

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

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SUMMER SESSION 2024

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 17-July 18

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MONDAY April 15-THURSDAY June 20	Online Registration
MONDAY, June 17	First day of classes
MONDAY, June 24	Late registration. Last day to add a course.
THURSDAY, June 27	Last day to drop a course without its appearing on record. Last day to withdraw from a course with a 100% tuition refund. Students will be subject to full tuition payment for classes dropped after this date.
FRIDAY, June 28	Mark of "W" begins for course withdrawals.
MONDAY, July 1	Deadline to apply for the September 2024 MA comprehensive examination and register for Masters Research with the Revel office; Deadline to apply for the September 2024 degree with the Registrar's office
MONDAY, July 1	Last day to drop a course with a "W" mark on academic record. Students are obligated to complete the work in any course not officially dropped by this date
THURSDAY, July 18	Last day of summer semester classes
MONDAY, August 19	Final grades for summer 2024 due
MONDAY, September 30	Degree conferral date

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SCHEDULE OF COURSES
Courses that are starred (*) do not require Hebrew

9:00am-10:40am Dr. Joseph Angel

***BIB 5201 Beginners Biblical Hebrew I (CRN 60624)**

This course introduces students to Standard Biblical Hebrew (SBH) and lays the foundation for direct study of the Hebrew Bible. Working systematically through a textbook, students are introduced to the alphabet and vowel system and to the basic elements of the language, grammar, and vocabulary of the Hebrew Bible. By the end of the course, students will have studied numerous samples of biblical texts and be able to read, analyze and understand a number of biblical narrative passages.

9:00am-10:40am Dr. Shalom Holtz

BIB 7401 Book of Jeremiah (CRN 60625)

Study of selected chapters in the book of Jeremiah, with the goal of gaining familiarity with modern historical and philological tools and methods of exegesis. Topics considered will include: the historical events surrounding the decline and fall of biblical Judah, the composition of the book, and Jeremiah's description of the prophetic experience.

11:00am-12:40am Dr. Malka Simkovich

***JHI 6244 Diaspora and Exile in Ancient Jewish Thought (CRN 60626)**

This course will explore how early Jews understood the categories of sacred space, exile, and diaspora, and how Jews within and without the Land of Israel related to one another in the ancient world. We will begin by studying biblical texts that address the Babylonian exile and the question of whether God would fully restore the Land of Israel and its Temple to their former glory after the exile came to an end. We will then consider how Jews throughout the ancient world developed strategies to accommodate the realities of global Jewish life, and close with an examination of how the early rabbis developed new approaches to the exile and God's place within it.

6:00pm-7:40pm Dr. Daniel Rynhold

***The Early Modern Period: Spinoza and Mendelssohn (JPH 6860)**

JPH 6860 (CRN 60628)

Whether Baruch Spinoza can be thought of as a "Jewish philosopher" has always been subject to debate. This course will analyze his key philosophical ideas in relation both to his medieval Jewish forebears and the major Jewish thinker who followed him - Moses Mendelssohn. Topics to be covered will include: the nature of God; the immortality of the soul; the status of Jewish Law; Philosophy & Theology in the Bible; and the relationship between religion and state.

7:50pm-9:30pm Dr. Josh Karlip

Secularism and Religion in Zionism and Israel

JHI 6508 (CRN 60627)

From its inception, the Zionist movement has been divided between competing secularist and religious visions of Jewish national renaissance. In this course, we will explore this tension from an historical perspective. The first half of the semester will discuss rabbinic attitudes toward *ḥibat Zion* and Theodor Herzl; the conflict between cultural and religious Zionism; the theological arguments of both anti-Zionist and Zionist rabbis; the religious Zionist *drashah* as synthesis of traditional Judaism and Zionism; and the rise of Mizrahi as a political movement. During the second half, we will explore the tensions between secularism and religion in the State of Israel. Topics will include: The attitudes of the founders of the State of Israel toward Judaism and the question of the halakhic or secular nature of Israeli law; the compromise achieved at the founding of the State; differing attitudes within the *haredi* world toward the state; and the transformation of religious Zionism following the Six Day War. The course will end with a look at the contemporary tensions between *hilonim* and *haredim* in Israel today.

All classes will meet on Yeshiva University's Zoom platform

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