

Jewish learning festival comes to campus

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On Saturday night (March 10) and all day on Sunday (March 11), more than 400 Jews of all ages, interests and denominations will come together to celebrate Jewish learning and community at LimmudFest on the Tulane uptown campus.



On Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Dixon Hall, there will be a concert of Jewish music and a short piece of Jewish theater. During each hour of [LimmudFest](#), participants will have the opportunity to choose from a menu of as many as 12 simultaneous sessions ? discussions, lectures, how-to workshops, musical performances, film or dance. There will be a track of sessions on Southern Jewish life, examining such topics as Jewish businesspeople, Jewish Mardi Gras and the role of the Jewish community in the civil rights movement.

Tulane faculty members will be among the presenters offering nearly 80 sessions. Ronna Burger, who holds the Gaisman Chair in the philosophy department and is a Sizeler Professor of Jewish Studies, will be part of a panel presenting "The Passover Seder: Tolerance and Exclusion." Michael Cohen, director of the [Tulane Jewish Studies Program](#), will discuss "Kings of Cotton: Jews in the Cotton Industry."

Karen Weissbecker-Remer, research assistant professor who teaches genetics at the Tulane School of Medicine, will present “Jews and Genes: The Ethics of Genetic Testing.” Last year, she helped organize a screening for Jewish genetic disorders. Rabbi Yonah Schiller, executive director of Tulane Hillel who is on the adjunct faculty in Jewish studies, will speak on “Mystics in the Marigny.”

Valerie Weinstein, a visiting assistant professor of German at Tulane, will speak on Jewish humor in film.

Early [registration](#) ends Thursday (March 8).