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**IDEAS, IDENTITY, AND
RELEVANCE:
TO LIFE! TOWARDS A
JEWISH COMMUNAL FUTURE
IN THE FSU**

**ИДЕИ, ИДЕНТИЧНОСТЬ И
АКТУАЛЬНОСТЬ:
В ЖИЗНЬ! НАВСТРЕЧУ
БУДУЩЕМУ ЕВРЕЙСКОЙ
ОБЩИНЫ В СТРАНАХ
БЫВШЕГО СССР**

VICTORIA SPA HOTEL
MINSK, BELARUS
FEBRUARY 9–11, 2020

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SCHEDULE

ПРОГРАММА

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 15:00–16:00 **Check in at Victoria Spa Hotel**
Заезд и регистрация в отель Виктория СПА
- 16:00–17:00 **Welcome/Getting to Know Each Other**
Welcome by Rabbi Jeni S. Friedman & Roman Kogan
Добро пожаловать/знакомство
Приветствия-Раввин Джени С. Фридман и Роман Коган
- 17:00–18:30 **Who Am I? An Exploration of Contemporary Jewish Identity**
—Professor Moshe Halbertal
Кто я? В поисках современной еврейской идентичности
—Проф. Моше Хальберталь
- 18:30–19:30 **Dinner/Ужин**
- 19:45 **Why Do We Still Talk about Russian Jews?: The Collapse of the Soviet Union and Evolution of Russian Jewish Culture Worldwide**
—Professor Anna Shternshis
Русскоязычные евреи на трех континентах: общность или миф? Черты русско-еврейской глобальной культуры последних десятилетий
—Проф. Анна Штерншис
- 21:30 **Dessert and Schmooze**
Сладкий стол и неформальное общение

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00–8:45 **Breakfast/Завтрак**

9:00–11:00 **Workshops, Session #1/Мастерские. Сессия 1**

Tree of Knowledge and Tree of Life in Eden

—*Rabbi Grisha Abramovich*

Древо познания добра и зла и древо жизни

—*Раввин Гриша Абрамович*

What is Jewish Art?

—*Yulia Patrakova*

Что такое еврейское искусство?

—*Юлия Патракова*

Humor and Russian Jewish Identity

—*Professor Anna Shternshis*

Юмор и русская еврейская культура

—*Проф. Анна Штерншис*

11:00–11:30 **Coffee Break/Кофе-пауза**

11:30–13:00 **Ideas and Ideologies for Jewish Communal Life**

—*Professor Moshe Halbertal*

**Идеи и идеологии для еврейской
общинной жизни**

—*Проф. Моше Хальберталь*

13:00–14:00 **Lunch/Обед**

14:15–15:15 **Israel and Russian Speaking Jewry**

—*Dr. Dmitry Maryasis*

Израиль и русскоязычное еврейство

—*Др. Дмитрий Марьясис*

15:15–15:45 **Coffee Break/Кофе-пауза**

16:00–18:00 **Our Common Destiny**

—*Ilia Salita*

Наша общая судьба

—*Илья Салита*

18:15–19:15 **Dinner/Ужин**

19:30–21:30 **Open Space: Participant-Led Conversations**

**Открытое пространство для
инициированных участниками обсуждений**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00–8:45 **Breakfast/Завтрак**

9:00–11:00 **Workshops, Session #2/Мастерские. Сессия 2**

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11:00–11:30 **Coffee Break/Кофе - пауза**

11:30–12:45 **Views, Voices and Vision: A Panel of Fellows**

—*Eugenia Lvova, Moderator*

**Мнения, голоса и идеи: круглый стол
участников**

—*Ведущая Евгения Львова*

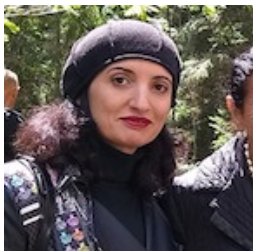
13:00 **Pick Up Boxed Lunches and Depart**

Обед (ланч-боксы) и разъезд

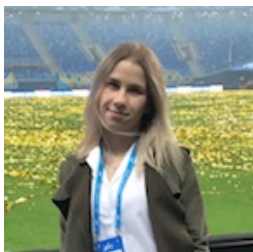
**FELLOWS
AND FACULTY**

**УЧАСТНИКИ И
ПРЕПОДАВАТЕЛИ**

FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES



Irina Abramovich, from Minsk, is the Coordinator of RUPJ's STEP program. She holds Master's degrees in Education and Jewish Studies. Irina is an active member of the Recruitment Committee of LIMMUD FSU.



Iana Assukhovskaia, from Russia, manages events for Hillel in St. Petersburg. She studied Jurisprudence at the School of Economics. Irina has done volunteer work for FIFA – World Cup.



Irina Belskaia, from Belarus, holds a Master's in Jewish Education from Leo Baeck College, London. She works for the UPJ in Belarus, and is the co-author and editor of various Jewish themed children's books. She is a member of LIMMUD FSU Belarus' organizing committee, and is an alumna of various NGF programs as well as the first cohort of the NGF Network Leadership Seminar in Mexico.

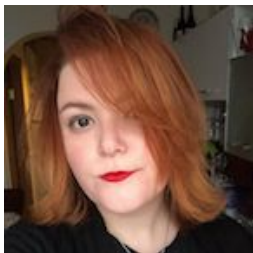


Kristina Bezdejskaya, from Minsk, is the director of the Jewish cultural center, Emuna. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Management and Economics. Kristina has worked for the Jewish Agency, Hillel and JDC.

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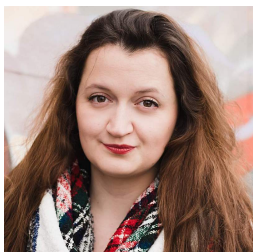
Evgenia Chirkova, from St. Petersburg, teaches children and adults at Adain Lo Family Center. She studied Engineering at St. Petersburg Electro-Technical University. Evgenia was a volunteer for Limmud.



Anna Dzhanbekova, from Kazan, Russia, graduated from the ORT-Mishpakhtein Jewish school. She has a Bachelor's in Nanotechnology and a Master's in Chemical Technology. Anna is engaged in many community programs including youth activities, social projects, music, and cultural events.



Irina Fridman, from Minsk, is a regional manager and project coordinator for Keshet, a Belarussian women's organization. She studied at the Ural State Pedagogical University where she received a Master's in foreign languages. Irina volunteers for Limmud and the Eva Clinic for Women.



Anya Frolova, from Moscow, studied International Law at Kazan State University. She is a regional manager for Moishe House. Over the last five years she has been involved in various Limmud gatherings.

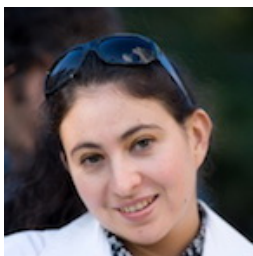
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Aliaksandr Furs, from Minsk, is the Head of the Commercial Dept. of an HVAC company. He studied International Trading at university in Warsaw. Aliaksandr is the Chief Editor of Shalom.by as well as a musician and photographer.



Marina Gatskan, from Minsk, earned a degree in Psychology and began her career in the corporate world. She then became a Program Coordinator for the Kaplan Leadership Initiative of the JDC. Marina also runs events for the Jewish Volunteer Movement.



Victoria Godik, from Kiev, is the development director of the NGO “Energy Country”. She received a Master’s in Engineering from Kiev National University of Engineering and Design. She has worked with many communal organizations including the Vaad and the Zionist Board of Ukraine. Victoria is the founder of J-Up Network.



Sveatlana Kapil, from Minsk, is a volunteer for Limmud’s children’s programs. She studied Accounting at the Belorussian State University. Sveatlana attended a Women’s Leadership Training Program at Keshet. She is a volunteer for the JCC and other Jewish organizations.

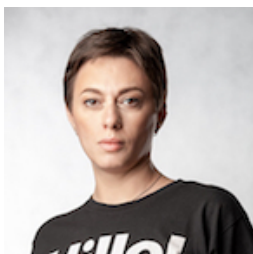
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Michael Kemerov, from Belarus holds a Master's degree in Philology. He is the Executive Director of the Religious Union for Progressive Judaism in Belarus, where he manages the activities of eleven religious congregations. Michael is an alumnus of various NGF programs as well as the first cohort of the NGF Network Leadership Seminar in Mexico.



Anzhalika Korab from Baranovichi, Belarus, is a self-employed Life Coach and Counselor. She studied at the Baranovichi State Pedagogical College. Anzhalika has participated in and presented at several Limmud events.

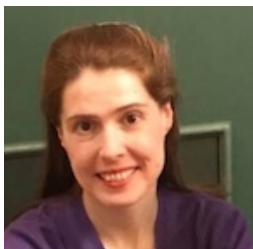


Alena Kuliounich, from Minsk, is the Director of Hillel Minsk. She studied English at Minsk State Linguistic University. She has been the head of Limmud's program committee for several years.



Maxim Kvashin from Vitebsk is employed in the electronics industry. He studied at the Technical Training College in Vitebsk where he earned a diploma in commerce. His interests lie in music and theater and their use in Jewish culture.

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Lyubov Lavrova from Moscow, is a librarian at the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center. She attended the State University of Moscow where she studied English and German. Lyubov takes part in online webinars with Sefer University. She also participates in Yiddish reading and translation groups.



Emiliia Litman, from Moscow, works at the Jewish Museum and Center of Tolerance. She holds a diploma in Psychology from the Moscow Humanitarian Institute. Emiliia is a children's book author. She also volunteers at the Lauder School in Moscow. Emiliia is an alumnus of NGF 23 in Israel.



Artur Livshyts, from Minsk, is the Country Director for The Together Plan. At university, he studied International Law. Artur has done volunteer work for organizations such as the Red Cross, the Union of Councils for Jews in FSU, and the JDC.



Tatiana Lvova from St. Petersburg, is the Deputy Director for Community Development of the Eva Jewish Charity Organization. She holds a Diploma of Higher Education in Linguistics. Tatiana also develops Holocaust projects for Yad Vashem and the Central Archive in Jerusalem. She serves on Limmud's program committee.

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Kateryna Mahdenko from Lviv, works for the charitable organization “Juice”. She is a professional actress and lectures on drama and the arts. Kateryna holds a Master’s degree in Performing Arts from the National University of Lviv.



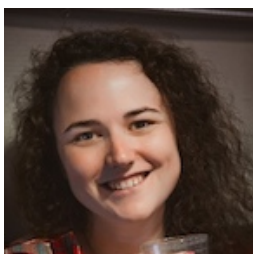
Talina Nechamkina from Vilna, is a sales manager for a touring agency. She studied Social Pedagogy at Vilnius University. Talia has volunteered for Limmud and Moishe House Without Walls.



Alisa Piatrushyna, from Gomel, is a Coordinator of Youth Programs at Gomel Jewish Community – Beit Yaakov. She studied foreign languages at Gomel State University. Alisa was a *madrich* for Taglit.



Kira Pivovarova from Dnepr, coordinates social and community programs for the JDC center in her city. She studied Management at the National Metallurgical Academy. Kira volunteers for Limmud.

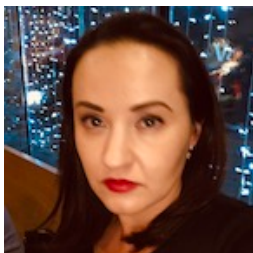


Regina Pritula from Vsevolozhsk, is a self-employed business coach. She studied Engineering at St. Petersburg University. Regina is a volunteer for Limmud.

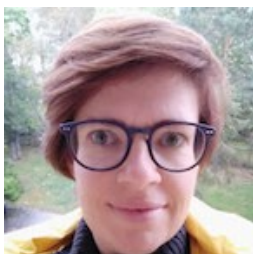
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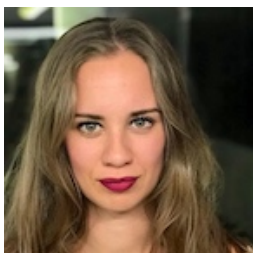
Leonid Rozengauz, from St. Petersburg, is the Regional Manager of Moishe House. He studied Programming at the State University. Leonid volunteers for Adain Lo Family Center and LIMMUD FSU.



Elena Rudshtein, from Lithuania, is a self-employed educator. She gives Hebrew lessons and co-founded a club for Russian speaking women. Elena studied Electrical Engineering at a college in Israel. She regularly attends Limmud seminars as well as the Olameinu Mishpaha Family Camp.

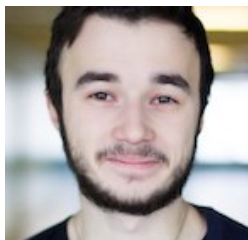


Victoria Shaldova, from Riga, is a Project Manager for the Shamir Organization. She studied Social Psychology at Moscow State University.



Yana Sonina, from Moscow, teaches French and English in a private school. She studied Foreign Languages at Moscow City University.

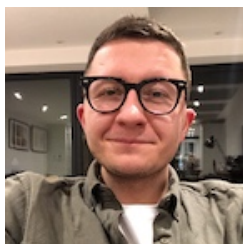
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Artyom Tsveifel, from Gomel, is the Coordinator of Youth Programming for Gomel Jewish Community—Beit Yaakov. He studied Electronics and Engineering at Gomel State Technical University. Artyom was a *madrish* for Taglit.



Nikolay Uvarov from St. Petersburg, manages events and human resources for a sports related company. He studied Physics at Moscow State University. Nikolay has volunteered at various Limmud events. He is involved with Moishe House and Hillel Russia.



Vlad Zaiko, from Bobruisk, Belarus, is the Development Coordinator for The Together Plan. He studies Translating and Interpreting at Minsk State Linguistic University. Vlad has led sessions at Limmud UK and assists with virtual Jewish Learning classes.



Alena Zamulina, from Minsk, teaches Romanian and English. She studied Economics at the Belarusian State Technical University. Alena volunteered for Limmud in Minsk and is now a volunteer for the Jewish Volunteer Movement.

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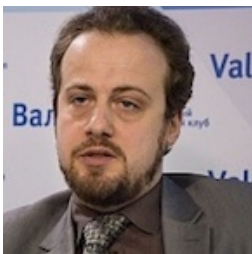
Grisha Abramovich, the Chief Rabbi of the Religious Union for Progressive Judaism in the Republic of Belarus. He received a Master's from the Leo Baeck College, UK. Grisha is involved with numerous Jewish organizations and writes a column on Judaism for the Narodnaya Gazeta.



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Eugenia Lvova, Director of Adain Lo, and Vice President of RJC in St. Petersburg.



Dr. Dmitry Maryasis, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Israel, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He also serves as a director general of the Russia-Israel Business Council. Moscow, Russia

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Ilia Salita, President and CEO, Genesis Philanthropy Group, a global foundation focused on: strengthening the Jewish identity of Russian-speaking Jewry; supporting pillar organizations of the U.K. Jewish community; and strengthening the bonds between Jews living in Israel and the Diaspora. New York, USA



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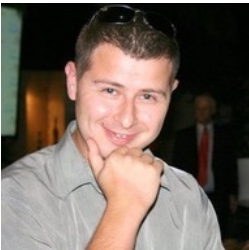
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