



Reflections on Kristallnacht

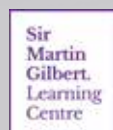
Remembering the November pogroms

On the night of 9–10 November 1938, Nazi Brownshirts and Hitler Youth units throughout Germany and Austria went on the rampage. Jewish homes, businesses, cemeteries and synagogues were looted and destroyed. Why did this happen? How did the world react? And what were the consequences?

On this special evening, exactly 82 years later, Professor Shirli Gilbert will explore the November pogroms, and we will hear a first-hand testimony from survivor Eve Kugler.

Presented by the **March of the Living UK** and **Sir Martin Gilbert Learning Centre** in partnership with **LSJS**.

In partnership with



Professor Shirli Gilbert is Professor of Modern Jewish History at UCL and Academic Director of the Sir Martin Gilbert Learning Centre. She has written on the role of music in the Nazi ghettos and camps, German-Jewish refugees, and how the Holocaust shaped understandings of and responses to apartheid in South Africa. Her recent book explores Holocaust memory and postwar racism.



Eve Kugler, born in Germany, was seven years old when Kristallnacht took place. Her family was torn apart

by the Nazis, her parents survived concentration camps, her youngest sister forced into hiding, and Eve and her other sister sent to America and into foster homes. Remarkably, they were all reunited in 1946.

EVENT

Date: Monday 9 November
Time: 8–9:30pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE

£12 (£10 before 2 November)

The continuing clash of Hellenism and Judaism

Keynote Pre-Chanukah Lecture

With S&P Senior Rabbi Joseph Dweck

the
S&PHARDI
community קהילת שער השמים

The ancient Greeks confused our ancestors. Their culture was markedly different from ours but their philosophy rivalled our own. How could we fight such a duplicitous foe?

In this special lecture, Rabbi Dweck will analyse how the Jews of second-century BCE Israel discovered the light and clarity needed to differentiate between Jewish and Greek philosophy and culture; and how we still need the light of Chanukah today.



Rabbi Joseph Dweck is Senior Rabbi of the S&P Sephardi Community of the

UK and Deputy President of LSJS. For sixteen years he served as Rabbi of Congregation Shaare Shalom in New York and for six years was Headmaster of Barkai Yeshiva Day School in Brooklyn.

EVENT

Date: Monday 7 December
Time: 8–9:15pm

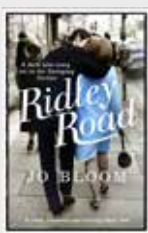
BOOK YOUR PLACE

£12 (£10 before 27 November)



Modern Jewish Literature

With Dr Aviva Dautch



Modern Jewish Literature at LSJS is a unique exploration into the modern Jewish books that really matter. What books have influenced us? Which ones have amused, insulted or entertained us? Which books do we love, which ones do we want everyone to read, and which ones do we want forgotten?

This course is dedicated to the memory of Maureen Kendler z"l



Dr Aviva Dautch is the Executive Director of *Jewish Renaissance*, the UK's quarterly Jewish arts magazine. She lectures on modern Jewish culture at the University of Roehampton and her poems, reviews and literary essays are widely published. Aviva is a regular contributor to courses and programmes for the British Library, British Museum and BBC Radio 4.

COURSE SESSIONS

Start: 19 October
Duration: 8 weeks
Day(s): Mondays
Time: 10:30am–12:30pm
No class: 16 November

19 October
'House of Glass'
by Hadley Freeman

26 October
'Ridley Road' by Jo Bloom

2 November
'Mazel Tov' by J S Margot

9 November **'The History of Love'**
by Nicole Krauss

23 November
'A Stranger City' by Linda Grant

30 November **'Becoming Eve'** by Abby Chava Stein

7 December **'Gloucester Crescent'**
by William Miller

14 December **'Seven Good Years'**
by Etgar Keret

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Course: £91 (£77 before 7 Oct)
Per session: £12

THE LSJS TANACH COURSE

Study all twenty-four books of the Jewish Bible in a year with master teachers. This unique approach explores the major themes, broad context, and key stories of each and every book.

We have been called 'The People of the Book', and that book is the Bible, but how many of us have actually read it? This is a wonderful opportunity to study the great storehouse of Jewish heritage - one book per week. Materials will be provided every week and there will be video recordings available for classes you may miss. Teachers on this course include **Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum**, **Dr Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz** and Tanach scholars from around the world.

The course will cover the entire Bible, in five sections over the year, from October to June: (1) Introduction and the five books of the Torah; (2) Rise and fall of Israel's first kingdom; (3) Prophets of despair and hope; (4) The five scrolls of love and loss; (5) Books of wisdom, exile and return.

COURSE SESSIONS

Section 1 starts on 20/21 October with a FREE introductory week – open to all.

Choose from two study time options:

Tuesday evenings: 8–9:30pm or

Wednesday mornings: 10–11:30am

Week 1: 20/21 Oct **Introduction to Tanach: structure & meaning** (FREE)

Week 2: 27/28 Oct **Genesis: God creates the cosmos and then focuses on one family**

Week 3: 3/4 Nov **Exodus: from slavery in Egypt to revelation at Sinai**

Week 4: 10/11 Nov **Leviticus: making sense of sacrifices**

Week 5: 17/18 Nov **Numbers: journey to peoplehood**

Week 6: 24/25 Nov **Deuteronomy: the swansong of Moses**

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Section 1: Torah – 5 weeks
£57 (£48 before 13 Oct)

Whole Tanach – 29 weeks
£285 (£230 before 13 Oct)

The LSJS Tanach Course is sponsored by

Esther and Romie Tager
in memory of
Esther's late parents,

Rev and Mrs Leo Sichel

Halachic responses to historical events in modern Israel

With Rav Aviad Tabory

Over the centuries, halacha has always responded to new questions thrown up by Jewish life and its challenges. In this new series, seven important events in the history of the modern State of Israel will be introduced and examined from a Jewish legal perspective. All of these were controversial - not only in Israeli society, but in the halls of the Bet Midrash as well.



Rav Aviad Tabory studied in Yeshivat Or Etzion and Har Etzion (Gush) and served as a combat soldier in the IDF. He was Rav Shaliach for Bnei Akiva in the UK and was the founding rabbi of Kehillat Alei Tzion in London. Rav Tabory is a lecturer at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi.

COURSE SESSIONS

Start: 21 October
Duration: 7 weeks
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 8–9:30pm

21 October 1965 - Reparations from Germany: should Israel receive 'tzedaka' from other nations?

28 October 1965 - Our Man in Damascus, Eli Cohen: how far can you go to protect the state?

4 November 1968 - Loss of the Israeli Submarine, Dakar: is burial at sea acceptable; can a soldier be buried on Shabbat?

11 November 1977 - Peace with Egypt: exchanging land for peace?

18 November 1994 - Massacre at the Cave of Machpelah: taking the law into your own hands

25 November 2002 - Operation Defensive Shield: difficult questions facing soldiers

2 December 2018 - Moving the American Embassy: the religious ramifications for Jerusalem

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Course: £80 (£70 before 7 Oct)
Per session: £12

IDF Spokesperson's Unit



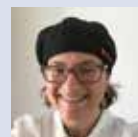
The burden of beauty

A fascinating exploration of talmudic tales

With Dr Lindsay Simmonds

This class explores some of the most colourful and human stories in the Talmud. We will analyse each tale and then reflect on and debate the approach of Dr Ruth Calderon in her fascinating book, *A Bride for One Night*. Dr Calderon has a doctorate in Talmud from The Hebrew University and, when elected as a minister in 2013, became a national celebrity when she taught a page of Talmud in the Knesset.

We will then explore what the traditional commentaries have to say about these tales and try to uncover their deeper meanings and their relevance for us today.



Dr Lindsay Simmonds has a PhD from LSE and is an LSJS Research Fellow and graduate of Susi Bradfield Educators Programme. She is a prolific

speaker at conferences, has appeared on BBC Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*, *Beyond Belief* and the *World Service*.

COURSE SESSIONS

Start: 2 November
Duration: 5 weeks
Days: Mondays
Time: 1–2:30pm
or 8–9:30pm

2 November
Nazir: the burden of beauty

9 November
The Matron: sexual and theological provocations

16 November
The Knife: Rav Yehoshua ben Levi and social justice

23 November
Elisha (ben Abuya): the holy heretic

30 November
The Bruria Incident: a challenge to social order

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Course: £56 (£50 before 2 Oct)
Per session: £12

Through Rashi's eyes: Abraham & Sarah

With Michelle Sint

Advance your learning of Rashi, our greatest Biblical commentator, with this new course. Over 7 sessions, we will explore Genesis chapter 12 in depth using an innovative and accessible ten-category method for understanding Rashi's analysis. You will learn how Rashi uses alternative sources together with his approach to *peshat* and *midrash* to create his unique approach. You will also have the chance to see and make use of the very earliest manuscripts of Rashi's commentary available today.

Whether you have studied Rashi before or not, this course will deepen your appreciation of our ancestors.



Michelle Sint has an MA in Jewish Studies and a BA in Hebrew, English and American Studies. She is a graduate of the LSJS Susi Bradfield Educators

Programme and a regular LSJS tour guide. She trains Jewish Studies teachers and teaches adults Jewish Studies skills.

COURSE SESSIONS

Start: 27/28 Oct
Duration: 7 weeks
Day: Tues or Wed
Time: Tues 10–11:30am
Wed 8–10pm

27/28 Oct **Abraham & Sarah on the move; Rashi's approach**

3/4 Nov **Understanding *midrash***

10/11 Nov **Understanding *peshat***

17/18 Nov **Rashi's geography**

24/25 Nov
Employing other sources

1/2 Dec **Mediaeval manuscripts**

8/9 Dec **A complete picture**

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Course: £80 (£70 before 20 Oct)
Per session: £12

Four books that changed prayer forever

With Rabbi Barry Kleinberg

Tefillah, Jewish prayer, has changed radically over the centuries. Should the focus be regularity, devotion, structure, meaning, passion, community or something completely different? This course analyses the approach to prayer in four books that were milestones in Jewish thought and practice: the Talmud, the Mishneh Torah, the Zohar and the Shulchan Aruch.



Rabbi Barry Kleinberg is an osteopath and lectures at the British College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is an LSJS Teaching Fellow and has been involved in Jewish education for 20 years.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Course: £68 (£58 before 20 Oct)
Per session: £12

COURSE SESSIONS

Start: 26 Oct
Duration: 6 weeks
Day: Mondays
Time: 8–9:15pm
Half Term: 9 Nov

26 Oct **The origins of Jewish prayer**

2 Nov **Prayer in the Talmud: did Jews always pray?**

16 Nov **Service of the heart: prayer in the Mishneh Torah**

23 Nov **Mystical experiences: prayer in the Zohar**

30 Nov **Prayers will commence at exactly 7:30pm: prayer in the Shulchan Aruch**

7 Dec **Praying in the modern world**

Anglo-Jewry 1060–1650

Arriving, thriving, surviving

With Simon Goulden

The history of the Anglo Jewish community stretches back at least 1000 years. Some of the dates might stick in the memory, but what happened before, during ... and after? And who were the characters who created – and destroyed it?

In this series of four illustrated talks, Simon Goulden will look at both the highways and byways of the Jewish community in Britain in the mediaeval period, and the men and women who lived, worked and studied there. It is not always a comfortable journey, but one worth exploring.



Simon Goulden is an education and management consultant, writer and international lecturer. Originally a civil engineer

he switched fields and obtained an MA in Jewish Education from LSJS. He has authored, edited and consulted on Jewish prayer books and books on Judaism, Jewish history and Israel and leads museum tours at LSJS.

COURSE SESSIONS

Start: 17 November
Duration: 4 weeks
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 8–9pm

17 November
Welcome to England, 1066–1200

24 November
Earning and learning, Anglo-Jewish men and women in commerce and scholarship in the Middle Ages

1 December
Thriving, then just surviving, 1200–1290

8 December
What happened next: secretly Jewish and openly Jewish 1290–1650

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Course: £38 (£34 before 10 Nov)
Per session: £10

Daytime learning for women

Shiurim are weekly | £10 per class

In-depth Parshat Hashavua

With Rebbetzin Lauren Levin

Studying fascinating approaches to Torah using a range of commentators on source sheets prepared in advance, this is the ultimate way to wake those brain cells and give a kick-start to your week.



Rebbetzin Lauren Levin is a Yoetzet Halacha (Woman Advisor in Jewish Law) and Rebbetzin at South

Hampstead United Synagogue. She is a graduate of the Nishmat Centre for Advanced Torah Study for Women in Jerusalem.

COURSE SESSIONS

Start: 19 October
Day: Mondays 9:30am–12:30pm

Class structure:
60 minutes preparation time
b'chevruta (learning pairs) followed by shiur at 10:30am.

Sedra @ Lunchtime

With Dr Lindsay Simmonds

In this course, we will look at new and refreshing ways to learn the week's sedra. You'll leave the class armed with something totally different to contribute at the Shabbat table. Text-based and interactive.



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Bradfield Educators Programme. She is a prolific speaker at conferences, has appeared on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour, Beyond Belief and the World Service.

COURSE SESSIONS

Term: 29 October–17 December
Day: Thursdays 1–2pm

Yamim Noraim specials:

10 September: Pre Rosh Hashanah
24 September: Pre Yom Kippur

The LSJS Ulpan

Study modern Hebrew at the level that's right for you

Whether you are a beginner or want to improve your skills, our expert teachers will guide you in small classes, at your level. Lessons are interactive and include a mixture of written and spoken activities, debates, reading newspapers and watching video clips, all designed to help you develop your language skills. Call the LSJS office to ask for one of our teachers to assess which level is right for you.

COURSE SESSIONS

Start Date: 6/7/15/16 Sept
Duration: Year Long
(37 weeks)

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Year Long Price: Early bird £330
(After 1 Sept £360)
Contact the LSJS office for termly payment options.

Note: classes will run subject to sufficient numbers.

Sunday

9am–12pm
Aleph 1
with Liat

Monday

10am–12pm
Bet 1
with Daphna

1:30–3:30pm
Aleph 2
with Daphna

Tuesday

10am–12pm
Aleph 3 with Rina

Bet 1
with Daphna

7:30–9:30pm
Bet 2
with Rina

Beginners
With Reut

Wednesday

10am–12:00pm
Bet 2 with Daphna

Gimmel
with Nurit

Dalet
with Liat

In September we will be opening a new beginners class. Please contact us if you are interested in joining this class.



Train to Teach at LSJS



It's about you and your future ...

- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and PGCE all in one year
- Primary and secondary school pathways available
- Train to teach Jewish Studies or a range of other subjects
- Combine your studies with teaching in a school
- Learn from experienced teachers and put your new skills into practice
- Our training programmes were recently rated 'outstanding in all areas' by Ofsted

For more information, contact Suzanne on 020 8203 6427
suzanne.wayland@lsjs.ac.uk





Gain a career-transforming degree in education

Degree courses

BA (Hons) Jewish Education is a 4-year part-time degree that can be completed while you are working in a school. This degree is perfect for school leavers, post yeshiva/sem students, unqualified teachers or teaching assistants and those interested in a career change.

Our MA in Jewish education is a two-year part-time programme for school leaders, rabbis, Jewish studies teachers, educators and lay leaders with an interest in Jewish education. The MA will provide you with an excellent opportunity to join others in shaping the future of Jewish education.

You can take these degrees at our local North-West London campus or you can choose to study the entire MA online or part of the BA online, from the comfort of you home, with our cutting-edge accessible web-based software.

**For more information, contact Suzanne on 020 8203 6427
suzanne.wayland@lsjs.ac.uk**

This degree is quality assured by Middlesex University and you will receive a Middlesex award on successful completion.



The Marc Weinberg Community Library

-  A warm and inviting library where you can browse, borrow and buy books
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-  Come for academic study, to prepare a *dvar torah* or to research a particular topic
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MONDAY

DAYTIME COURSES

Modern Jewish Literature
Dr Aviva Dautch

In-depth Parsha
Lauren Levin

Burden of beauty
Dr Lindsay Simmonds

EVENING COURSES

Four books that changed prayer forever
Rabbi Barry Kleinberg

Burden of beauty
Dr Lindsay Simmonds

TUESDAY

DAYTIME COURSE

Through Rashi's eyes
Michelle Sint

EVENING COURSES

LSJS Tanach course
Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum and more

Anglo Jewry: 1060–1650
Simon Goulden

WEDNESDAY

DAYTIME COURSE

LSJS Tanach course
Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum and more

EVENING COURSES

Halacha and modern Israel
Rav Aviad Tabory

Through Rashi's eyes
Michelle Sint

THURSDAY

DAYTIME COURSE

Sedra @ Lunchtime
Dr Lindsay Simmonds

ONLINE

Book early for reductions

SPECIALS

EVENT

Abraham on trial: a courtroom drama
Lindsey Kushner QC
Prof. Anthony Julius
David Wolfson QC
Jonathan Seidler QC
Dr Harris Bor
Sunday 8 Nov

LECTURES

Reflections on Kristallnacht
Prof. Shirley Gilbert
Eve Kugler
Monday 9 Nov

Hellenism and Judaism
Rabbi Joseph Dweck
Monday 7 December

BRITISH MUSEUM

Ten Lost Tribes tour
Sunday 15 Nov

Chanukah & Ancient Greece tour
Sunday 13 Dec

HEBREW ULPAN

10 levels:
Sunday – Wednesday

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