

16:00-17:30	Arrival & Registration		Hotel Reception
17:30-18:00	Meet new people drinks A chance to meet people and catch up with old friends from other communities, Liberal Judaism staff and rabbis. Hosted by LJ Chair, Ruth Seager		Catesby Bar
18:15-19:30	Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush Led by Rabbis Aaron Goldstein & Gili Zidikyahu. With music from Mich Sampson.		County Suite
19:30-21:00	Shabbat Dinner		County Suite
21:00-22:00	The Big LJ Quiz How well do you know Liberal Judaism? Join us for a fun and light-hearted quiz with questions on the movement's first 100 years (don't worry reference books will be provided), recent achievements, our wonderful communities and even a 'name that rabbi' picture round! In honour of our newfound love for Reform Judaism, we'll have a couple of guest questions about them too.	Simon Rothstein	County Suite
22:00-23:00	Oneg A true Friday night tradition. Bring your guitars and voices!	Rabbi Aaron Goldstein & Friends	County Suite
22:00-23:00	How we turned a crisis into an opportunity to go Live! Hear from world renowned tech experts and rabbis from both sides of the Atlantic on how they reacted quickly to the pandemic to keep Jewish spaces accessible for a locked down community.	Leo Mindel, Rabbis David Paskin, René Pfertzel & Lea Mühlstein, Josh Edelman	Oxford

07:30-09:00	Breakfast		Restaurant
07:30-08:15	Morning Run	Rabbi Charley Baginsky & Ruth Seager	Main Entrance
08:00-08:45	Study and Meet Student Rabbis Study this week's parasha with our current and prospective student rabbis.	Student Rabbis Rafe Thurstance, Nicola Feuchtwang & Hava Carvajal	Restaurant
09:00-10:45	Shabbat Morning Service followed by Kiddush	Led by Rabbis Richard Jacobi & Monique Mayer. With music by Mich Sampson	County Suite
10:45-11:00	Teas & Coffee		
11:00-12:15	KEYNOTE 1 Four Exiles and Four Spiritual Revolutions: From King David to King Charles III A whirlwind tour of 3,000 years of Judaism, focusing on three spiritual revolutions and the exiles that led to each. Then the most recent revolution: modern Judaism. How are we, today, like the prophets and like the authors of the Talmud? How is the U.K. in the 21st-century like the Golden Age of Spain? And what will we build for future generations?	Professor Joel Hoffman	County Suite
12:15-13:30	ROOTED God, how do we move on from here? Thinking through the contradiction that is Liberal Judaism Liberal Judaism is inherently contradictory. But contradictions can be dynamic. And for more than 120 years the liberal Jewish contradiction has been intrinsic to our thinking, ethics, and identity. Most obviously we are 'rooted' [made radical] in the theological contradiction that is "ethical monotheism". The 'contradictory' challenge that Liberal Judaism poses involves us in always thinking again about our relationship to liberalism, secularism, and atheism. It needs us to think again about God, the other, and the spiritual. About ethics, freedom and justice - and what and who is included/excluded. Sounds like a challenge - welcome to the next 120 years of: thinking Liberal Judaism.	Rabbis Dr Judith Rosen-Berry & Lea Mühlstein	County Suite

12:15-13:30	<p>RESPONSIVE Ancient Answers to Good and Evil That Were Cut From the Bible The second half of the Adam and Eve story, missing from the Bible. Abraham's formative childhood. The mysterious Enoch. And the way all three ancient scriptural texts explore the nature of our lives as they explain good and evil.</p>	Professor Joel Hoffman	Gloucester
	<p>INCLUSIVE Re-imagining Ruth (and Naomi and Boaz) What's the difference between polyamory and polygamy and why might either of those terms be relevant to reading the Book of Ruth? Just ahead of Shavuot, come along to study together a wholly new, 21st century approach to reading this story.</p>	Rabbi Dr Deborah Kahn Harris	Chester
	<p>DIVERSE Why do we want a diverse Liberal Judaism? Who benefits? Tania Townsend and Rabbi Gabriel Kanter-Webber will lead us through a series of texts explaining why Judaism embraces the Other.</p>	Rabbi Gabriel Kanter-Webber & Tania Townsend	Worcester
	<p>COLLABORATIVE "But it is not How I recite the Kaddish": Multy-vocality in Our Liturgy Jews have always expressed their innermost feelings and yearnings in their prayer books. This is especially true of progressive Jews, who understood how sensitive prayer should be to combining the ancient worship with contemporary needs. In this lesson we will deal with questions of ethnicity and the inclusion of ideas and beliefs (as well as their boundaries). We will explore selected passages from the bilingual version of the new Israeli Reform order, Tfillat HaAdam.</p>	Rabbi Dr Dalia Marx	Winchester

12:15-13:30	<p>EFFECTIVE Effective Judaism – Mission Impossible? Does it matter if we're ineffective? Through exploring what ineffective might look like, and through considering what our Judaism asks of us, we will seek to clarify what effective Liberal Jewish communities might look like to us and to others, and set a platform for further work at this weekend and beyond.</p>	Rabbi Richard Jacobi	Shrewsbury
	<p>PROUD A Future Blessing for A Future Judaism In an extremely uncertain time for progressive and liberal Jewish life and practice, can our texts show us a way to think about the future that is full of hope? Using the SVARA learning style done in the Queer Yeshiva, we will unpick just seven words to see what we can learn from them. No Hebrew knowledge required.</p>	Hava Carajval	Lancaster
	<p>JOYFUL Ashrei HaAm - Judaism and the Pursuit of Happiness Aristotle said that happiness is the ultimate goal for which we should aim, though in Jewish thought perhaps that is not necessarily so. Happiness is undoubtedly given a high value, and "ashrei", just one Hebrew word for happiness, is the first word of the book of Psalms, and we are commanded in Torah too "to be joyful" but this is all rather abstract. In this session we'll examine some Biblical and Talmudic explorations of the same dilemma!</p>	Student Rabbi Rafe Thurstance	Cambridge
	<p>MEANINGFUL How Jewish Prayer began, What it Became, and Where it is Going Today Congregational prayer is a Jewish gift to the western world. But prayer as we know it is a result of the printing press; it was altogether different in antiquity; and now, with the digital era upon us, it is changing once again.</p>	Rabbi Dr Larry Hoffman	Oxford
	<p>ACCESSIBLE "You Shall not Insult the Deaf or place a stumbling block before the blind" (Lev. 19:14) Caring for those who cannot benefit fully from the richness of our tradition has been a constant preoccupation in the Jewish tradition. In this session, we will explore some of the sources available and reflect on the Jewish values of inclusion and accessibility.</p>	Rabbi Dr René Pfertzel	Chelmsford

13:30-14:30	Buffet Lunch (Grab & Go)		County Bar
13:30-14:30	Buffet Lunch (Sitting)		Restaurant
15:00-16:00	<p>KEYNOTE 2 Limits, Truth & Meaning: The New Voice of Judaism for our time Religion provides three things, each of them crucial to human existence: the rules by which we live, the truths for which we stand, and the meaning which makes life worth living. We are now in an age of meaning The presentation explores why that is so, and how Judaism speaks freshly to our lives today.</p>	Rabbi Dr Larry Hoffman	County Suite
16:00-16:15	Tea & Coffee		
16:15-17:30	<p>ROOTED Remembering the Holocaust in the Modern Day As we face the prospect of losing the last of our eyewitnesses to the Holocaust, join our panelists they discuss how we continue to remember in a meaningful way.</p>	Dora Hirsh, Alex Maws, Sandra Webber & Rabbi Mark Solomon	Chester
	<p>RESPONSIVE Progressive Judaism in two diasporas: a dialogue of partners across the continents An hour of dialogue between Rabbis Rebecca Birk and Larry Hoffman, with participation from all present; an opportunity to compare viewpoints on Jewish matters of moment, here in the UK, and abroad in the USA and Canada.</p>	Rabbis Dr Larry Hoffman & Rebecca Birk	Winchester
	<p>INCLUSIVE 'Don't Forget About Us': Exploring the Tangible Reality of Inclusive Liberal Judaism Rabbi Judith Levitt will talk about her work building online community including her work for 'Abraham & Sarah's Tent'. This session explores how Rabbi Judith is working to make Liberal Judaism more inclusive especially for (but not limited to) those still shielding, people living with a disability and/or chronic illness, those struggling with mental health challenges, located far from a synagogue or otherwise unable to access a physical community. We will look at tangible ways to make our communities more inclusive. Participants are encouraged (but not expected) to bring their own ideas of how to make Liberal Judaism more open, inclusive & accessible to these groups and beyond.</p>	Rabbi Judith Levitt	Oxford

16:15-17:30	<p>DIVERSE Are we there yet? As Liberal Jews, we pride ourselves on our open minds, on our progressive Jewish values, and on our commitment to social justice and the pursuit of diversity, inclusion, and equity in the Jewish community and beyond. We've come far, and yet, we still have a lot of work to do in order to truly embrace these qualities. In this open discussion session we ask ourselves: Who's missing at the table? Where can we do better? How can we make change happen across our communities? Are we there yet - perhaps it is after all about the journey and not the destination...</p>	Shaan Knan	Chelmsford
	<p>COLLABORATIVE 'Co'-Creating a Vision for Progressive Judaism: Staying in the Possible A first chance to hear from the CEOs of LJ and MRJ as they explore the beginnings of this new movement. They will detail the first steps, describe the consultation process and paint a picture of what they believe is possible for the future as well of course as answer your questions and hear from you.</p>	Rabbis Charley Baginsky & Josh Levy	County Suite
	<p>EFFECTIVE Can we be an effective social justice voice on Israel? In this session, we will be discussing the current political realities in Israel, the challenges that these present to us as Liberal Jews and how we might respond. We will also explore the diversity of views on Israel held in LJ congregations and what that means for our movement in regards to being an effective social justice voice on Israel.</p>	Rabbi Lea Mühlstein	Gloucester
	<p>PROUD What's LJY done today to make us feel proud? LJY-Netzer, the youth movement of LJ, has a proud history of pushing forward social change both inside and outside of Liberal Judaism. Hear current and old members talking about the impact that LJY-Netzer's ideology has had on LJ, on individual members and on society.</p>	LJY-Netzer Alumni	Cambridge

16:15-17:30	<p>JOYFUL Noah on the Earth: Songs and discussion inspired by Noah's Ark Noah on the Earth is a musical retelling of Genesis chapters 6-9. Told through a mix of light-hearted original songs and Torah readings, it tackles some big themes including God, family and climate change. Performed and written by Ethan Kelly and followed by a Q and A.</p>	Ethan Kelly	Lancaster
	<p>MEANINGFUL Introduction to Mussar: How can I honour someone when they're wrong? It may be easier to avoid contentious issues rather than getting into a heated conversation. But what do we lose? The opportunity to expand our own understanding? The possibility of forging deeper connections with other human beings? This session will use text study, meditation and discussion to open the possibility of shifting your approach to challenging interactions through the character trait of kavod (honour).</p>	Rabbi Monique Mayer	Worcester
	<p>ACCESSIBLE The Bible Doesn't Say That The original Hebrew of the Ten Commandments doesn't say, "don't covet" or "don't kill." The translation "the Lord is my shepherd" is misleading, and the English phrase "with all your heart and all your soul" is just wrong. Come learn how modern translation techniques expose what the words of the Bible originally meant.</p>	Professor Joel Hoffman	Shrewsbury
17:30-18:15	Free Time		
18:15-18:45	Drinks Reception		County Bar
18:45-19:30	<p>Havdallah A Biennial tradition! Say goodbye to Shabbat with LJY-Netzer</p>		Lawn
19:30-21:00	Dinner		County Suite
21:15-22:30	Boogie with Hot Cherry		County Suite
21:15-22:30	Film Night Licorice Pizza		Cedar (behind Catesby Bar)

07:30-09:00	Breakfast		Restaurant
09:00-09:45	<p>DIVERSE The Board of Deputies & Liberal Judaism An overview of the work of The Board with an emphasis on Liberal Judaism. There will also be an update on the Commission, and the Board moving forward.</p>	Michael Wegier	County Suite
09:45-11:00	<p>ROOTED 3,000 Years of Jewish Continuity as Seen Through 3,000 Years of Hebrew The saga of Hebrew mirrors the continuity of the Jewish people. Three thousand years ago, an early experiment in writing changed the world. Then different dialects graced the Bible and our liturgy. After centuries of disuse, a fourth dialect arose in modern Israel. Learn how Hebrew began and how it has changed - and stayed the same - over the millennia.</p>	Professor Joel Hoffman	County Suite
	<p>RESPONSIVE Make them conscious of their responsibility In Siddur Lev Chadash (page 484) we read each week: ‘...for those who govern our country and all who influence the quality of its national life...make them conscious of their responsibility, and teach them to exercise it in accordance with your will.’ What texts might we cite and what principles might we commend to those who govern us?’</p>	Rabbi Danny Rich & Student Rabbi Rafe Thurstance	Chelmsford
	<p>INCLUSIVE Not “Who is a Jew” but “When is a Jew”: Judaism as a Conversation How did Judaism become a religion? We began as a “People,” after all. But definitions of everything are changing today, and the most fruitful way of approaching Jewish identity might be to think of Judaism as a rolling conversation through the ages.</p>	Rabbi Dr Larry Hoffman	Gloucester
	<p>COLLABORATIVE Collaborative Communities Join three communities who collaborate across traditional divides as they discuss what works and what challenges they face. Chaired by Ros Clayton.</p>	Ros Clayton, Kathy Shock, Rabbi Rachel Benjamin, Eric Beswick	Oxford

09:45-11:00	<p>EFFECTIVE Social Justice Panel Many LJ communities run very successful Social Justice projects. Hear from a few of them.</p>	<p>Shaan Knan, Gordon Greenfield & Karen Worth</p>	<p>Worcester</p>
	<p>PROUD Learn 'new' songs/prayers from LJY's Shiron (song book) LJY-Netzer uses a collection of beautiful prayer tunes, collected from Netzer branches across the world. Join LJY Movement Worker Jess Mindel to learn some of these new tunes to old prayers. Come just to sing along, or to learn a tune to take back and teach your community!</p>	<p>Jess Mindel</p>	<p>Cambridge</p>
	<p>JOYFUL Modeh ani - restoring our souls Together we'll settle into the morning with gentle singing. Bring your coffee and sleepiness, and we'll sing ourselves into the day, using the words of our liturgy to inspire us and niggunim (songs without words) to soothe us.</p>	<p>Mich Sampson</p>	<p>Winchester</p>
	<p>MEANINGFUL Praise God with dance Awakening the body and spirit to the new day and the new month, through gentle guided movement, music, voice and more. Using the "Rio Abierto" (Open River) method combined with Jewish music and with the structure of the Shacharit prayer. The session is suitable for all physical abilities, please wear comfortable clothes and if possible – shoes you are happy to take off.</p>	<p>Rabbi Gili Zidikyahu</p>	<p>Cambridge</p>
	<p>ACCESSIBLE Where are all the Liberal Jewish Students? For many Jewish students, joining their Jewish Society is a highlight of their university experience. However, Liberal Jewish students are underrepresented in Jewish spaces on campus. This session will explore some of the reasons for this, how Liberal Jewish students can benefit from participating in Jewish student life, and how they can be supported to step into leadership positions on campus.</p>	<p>Dora Hirsh</p>	<p>Lancaster</p>

11:00-11:15	Tea and Coffee		
11:15-12:30	KEYNOTE 3 Modern loss: Candid conversation about grief Beginners welcome.	Rebecca Soffer	County Suite
12:30-13:30	Buffet Lunch (Grab & Go)		County Bar
	Buffet Lunch (Sitting)		Restaurant
13:30-14:45	ROOTED Haggadah to High Holy Days: Particularism and Universalism, The Ultimate Messages of our Holiday Cycle There is rhyme and reason to the Jewish calendar, a flow of time that matches the task we all have of learning to be fully human — and, for Jews, fully Jewish as well. Why be Jewish altogether? Our calendar provides two answers: Jewish particularism and Jewish universalism.	Rabbi Dr Larry Hoffman	County Suite
	RESPONSIVE Staying in the Possible: What I am excited about... In our final session of this track the chairs of both Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism want to hear from you the one thing that you want to make sure they know matters to you! It is your chance to hear from them what excites them about creating a new movement, but even more importantly ensure that they hear your voice.	Ruth Seager and Paul Langsford	Shrewsbury
	INCLUSIVE Who's in the community? Pushing our understanding of inclusivity Rabbi Rebecca Birk, KeshetUK's Alex Foley, and LJ's Officer for Disability & Inclusion, Alexandra Boyd, guide our conversation about inclusion - best practices, what's happening now in LJ & our communities, and what's next!	Rabbi Rebecca Birk, Alex Foley & Alexandra Boyd	Chester

13:30-14:45	<p>DIVERSE Prioritising a Voice: Can you have a diverse range of voices, representation and opinion, while having a shared ethic? Looking at how Liberal Judaism can showcase a diverse range of opinions and voices, while sticking to our movement's core values and affirmations. This will be a session where they want to hear from YOU, so please come with your ideas as well as examples of any successes or problems you have encountered. Simon, who has run Liberal Judaism's communications for more than a decade, will also offer a brief masterclass with tips on how to get your communities and stories featured in the press.</p>	Simon Rothstein & Wendy Prestney	Oxford
	<p>COLLABORATIVE How can the Movement support resilient collaborations between communities? This facilitated session is an opportunity for participants to share their thoughts, wishes, ideas and questions on how to create, develop and foster effective collaboration between our communities. Alex will be there to present the Movement resources available to your community to make this possible.</p>	Alexandra Gellnick	Gloucester
	<p>EFFECTIVE Dilemmas and Challenges in Supporting Ukrainian Refugees Rabbi Igor Zinkov is a co-chair of the Ukraine Crisis Fund, organised by WUPJ/ EUPJ. It was founded a week before the war in Ukraine and supported tens of thousands of Ukrainians, Ukrainian refugees and victims of war in 11 countries. During this session, Igor will talk about the work of the Ukraine Crisis Fund and share with the audience the dilemmas that the fund faces today.</p>	Rabbi Igor Zinkov	Worcester
	<p>PROUD What do young adults need from LJ? How can you make your shuls and LJ spaces inclusive and welcoming to young people? What do we need from LJ to make it happen? All are welcome to discuss what communities could do to engage and nurture young Progressive Jews, the leaders of tomorrow.</p>	Jess Baker	Cambridge

13:30-14:45	<p>JOYFUL The Mitzvah of Joy and the Joy of Mitzvah The Baal Shem Tov said, "It is a great mitzvah to be joyful always," but can we always be joyful? And is joy the same as happiness? Jewish tradition speaks of "simchah shel mitzvah," the joy of doing good. We will discuss what good deeds give us joy, and how to make more room for joy in our lives.</p>	Rabbi Mark Solomon	Lancaster
	<p>MEANINGFUL Hidden Jewels of the Prayerbook Lurking in familiar and unfamiliar prayers are hidden jewels with surprising relevance to our modern lives. Come explore old prayers in a new light as we rediscover the glory of the prayerbook.</p>	Professor Joel Hoffman	Chelmsford
	<p>ACCESSIBLE Going home and opening our doors An opportunity to share, critique and develop ideas to create even more accessible Synagogues and Judaism when we return to our communities.</p>	Rabbi Aaron Goldstein	Winchester
14:45-15:30	<p>Closing Session Every Biennial tries to ensure that we close with a take away session which concretises what each community and individual is taking away with them. This closing session feels even more poignant as the whole conference is designed to ensure that we really hear from each other what matters to you! In this closing session Ed Kessler and Charley Baginsky facilitate the conversation as we hear from each track what their priorities are and why they should matter to Progressive Judaism in the future. Introduced by Ruth Seager.</p>	Rabbi Charley Baginsky and Ed Kessler	County Suite
15:30-16:00	Mincha and Closing Blessing		County Suite