

Love and Hate: A Seminar

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Course Requirements: Final Grade will be determined by three factors. **A) Class Participation:** Students are expected to come to class fully prepared to discuss all assigned readings. Every class, one student will have the responsibility of presenting for ten minutes on the reading and thereby leading off the discussion. **B) Paper:** A short paper of a comparative nature, utilizing both halakhic and theological sources, is due at the end of the term. **C Final:** The test will cover the substance of the entire semester's lectures.

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Divine Love and Election

Anders Nygren, *Agape and Eros*

Michael Wyschogrod, *The Body of Faith*, "A Chosen Nation"

Robert Adams, *Finite and Infinite Goods*

Week 3-5: Love of Neighbor

Maimonides, *Mishne Torah*, Deot Chapter 6; Sefer Hamitzvot Commandment 206

Kierkegaard, *Works of Love*

Gene Outka, *Agape: An Ethical Analysis*

Rabbi Shlomo Goren, "Ve-Ahavta Le-Reiakha Kamokha," *Ohr HaMizrah* vol. 1, 1:10.

Weeks 6-7 Philia: Love of Friend, Community and Nation

Edward Collins Vacek, *Love, Human and Divine*

C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

Week 8-9: Justice, Equity, and Anti-Semitism

William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*

Richard Posner, *Law and Literature*

Rabbi Shlomo Yosef Zevin, "Mishpat Shylock Le-Or Hahalkha."

R. Ahron Soloveichik, *Parach Mateh Aharon*, *Hilkhos Yesodei Hatorah* Ch. 1 and *Hilkhos Avodat Kochavim* Chapter 10.

Weeks 10-11: Love and Hate

R. Shenur Zalman of Liadi, *Tania*, Chapter 32.

R. Meir Simcha of Dvinsk, *Meshekh Chokhmah*, Deuteronomy 22:4

Meir Soloveichik, "The Virtue of Hate."

Correspondence, *First Things*, "The Virtue of Hate."

Weeks 12-13 Evil and Ethics in Times of War

John Finnis, *Aquinas*

Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*

Tradition Symposium on ethics in war.

Evangelical Outpost Symposium on Torture

Charles Krauthammer, "The Truth about Torture," *Weekly Standard* 12/05/2005, Volume 011, Issue 12