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It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it  
Pirkei Avot, 2:21



## JASS 2020 webinar series - September

- Tuesday, 1.9, 19:00 CET  
**Matt Plen**  
Chief Executive  
Masorti Judaism UK

### Torah lishmah:

the most radical Jewish concept of all - lishmah = 'for its own sake' - doing a mitzvah for its intrinsic value, not for any ulterior purpose. By creating a philosophical dialogue between 'lishmah' and the Aristotelian idea 'praxis' we'll see how this seemingly narrow religious idea has the potential to overturn the worst features of modern life: consumerism, populism and dehumanization.

- Tuesday, 8.9, 19:00 CET  
**Mia Hasenson-Gross**  
Executive Director, René  
Cassin Foundation  
Human Rights – A legacy of  
the Holocaust

### Human Rights – A legacy of the Holocaust:

In this webinar we will explore how the modern human rights framework evolved as a response to the horrors of the Holocaust. It will show how Jewish experiences, Jewish values and, crucially, Jewish human rights heroes have helped influence and shape the modern human rights framework and its legacy for the future.

- Tuesday, 22.9, 19:00 CET  
**Jeannie Appleman**  
Senior trainer and organizer  
JOIN for Justice:  
Jewish Organizing Institute  
and Network

### Relational Meetings: The Key to Relationship-building:

This session will teach the difference between transactional, pitch meetings, and a relational, one to one meeting, which is designed to build a relationship, and uncover self-interests, hopes and dreams, talents, and passions. The session will also explore how to uncover justice issues to organize around. Finally, we will practice how to conduct a relational meeting.



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## JASS webinar series – October 2020

- Thursday, 01.10, 19:00 CET  
**Jeannie Appleman**  
Senior trainer and organizer  
JOIN for Justice:

### House Meeting Campaigns:

This session will equip participants in facilitating "house meetings"/small group meetings to engage members in an existing justice campaign or to uncover common themes, as well as issues, to create a campaign or discover new leaders.

- Thursday, 15.10, 19:00 CET  
**Batya Kallus**  
Israel Program Director at SVF  
Senior consultant on Jewish-Arab relations in Israel.

### Arab Israelis Today:

Join us for a topical discussion about the shifting relations between Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel. We will speak about Arab society's political engagement and emergence of the Joint List, the civilian (as opposed to military) Corona crisis, perceptions of an Arab-Jewish shared fate, and more.

- Thursday, 22.10, 19:00 CET  
**Kostis Karzopolis**  
Director, Contemporary Social History Archives (ASKI), Athens

### The Life and Work of Abraham Benaroya,

This session will focus on the history of Sephardic labor movements through the prism of one influential figure: the Bulgarian Sephardic father of Greek Labor Socialism, Abraham Benaroya.

- Tuesday, 27.10, 19:00 CET  
**Matt Plen**  
Chief Executive  
Masorti Judaism UK

### Talmud Torah as radical pedagogy:

Come explore with us how Jewish education can be used to develop social critique, agency and commitment to social change. We will study a Talmudic text and create dialogue between Jewish learning and radical teaching methods in 'Pedagogy of the Oppressed'.



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## JASS webinar series – November 2020

- Thursday, 05.11, 19:00 CET  
**Yemima Hadad**  
Research Fellow  
Lehrstuhl für Talmud und  
Rabbinische Literatur  
School of Jewish Theology  
Universität Potsdam  
**Martin Buber's Ethics of the Moment**  
In this session we will examine how Buber confronts Western Humanism, with his own view of Jewish Humanism – inspired by the biblical prophets, Kabbalah and Hasidism. Buber opposed Immanuel Kant's universal duty and called instead for a consideration of the specific historical context, with the unique challenges it presents. An age old argument that holds much power for our day and age.
- Thursday, 12.11, 19:00 CET  
**Fida Nara Tabony**  
*of Mahapach Taghrir,*  
advancing Arab and Jewish  
women from the periphery.  
**Batya Kallus**  
Israel Program Director at  
*Social Venture Fund.*  
**Jewish-Arab Relations Today**  
Join us for a topical discussion about the shifting relations between Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel. We will speak about Arab society's political engagement and emergence of the Joint List, the civilian (as opposed to military) Corona crisis, perceptions of an Arab-Jewish shared fate, and more.
- Thursday, 19.11, 19:00 CET  
**Hayyim Rothman**  
author of *No Masters but God:*  
*Portraits of Anarcho-Judaism*  
(Manchester University Press)  
follow-up on this lecture on  
3.12.2020  
**Anarcho-Judaism: Part I.**  
In this first of two webinars we will discuss the birth of Jewish Anarchism – how a group of religious Jews turned to the teachings of anarchists and revolutionaries to design their own peculiar version of Jewish modernity and their own political theology. What were the biblical, rabbinic, and mystical traditions that they drew on? What were the political, social, and religious circumstances that shaped their lives?



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