LimmudFest calls on Tulane faculty for talks on timely topics

February 05, 2018 3:00 PM New Wave staff
newwave@tulane.edu

Audience members at a previous LimmudFest enjoy a laugh during a panel discussion. (Photo by Jacqueline Dallimore)

More than 90 presentations across 10 learning tracks are on deck for the 2018 LimmudFest taking place March 16-18, with several Tulane University faculty members on the program.

The weekend festival of Big Tent Jewish arts, culture, spirituality and learning is locally planned and run by a community of volunteers including co-chair Matthew Rosenthal, who said this year’s goal is to make the event more inclusive than ever
before.

“Great care is being taken to create a collective and communal event that is accessible and enriching for all participants, no matter how they do or do not identify,” said Rosenthal. “We believe in the power of a diverse community and wish to create rich cross-cultural and cross-generational experiences.”

Tulane faculty presenters include:

- **Joel Dinerstein**, an associate professor of English and American studies, will present “The Cool Jews of the Smithsonian’s American Cool Exhibit.”


- **Ronna Burger**, the Catherine & Henry J. Gaisman Chair in Philosophy and Sizeler
Professor of Jewish Studies at Tulane, will present “Hidden in the Hagaddah: Exploring the Puzzles of Pesach.”

- Ron Marks, dean emeritus and associate professor at the Tulane School of Social Work, will present “Resilience in the Face of Chronic Trauma: Lessons From Israel.”

- Melanie Ehrlich, professor of human genetics in the Tulane School of Medicine, will present “Games Jewish Children Played Long Ago.”

- Sarah Cramsey, a professor of practice of Jewish studies, will present “The Auschwitz Classroom: Learning, Teaching and Understanding Empathy and Coexistence in 20th-Century Poland.”

A full list of presenters is available online along with details to register. Tulane students can enter the promo code ROLLWAVE for a discount on registration.