

## HARRY FISCHER SCHOOL FOR HIGHER JEWISH STUDIES AT BERNARD REVEL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

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### SUMMER SESSION 2021

Classes for credit are open to qualified graduate and advanced undergraduate students in Jewish Studies and related fields at Yeshiva University and other academic institutions. (Appropriate documents must be filed in the Office of the Dean, Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies). Students at Yeshiva University may take these courses toward fulfilling degree requirements. Students from other institutions may take the courses as transient students for possible transfer credit at their home institution. Qualified individuals who do not fit into these categories may register with permission of the Dean.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

#### Classes meet

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday June 21-July 22**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday July 6-8**

MONDAY April 19-THURSDAY June 24	Online Registration
MONDAY, June 21	First day of classes
MONDAY, June 28	Late registration. Last day to add a course.
THURSDAY, July 1	Last day to drop a course without its appearing on record. Last day to withdraw from a course with a tuition refund. <b>Students will be subject to full tuition payment for classes dropped after this date.</b>
TUESDAY, July 6	Last Day to Drop a Course. Students are obligated to complete the work in any course not officially dropped by this date.
THURSDAY, July 22	Last Day of Classes

All classes will meet on Yeshiva University's Zoom platform

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## SCHEDULE OF COURSES

### *Jewish History*

JHI 5337 Jews in the Lands of Islam III CRN 81295  
Prof. Daniel Tsadik  
9:00-10:40 AM

This course will cover aspects of Jewish life in the Middle East in modern times, from the early nineteenth to the mid twentieth century. It will address various topics, including transformations in the Jews' legal status, economic basis, communal organization and education. Certain aspects of their spiritual life, as well as women's place and music will be covered. The impact of Zionism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the Holocaust on the Jews' lives will be also assessed in the course.

JHI 6487 Life in the Valley of the Shadow of Death: Jewish Religion, Culture, and Physical Resistance in the Nazi Ghettos of Eastern Europe CRN 81424  
Prof. Joshua Karlip  
12:00pm-1:40pm

In this course, we will explore not the mass murder of East European Jews during the Holocaust, but rather their lives in the "valley of the Shadow of Death," in such places as the Warsaw, Vilna, and Kovno Ghettos. Regarding religious life, we will examine Rabbi Ephraim Oshry's responsa in the Kovno Ghetto and Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira's hasidic sermons in the Warsaw Ghetto. We also will look at the importance of Yiddish theater, literary clubs, and libraries in the Vilna Ghetto. In addition, we will learn the story of the Vilna Ghetto's "paper brigade" and will discover Emanuel Ringleblum's *Oyneg Shabes* archive in the Warsaw Ghetto. Methodologically, we will address the question of the extent to which pre-war local conditions determined Jewish religious, cultural, and physical responses to ghettoization and to what extent Nazi policies contributed to these responses.

### *Bible*

BIB 6077 Battle Poems of the Bible CRN 81296  
Prof. Aaron Koller  
11:00 AM-12:40 PM

We will study biblical poems including the Song at the Sea, the Song of Deborah, and others. The focus will be on the language, ideology, and literary forms of the texts, as well as issues of parshanut.

### *Talmud*

TAS 6895 The World of the Aggadah: Legends and Lore of the Talmudic Rabbis CRN 81297  
Prof. Steven Fine  
6:00-7:40 PM

The legends and lore of the ancient rabbis are windows into the lives of Jews under Rome, Byzantium and Sassanian Persia. This course explores topics in aggadah from the late Second Temple period through the rise of Islam. Sources examined include Tannaitic and Amoraic midrashim, piyyut, targum and archaeological discoveries. Particular emphasis will be placed on ways that modern scholars have interpreted these rich classical sources.

### *Jewish Philosophy*

JPH 6201 Virtue and the Good Life in Medieval Jewish Philosophy CRN 81298  
Prof. Alexander Green  
7:50-9:30 PM

Between the 12th and 15th centuries, medieval Jewish philosophers began to explore the

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idea that one of the central purposes of the Torah is to cultivate good character among its adherents. This idea of virtue ethics, elucidated by Aristotle in his *Nicomachean Ethics*, was adopted by a host of Jewish thinkers such as Moses Maimonides, Levi Gersonides, Hasdai Crescas, Joseph Albo and Isaac Arama, all of whom began to develop new ways of explaining how the cultivation of moral virtues and the pursuit of happiness are central to the Torah and the Jewish tradition. This course will guide students through some primary medieval Jewish philosophical texts and discuss them in light of their ethical teachings. It will also incorporate key secondary literature in order to examine the various ways of interpreting these sources. In addition, the course will include a sustained discussion of the nature of ethical behavior and how it relates to the teachings of Torah.