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PRAYER SEMINAR M-TH
RABBI BENY ROFEH

OUR DAILY MINYAN WITH EXPLANATION PROVIDES SPIRITED AND SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

2.5 CREDITS



JEWISH BUSINESS LAW M/W
RABBI REUVEN FINK

PRACTICAL WORKPLACE HALACHA: THIS COURSE ADDRESSES THE MANY HALACHIC ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE NAVIGATED IN THE WORKPLACE, INCLUDING ISSUES RELATED TO HONESTY, KASHRUT, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GENDERS, AND MAINTAINING ONE'S TORAH COMMITMENTS IN WHAT MIGHT BE A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT.

2.5 CREDITS - FULFILLS A SSSB AJS REQUIREMENT



YEHOSHUA M/W
RABBI HAYYIM ANGEL

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SEFER YEHOSHUA. CLASSICAL COMMENTARIES FORM THE BASIS FOR OUR LEARNING, AND WE DEVOTE TIME TO THEIR LEARNING METHODOLOGY. CONTEMPORARY SCHOLARSHIP USED WHEN HELPFUL.

2.5 CREDITS FULFILLS A YC AJS REQUIREMENT

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COURSES | 9:00 AM



TALMUD SHABBOS M-THRABBI REUVEN FINK

THIS COURSE WILL WORK ON UNDERSTANDING THE ULTIMATE COMPENDIUM OF JEWISH WISDOM, THE TALMUD FROM THE INSIDE OUT! WE WILL LEARN HOW TO DECODE THE TALMUD AND SOME COMMENTARIES AS WE EXAMINE THE LAWS AND PHILOSOPHY OF LAWS OF SHABBOS .

5 CREDITS



FIVE MEGILLOT RABBI ALLEN SCHWARTZ

WE WILL CONNECT 3 OF THE MEGILLOT WITH THE DAYS THEY ARE READY, ESTHER BEFORE PURIM, SHIR HASHIRIM BEFORE PESACH, AND RUTH IN TIME FOR SHAVUOT. WE WILL ALSO, TOUCH BRIEFLY ON THEOLOGICAL ISSUES RAISED IN EICHA AND KOHELLET. ESTHER AND RUTH WILL BE HEAVILY TEXTUAL AND THE OTHER BOOKS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN TOPICS.

2.5 CREDITS - FULFILLS A YC AJS REQUIREMENT



DEVARIM T/TH RABBI HAYYIM ANGEL

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE DEVARIM!. CLASSICAL COMMENTARIES FORM THE BASIS FOR OUR LEARNING, AND WE DEVOTE TIME TO THEIR LEARNING METHODOLOGY. CONTEMPORARY SCHOLARSHIP USED WHEN HELPFUL.

2.5 CREDITS

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COURSES 10:00 AM

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY



FAMOUS AGGADITA
RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH

THIS COURSE WILL MINE OFTEN OVERLOOKED SECTIONS OF THE TALMUD FOR THEIR PHILOSOPHICAL DEPTH AND PRACTICAL MEANING. WE'LL EXPLORE THE AGGADOS WITH THEIR CLASSICAL COMMENTARIES TO FIND EYE OPENING INSIDES ABOUT LIFE, TORAH AND MITZVOS.

2.5 CREDITS



EXPERIENTIAL HALACHAH: BECOMING A SOFER
RABBI MORDECHAI DJAVAHERI

LEARN THE BASICS OF SAFRUT - HOW TO CUT AND WRITE WITH A QUILL, MANUFACTURE AND CHECK TEFILIN, PUT UP MEZUZAHS, AND MORE.

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JEWISH BUSINESS LAW M/W
RABBI REUVEN FINK

PRACTICAL WORKPLACE HALACHA: THIS COURSE ADDRESSES THE MANY HALACHIC ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE NAVIGATED IN THE WORKPLACE, INCLUDING ISSUES RELATED TO HONESTY, KASHRUT, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GENDERS, AND MAINTAINING ONE'S TORAH COMMITMENTS IN WHAT MIGHT BE A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT.

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TUESDAY/THURSDAY



TANYA

RABBI ZEV REICHMAN

TANYA: EXPLORE THE TORAH SHEBIKHTAV OF CHASSIDUT. LEARN ABOUT HOW CHASSIDUT CAN LEAD TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SELF AND TO A MEANINGFUL LIFE.

2.5 CREDITS



JEWISH APPROACHES TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND JEWISH THOUGHT

RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH

WHAT CAN AN ANCIENT RELIGION TEACH US ABOUT THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY? IS AI KOSHER? IS AI GOOD FOR US? IF GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE - HOW DOES AI FIT INTO THIS?

2.5 CREDITS



THE RAV'S VALUES IN PRACTICE

RABBI ALLEN SCHWARTZ

WE WILL DELVE INTO THE LIFE OF RAV YOSEF SOLOVEITCHIK THROUGH A STUDY OF HIS PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON ORTHODOX JEWRY IN THE 20 TH CENTURY, FROM THREE DIRECTIONS. (1) AS HALACHIC AUTHORITY THROUGH THE SHEER BRILLIANCE OF HIS TORAH ACUMEN AND SENSITIVITY TO THE MESORAH. WE WILL ANALYZE SOME OF HIS HALACHIC INGENUITIES. (2) AS PHILOSOPHICAL AUTHORITY THROUGH THE MANY LECTURES AND TRACTS THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED OVER THE YEARS ON TOPICS SUCH AS REDEMPTION AND PERSONAL COMPORTMENT. (3)AS PEDAGOGICAL AUTHORITY THROUGH THE THOUSANDS OF SHIURIM HE GAVE AT YU AND BEYOND, AS WELL AS KEYNOTE LECTURES IN NUMEROUS SETTINGS.

2.5 CREDITS



KASHRUT: BREAD, WHEAT, WINE, AND BUGS

RABBI MORDECHAI DJAVAHERI

WE WILL EXPLORE THE RULINGS OF SEPHARDIC HALAKHA READING INSIDE THE SHULCHAN ARUCH AS POSSIBLE WHILE INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO THE GREAT SEFARDIC RABBIS OF VARIOUS TIMES AND PLACES. WHAT MAKES SOMETHING KOSHER? WHY ARE WE SO CONCERNED WITH BUGS? WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE WRONG WITH BREAD OR WINE? ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS AND SO MUCH MORE WILL BE STUDIED.

2.5 CREDITS

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COURSES 10:00 AM MONDAY - THURSDAY



TALMUD: SANHEDRIN

RABBI JOSH FAGIN

A FOUNDATIONAL COURSE IN GEMARA FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING THE SKILLS AND TOOLS NECESSARY FOR INDEPENDENT GEMARA LEARNING. THROUGH THE STUDY OF SELECTED SUGYOS IN MASECHES SANHEDRIN, STUDENTS WILL WORK ON READING, TRANSLATING, ANALYZING, AND UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE AND FLOW OF THE GEMARA. EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON BUILDING THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS THAT ENABLE STUDENTS TO APPROACH A SUGYA WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE, CLARITY, AND INDEPENDENCE.

5 CREDITS



JEWISH LIFE CYCLES

RABBI SIMCHA WILLIG

THE JEWISH JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE... IN A CONVERSATIONAL AND COLLABORATIVE MANNER, IS A COURSE IN WHICH STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE TEXT AND THOUGHT THE CRADLE-TO-GRAVE EXPERIENCE OF A JEW. WE WILL LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS TRADITIONS SURROUNDING THE CYCLE OF LIFE, INCLUDING... PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH; BAR/BAT MITZVA; BUYING A HOME; MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE; END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS; SHIVA

5 CREDITS



SUGYOT IN TANACH AND PARSHANUT

RABBI HAYYIM ANGEL

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT CLASSICAL, TRADITIONAL APPROACHES TO TANAKH LEARNING, AND HOW CONTEMPORARY ACADEMIC APPROACHES RELATE TO OUR TRADITIONAL BELIEFS.
LEVEL: ADVANCED

5 CREDITS



JEWISH TABOOS

RABBI BENY ROFEH

THIS COURSE WITH BE A SURVERY OF HALACHIC AND SOCIAL TOPICS WHICH ARE STIGMATIZED AND SEEN AS TABOO IN MODERN JEWISH LAW AND CULTURE. THE LIMITATIONS, HALACHIC PAMMËTERS, SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS OF VARIOUS JEWISH TABOOS WILL BE EXPLORED. THIS COURSE WILL EDUCATE STUDENTS ON PRIMARY SOURCES FROM TANACH AND HALACHA WHILE EXPLORING THE SOCIAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL RATIONAL OF JEWISH TABOOS.

5 CREDITS

COURSES 11:00 AM
MONDAY / WEDNESDAY



MODERN JEWISH PUBLISHERS
RABBI KALMAN LAUFER

THIS COURSE EXPLORES HOW MODERN JEWISH PUBLISHERS HAVE SHAPED THE STUDY AND UNDERSTANDING OF JEWISH TEXTS THROUGH THEIR TRANSLATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND EDITORIAL CHOICES, FOCUSING ON INFLUENTIAL PUBLISHERS AND TRANSLATION PROJECTS SUCH AS JPS, KOREN/MAGGID, ARTSCROLL, AND OTHERS. STUDENTS WILL EXAMINE HOW THESE WORKS DO MORE THAN MAKE TRADITIONAL SOURCES ACCESSIBLE, INFLUENCING HOW JEWISH TEACHINGS ARE INTERPRETED, TRANSMITTED, AND APPLIED. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO HOW TRANSLATION AND EDITORIAL DECISIONS SHAPE RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE, COMMUNAL VALUES, AND BROADER SOCIETAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF JEWISH TRADITION.

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PROPHECY: ORIGINS AND PRACTICES
RABBI LEONARD MOSKOWITZ

WHAT IS PROPHECY? HOW DID IT START? HOW DID IT WORK? WE'LL START WITH GAN EDEN AND TRACE EVENTS INVOLVING PROPHECY FORWARD TO THE EARLY DAYS OF BAYIT SHEINI. IN THE PROCESS WE'LL DERIVE A DEFINITION FOR "PROPHECY," HOW IT'S TAUGHT TO POTENTIAL PROPHETS, HOW IT IS TRANSMITTED FROM TEACHER TO STUDENT, AND WHAT ITS PURPOSE IS. AND THEN WE'LL DISCUSS THE TYPES OF PROPHECY, WHETHER OR NOT PROPHECY STILL EXISTS, AND HOW IT MIGHT BE TAUGHT TODAY.

WE'LL USE SOURCES IN TANAKH, TALMUD, RAMBA"M, RAMBA"N, RAV AVRAHAM ABOULAFIA, RAV YEHUDA ALBOTINI, THE ARIZA"L, THE OHR HACHAYIM, THE NEFESH HACHAYIM, RAV KOOK AND OTHERS.

2.5 CREDITS



JEWISH BUSINESS LAW
RABBI JOSH FAGIN

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF BUSINESS HALACHA. THE COURSE FOCUSES ON THE PRACTICAL HALACHIC QUESTIONS THAT ARISE IN EVERYDAY BUSINESS SETTINGS. THROUGH THE STUDY OF RELEVANT SUGYOS AND HALACHIC PRINCIPLES, STUDENTS WILL DEVELOP A FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TORAH GUIDES COMMERCIAL INTERACTIONS, FINANCIAL DECISIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THE GOAL IS TO BETTER EQUIP STUDENTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS TO NAVIGATE THE BUSINESS WORLD WITH GREATER HALACHIC AWARENESS AND CONFIDENCE.

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LAWS OF DEATH, DIVORCE, ABORTION, EUTHENASIA 30336 RABBI MORDECHAI DJAVAHERI

INEVITABLY WE WILL ALL EXPERIENCE OR OBSERVE OTHERS IN A LIFE CYCLE EVENT, INCLUDING DEATH AND DIVORCE. IT PAYS TO BE PREPARED WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE TORAH SAYS ABOUT END OF LIFE ISSUES, DNR, EUTHANASIA, ORGAN DONATION, JEWISH BURIAL, CREMATION, MOURNING, THE HALACHIC PRENUP, THE GET PROCESS, AND AGUNOT.

2.5 CREDITS



DERECH HASHEM: SURVEY OF JEWISH PHILOSOPHY
RABBI MORDECHAI BECHER

IN THE "GOD AND FREE WILL" COURSE WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE NATURE OF GOD, BELIEF IN GOD AND ARGUMENTS FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE NATURE OF FREE WILL, MAJOR ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST FREE WILL, AND SOME OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF BOTH SIDES OF THE DEBATE.

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THE RAV'S VALUES IN PRACTICE

RABBI ZEV REICHMAN

THE RETURN TO ZION IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY TRANSFORMED JEWISH LIFE. THIS COURSE WILL FOCUS ON THE THOUGHT OF RAV KOOK AND RAV SOLOVEICHIK. WHAT IS THE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR RETURN? ARE WE IN THE TIMES OF GEULA? HOW SHOULD OUR RELIGIOUS FOCUS CHANGE IN LIGHT OF THE MIRACLES OF KIBUTZ GALUYOS AND SHIVAS TZION?

2.5 CREDITS



WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?

RABBI ALLEN SCHWARTZ

WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?
WE WILL BEGIN ANSWERING THIS QUESTION WITH AN EXHAUSTIVE STUDY OF THE OLDEST BIBLIOGRAPHY IN THE WORLD, AT BAVA BATRA 14B-15A.
WE WILL INCLUDE A BROAD ARRAY OF COMMENTARIES SUCH AS RASHI, TOSAFOS, RAMBAM, MEIRI, RADAK, ABRAVANEL, AND OTHERS. WE WILL DISCUSS ACADEMIC ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL RESPONSES, RANGING FROM JAMES KUGEL, TO MENACHEM BREUER, TO RAV YOSEF SOLOVEITCHIK.WE WILL ALSO PURSUE ASPECTS OF THE MESORAH AND ITS PRESERVATION.

2.5 CREDITS



TAAMEI HAMITZVOS

RABBI MORDECHAI BECHER

OFFERS A CLEAR AND ENGAGING INTRODUCTION TO THE FULL RANGE OF TORAH COMMANDMENTS. THROUGH CLOSE READING AND THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION, STUDENTS EXPLORE THE ORIGINS, THEMES, AND PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MITZVOT, GAINING A GROUNDED UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THEY SHAPE JEWISH LIFE AND TRADITION.

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HOLOCAUST: HALACHA, HASHKAFA, AND HISTORY

RABBI MORDECHAI DJAVAHERI

EXPLORE THE TORAH PRODUCED BY THE HOLOCAUST AND THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN ITS AFTERMATH – PRIMARILY RAV EPHRAIM OSHRY'S FAMOUS MIMAAMAKIM, OTHER HOLOCAUST RESPONSA, EM HABANIM SEMEICHA, AND THE RAV'S KOL DODI DOFEK. THE COURSE WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN TORAH AND THE NAMES NOT NUMBERS PROGRAM (WITH A TRIP!)

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MONDAY–THURSDAY



PSYCHOLOGY AND MUSSAR

RABBI BENY ROFEH

INTERACTIVE AND DYNAMIC COURSE EXPLORING PHILOSOPHICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, A MUSSAR BASED CONCEPTS RELATED TO HEALTHY EMPOWERED LIVING THROUGH GAINING PERSONAL INSIGHT. SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL, PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EXERCISES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES FORM THE BACKBONE OF THIS EXPERIENTIAL COURSE, PERSONALIZED GROWTH PROJECTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS WITHIN A GROUP SETTING ARE HALLMARKS OF THE COURSE.

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TALMUD: SHABBAT

RABBI MEIR GOLDWICHT

THIS COURSE WILL WORK ON UNDERSTANDING THE ULTIMATE COMPENDIUM OF JEWISH WISDOM, THE TALMUD FROM THE INSIDE OUT! WE WILL LEARN HOW TO DECODE THE TALMUD AND SOME COMMENTARIES AS WE EXAMINE THE LAWS AND PHILOSOPHY OF SHABBAT.

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BIBLICAL PERSONALITIES

RABBI SIMCHA WILLIG

EXPLORE THE GREAT PERSONALITIES OF TANACH. LEARN ABOUT THEIR TRIUMPHS, THEIR TRIALS AND THEIR FAILURES. WE WILL FOCUS ON LESSONS WHICH WE CAN DERIVE AND APPLY IN OUR LIVES.

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MEGILLA AND HAGGADAH

RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH

IN THIS COURSE WE WILL SEE WHAT THE MEGILLAH AND THE HAGGADAH CAN TEACH US ABOUT THESE TWO BELOVED HOLIDAYS – AND OURSELVES. A REMARKABLE FACT: THE HAGGADAH IS THE SINGLE MOST REPRINTED BOOK OF JEWISH CONTENT - THIS SPRING DO A "DEEP DIVE" INTO THE MOST FASCINATING DIVREY TORAH ON THESE 2 KEYS TO PURIM AND PESACH AND BE ABLE TO SHARE SOME OF THE MOST PROFOUND AND BEAUTIFUL DIVREY TORAH WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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COURSES 12:00 PM



ALL OF THE TALMUD ON ONE FOOT M-TH
RABBI MORDECHAI BECHER

THIS COURSE OFFERS STUDENTS A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BABYLONIAN TALMUD—NOT BY ATTEMPTING TO LEARN EVERY DAF, BUT BY ENTERING EACH OF ITS 37 MASECHTOT THROUGH THE OPENING MISHNAH AND THE FIRST ONE OR TWO DAPIM OF GEMARA. INSPIRED BY HILLEL'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE PROSPECTIVE CONVERT WHO WISHED TO LEARN THE TORAH WHILE STANDING ON ONE FOOT (SHABBAT 31A), THE COURSE ASKS WHAT WE CAN LEARN ABOUT THE STRUCTURE, CONCERNS, AND INTELLECTUAL LANDSCAPE OF SHAS FROM THE WAY EACH TRACTATE BEGINS.
STUDENTS WILL ENCOUNTER ALL SIX SEDARIM THROUGH THE MASECHTOT CONTAINING BAVLI GEMARA, INVESTIGATE HOW OPENING SUGYOT FRAME A TRACTATE'S CHARACTERISTIC QUESTIONS, AND COMPARE RECURRING TALMUDIC METHODS. THE OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO FINISH SHAS, BUT TO ACQUIRE AN INTELLECTUAL MAP OF ITS BEGINNINGS.



CHASSIDUS ON THE MOADIM M/W
RABBI REUVEN BOSHNACK

WHAT IS THE INNER MEANING OF LIFE? WHY DO WE CELEBRATE EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED LONG AGO? HOW DO WE LIVE OUR LIVES WITH RELEVANCE, JOY AND FEELING CONNECTED TO HASHEM, THE TORAH AND THE JEWS? JOIN US FOR A DEEP DIVE INTO THE HOLIDAYS ACCORDING TO THE CHASSIDIC TEXTS AND GET A TASTE OF THE TORAH FOOD FOR THE SOUL!

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CONTEMPORARY JEWISH ETHICS: AI EXTREMISM, POLITICAL ADVOCACY M/W
RABBI TZVI BENOFF

THIS COURSE WILL EXPLORE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION. MORE SPECIFICALLY IT WILL FOCUS ON TENSIONS AND SYMBIOSIS BETWEEN THESE FIELDS AND HOW JUDAISM HAS ADDRESSED THEM. TOPICS INCLUDE CREATION, WHEN HALACHA AND SCIENCE CONFLICT, CHANGING REALITIES, PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT AND HASHGACHA, TECHNOLOGY AND JEWISH LAW, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HALACHA.

2.5 CREDITS



HALACHIC MORAL DILEMMAS M/W
RABBI KALMAN LAUFER

IN THIS COURSE WE WILL BE EXPLORING AREAS OF HALACHA THAT ARE SUBJECT TO COMMONLY HELD MISCONCEPTIONS OR DOWNRIGHT ERRORS THAT ARISE WHEN NAVIGATING COMPLEX DILEMMAS IN LIFE. WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE YET EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE TOPICS PERSONALLY, THE GOAL OF THIS COURSE IS TO SHOW THAT OBSERVANCE OF HALACHA IS A WAY OF LIFE AND THE HALACHA HAS MUCH TO SAY IN EVERY AREA OF MODERN LIFE; EVEN WHEN IT IS NOT SO CLEAR WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.