

At Limmud Festival 2018, Rabbi Yonatan presented in seven sessions:

1) Improving the world, together. Organized by Georgina Bye and Ariel Cohen of Limmud. I was one of three presenters, in "a fast-paced, high-energy format. Each presenter is given the opportunity to present for four minutes, using a total of eight photographs, each of which will remain on the screen for exactly 30 seconds. This based on a presentation model called PechaKucha."

2) What is the Climate Crisis Asking of Jews at this Key Moment in History?

We'll relate to these questions: How can Jews respond the challenge posed by climate change? What are the spiritual roots of the ecological crisis? How can we address them in our own lives and communities? This session will both face the challenges and offer people hope and practical suggestions.

3) Why we're excited about interfaith ecological cooperation (Yonatan Neril and Jamal Alkirnawi)

Why is collaboration with Christians, Muslims, and others key to a sustainable future? Climate change and water scarcity transcend borders and religions and present a collective challenge among diverse groups of people. We shared about interfaith ecology work in Israel and globally.

4) What can we do to save the environment as a Jewish community? Panel conversation with Yonatan Neril, David Kranz, and Frauke Ohnholx

- What are the biggest environmental issues we are facing in the coming years and what we can do as a community to improve and better the wider environment that we live in?
- Saving the environment is clearly a universal issue. How do you understand this also as a Jewish issue?
- Many have written about questions of Judaism and ecology /environmental sustainability from a religious and spiritual perspective. (I will give some examples here.) Do you think there ways of getting secular/cultural Jews involved in this movement qua Jews?
- Are you familiar with the concept of eco-kashrut (explain)? What do you think about this idea?
- If you are involved in a Limmud elsewhere, how has the organisation addressed environmental and sustainability issues? And how might Limmud Festival do a better job of this?

5) Dvar Torah at Friday evening Shabbat service on Jewish teachings and climate change.

6) Are most kosher animal products ethical? Views of an Orthodox vegan rabbi

Ice cream tastes good. Meat tastes good. How do Jewish values relate to the tens of billions of factory farmed animals and sea life? We will explore Jewish teachings about people's relationship with and treatment of animals, toward a vision of a thriving and ethical planet.

7) Let's Play Games on Ecology, Jewish, and Israel.

Come play some fun games together! This interactive session will include a range of Jewish ecological games, through which about animals in Israel and biodiversity, and see some cool Jewish ecological infographics. Come experience innovative Jewish experiential nature education!