

Professor Chaviva Levin-Jewish Medieval History:

In this course we will explore the experiences of Jews in the Middle Ages in the orbits of both Islam and Christianity. We will examine Jewish cultural and intellectual developments in the contexts in which they occur as well as study Jewish modes of self-government; the legal, social and economic roles played by Jews in Muslim and Christian cultures; and the attitudes Jews adopted toward those cultures. We will focus on considering the ways in which members of majority and minority cultures in a society interact and how they affect one another. Class discussions are an important component of this course.