

IBC FALL 2024

COURSES 9:00 AM



PRAYER SEMINAR 95019 M-TH RABBI BENY ROFEH

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

2.5 CREDITS



TALMUD BAVA METZIA 95144 M-TH RABBI 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 OWNERSHIP AND PROPERTY IIN THE TRACTATE OF BAVA METZIA..

5 CREDITS



SHEMOT 95005 TUESDAY/THURSDAY RABBI ALLEN SCHWARTZ



ANCIENT NEAR EAST LITERATURE CAN BE DIVIDED INTO 3 CATEGORIES. ONE, STORIES OF HEROIC PEOPLE AND OF GREAT NATIONS. TWO, RITUALISTIC LAW LARGELY OBSERVED BY PRIESTS IN TEMPLES. THREE, LAWS GOVERNING HUMAN INTERACTION. TO DATE, NOT ONE ARCHEOLOGICAL FIND HAS REVEALED ANY TWO OF THESE TOGETHER IN THE SAME SOURCE. THE TORAH, OF COURSE CONTAINS ALL THREE, AND OF THE 5 BOOKS OF THE TORAH, EXODUS HAS THE GREATEST REPRESENTATION OF ALL THREE TOGETHER. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE STORY OF THE EXILE AND SLAVERY IN EGYPT, THEN MOVE TO THE RITUAL LAWS OF THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE REDEMPTION, AND THE PERSPIRATION FOR THE REVELATION AT SINAI. WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE MISHPATIM LAWS AND THEN CONCLUDE WITH THE BUILDING OF THE MISHKAN. FULFILLS YC AJS REQUIREMENT

2.5 CREDITS



BERESHIT M-TH 95102 RABBI HAIM ANGEL



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

LEVEL: ADVANCED

2.5 CREDITS



LUBAVITCHER REBBE'S HIDDEN DIARIES M/W 95097 RABBI REUVEN BOSHNACK



AFTER HIS PASSING, SEVERAL HANDWRITTEN JOURNALS FROM THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE WERE DISCOVERED. THESE JOURNALS CONTAIN ORIGINAL TORAH THOUGHTS AROUND THE LIFE OF THIS HISTORICAL JEWISH LEADER. WE WILL STUDY THESE POWERFUL PERSONAL THOUGHTS OF A PERSON WHO IMPACTED THE ENTIRE JEWISH WORLD.

2.5 CREDITS



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COURSES 10:00 AM MONDAY / WEDNESDAY



UNDERSTANDING JUDAISM 95022

RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH

BOTH AS A COURSE AND A BOOK "UNDERSTANDING JUDAISM: THE BASICS OF DEED AND CREED" HAS ALREADY CHANGED THE LIVES OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. IT IS BASED ON TORAH, TALMUD, MIDRASH, THEOLOGY, AND HALACHAH TO PROVIDE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ESSENCE OF OUR FAITH: WHY JUDAISM IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT THAN ALL OTHER RELIGIONS, THE CONCEPTS THAT GUIDE ITS LEGAL PRIORITIES, THE PRINCIPLES BEHIND ITS MITZVOT - AND WHAT MAKES US SO CONVINCED OF ITS TRUTHS.

2.5 CREDITS



VAYIKRA

RABBI HAYIM ANGEL

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

2.5 CREDITS



COURSES 10:00 AM TUESDAY/THURSDAY



LIKUTEI MOHARAN 95035 RABBI ZEV REICHMAN



EXPLORE ONE OF THE GREAT REVOLUTIONARIES OF CHASIDIC THOUGHT. HIS TEACHINGS ARE FILLED WITH OPTIMISM, JOY AND CONSTANT GROWTH. COMPARE AND CONTRAST HIS THOUGHT WITH OTHER GREAT THINKERS OF JUDAISM.

2.5 CREDITS



PRAYER: WHAT AND WHY RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH



IN TORAH, GOD SPEAKS TO MAN; IN PRAYER, MAN SPEAKS TO GOD. HOW DO WE DARE? WHAT DO WE SAY? WHAT DO WE WANT – HOW CAN WE INFLUENCE GOD OR CHANGE OUR FATE? THE QUESTIONS SURROUNDING PRAYER – ITS SOURCES, ITS STRUCTURE, ITS INSIGHTS ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES AND ITS PROFOUND MEANING MAKE THIS COURSE AN INDISPENSABLE GUIDE TO THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE WITH HASHEM.

2.5 CREDITS



SHOFTIM 95104 RABBI HAIM ANGEL



AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SEFER VAYIKRA. CLASSICAL COMMENTARIES FORM THE BASIS FOR OUR LEARNING, AND WE DEVOTE TIME TO THEIR LEARNING METHODOLOGY. WE ALSO CONSIDER APPROACHES FOR THE RATIONALES BEHIND THE COMMANDMENTS. CONTEMPORARY SCHOLARSHIP USED WHEN HELPFUL. LEVEL: ADVANCED.

2.5 CREDITS



BIBLICAL PERSONALITIES : COUPLES 95041 RABBI ALLEN SCHWARTZ



WE WILL ANALYZE THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BIBLICAL COUPLES THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE, USING TRADITIONAL AND MODERN SOURCE MATERIAL. WE WILL DISCUSS WHAT GOES RIGHT AND WHAT GOES WRONG BETWEEN SOME COUPLES.

A SAMPLING OF COUPLES TO BE DISCUSSED:

ADAM AND CHAVA, AVRAHAM AND SARAH, YITZCHAK AND RIVKAH, YAACOV AND LEAH, YAACOV AND RACHEL, MOSHE AND TZIPORA, MANOACH AND HIS WIFE, DOVID AND AVIGAYIL, DOVID AND MICHAL, DOVID AND BATHSHEBA, TAMAR AND AMNON, YESHAYAHU, YIRMYAHU, YECHEZKEL AND THEIR WIVES, HOSHEA AND GOMER BAS DIVLAYIM

WE WILL DISCUSS MARITAL IMAGERY IN TANACH AS A PARABLE OF THE DIVINE HUMAN RELATIONSHIP. FULFILLS YC AJS REQUIREMENT

2.5 CREDITS



COURSES 10:00 AM MONDAY- THURSDAY



CONFRONTING CRISIS 95005

RABBI DAVID BASHEVLIN

THIS COURSE IS ABOUT DEALING WITH FAILURE. IT IS NO MORE POSSIBLE TO THINK ABOUT RELIGION WITHOUT FAILURE THAN IT IS TO THINK ABOUT A GARDEN WITHOUT DIRT. BY ITS VERY NATURE, THE IDEALS OF RELIGION ENTAIL SIN AND FAILURE. THIS CLASS WILL PRESENT THE CONCEPTS OF CRISIS AND FAILURE IN JEWISH THOUGHT, WEAVING TOGETHER BIBLICAL AND RABBINIC STUDIES TO REVEAL A HOLISTIC PORTRAIT OF THE NOTION OF SIN AND FAILURE WITHIN JEWISH TRADITION.

REFLECT ON YOUR PERSONAL RELIGIOUS NARRATIVE AND DISCOVER THE JOURNEYS OF YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES!

5 CREDITS



AFTERLIFE, MASHIACH & RESURRECTION 95012

RABBI REUVEN FINK

IN THIS COURSE WE WILL EXPLORE THE IDEA OF REWARD AND PUNISHMENT AFTER DEATH. IN ADDITION, WE DISCUSS RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (TCHIYAT HA-MEITIM) AS WELL AS THE IDEA OF MOSHIACH. THE APPROACH OF THE COURSE IS TO EXPLORE AND ANALYZE THE BIBLICAL, RABBINIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACHES TO THESE THREE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS OF JUDAISM.

5 CREDITS



TALMUD BIKIUS: ROSH HASHANA 95143

RABBI HERSHEL REICHMAN

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 ROSH HASHANA IN THE TRACTATE BRACHOT, WE PLAN ON COMPLETING THE TRACTATE BY THE END OF THE SEMESTER.



COURSES 10:00 AM MONDAY- THURSDAY



SEPHARDIC CUSTOMS II *RABBI MORDECHAI DJAVAHERI*

SURVEY OF PRACTICAL HALAKHA FOR SEPHARDIC STUDENTS COVERING THE TISHREI HOLIDAYS, CHANUKAH, AND LIFE CYCLE RELATED ISSUES.

5 CREDITS



FAMILY PURITY 95141 *RABBI ZVI ROMM*

LAWS OF FAMILY PURITY: THIS COURSE FOCUSES ON BOTH HALACHA AND HASHKafa PERTINENT TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GENDERS BEFORE MARRIAGE AS WELL AS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE DURING MARRIAGE. A SIGNIFICANT FOCUS OF THE CLASS IS THE LAWS RELATED TO NIDA AND MIKVEH IMMERSION.

5 CREDITS



FTOC CHABURA 95004 *RABBI BENY ROFEH*

INFORMAL INTERACTIVE LEARNING WITHIN AN INTIMATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. INDIVIDUAL CHABUROT AVERAGE 10 STUDENTS IN SIZE AND VARY IN TOPICS SUCH AS JEWISH PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS, HALACHA, AND TANACH. GRADING BASED ON ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION ALONE. *MUST BE FIRST TIME ON CAMPUS TO ENROLL.*

5 CREDITS



COURSES 11:00 AM MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

CAPITAL MARKETS AND HALACHA 95099



RABBI KALMAN LAUFER

THIS COURSE WILL FOCUS ON UNDERSTANDING HOW HALACHA GOVERNS THE FLOW OF CAPITAL (MONEY) IN ALL FORMS OF TRANSACTIONS. WE WILL ADDRESS THE PRINCIPLES OF AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN HALACHA AND THE VARIOUS CONSIDERATIONS THAT GOVERNS BUSINESSES WHEN ENGAGING IN COMMERCE. BEGINNING WITH THE LAWS PERTAINING TO LOANS AND THE TRANSFER OF MONEY, WE WILL LEARN HOW TO ASSESS ALL FORMS OF TRANSACTIONS AND CONTRACTS FOR HALAKHIC VIABILITY. TOPICS INCLUDE: LOANS, MORTGAGES, ASSET-BASED LOANS (ABL), PARTNERSHIPS, REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, PREFERRED RETURN CONTRACTS, EQUITY & OPTIONS CONTRACTS, BONDS, AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE & COMMODITIES TRADING.

2.5 CREDITS



INTRODUCTION TO MYSTICISM 90515

RABBI LEONARD MOSKOWITZ

EXPLORE THE MYSTICAL FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF RAV CHAIM VOLOZHINER AND RAV ARYEH KAPLAN. WE'LL DO A TOP-LEVEL SURVEY OF THE BASIC TEXTS OF KABBALA, AND DIVE IN A BIT DEEPER WHERE WE'RE ABLE.

2.5 CREDITS



LAWS OF WAR 95091

RABBI MORDECHAI DJAVAHERI

INVESTIGATE THE TORAH PERSPECTIVE ON ETHICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT WAR, SUCH AS KILLING HUMAN SHIELDS, REDEEMING CAPTIVES, SHABBAT OBSERVANCE FOR SOLDIERS, AND OTHER MODERN DAY QUESTIONS OF THE OCTOBER 7TH WAR.

2.5 CREDITS



ZIONISM 95101

RABBI YOSEF BLAU

THE CLASS ON THE HISTORY OF ZIONISM WILL BE LOOKING AT ZIONISM AS SEEN FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF RELIGION. WE WILL READ SELECTIONS FROM RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR ZIONISTS INCLUDING THOSE WHO WERE ANTIRELIGIOUS. WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE ARGUMENTS WITHIN THE ORTHODOX WORLD ABOUT ZIONISM. THE OPPONENTS INCLUDE BOTH NON-ZIONISTS AND ANTI-ZIONISTS. WITHIN RELIGIOUS ZIONISM THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT STREAMS, AND WE WILL ANALYZE HOW IT EVOLVED INTO WHAT IT IS POLITICALLY TODAY. A FOCUS WILL IN CONTRASTING THE RELIGIOUS ZIONISM OF RABBI REINES, THE FOUNDER OF MIZRACHI, AND THE CONTRASTING MENTALITIES OF RABBIS KOOK AND SOLOVEITCHIK.

2.5 CREDITS



COURSES 11:00 AM TUESDAY/THURSDAY



CLASSICAL MUSSAR MESILAS YESHARIM RABBI ZEV REICHMAN

EXPLORE THE WISDOM OF MUSSAR! LEARN HOW TO BECOME A BETTER PERSON AND DISCOVER THE PURPOSE OF LIFE, ACCORDING TO RAV MOSHE CHAIM LUZZATO.

2.5 CREDITS



PIRKEI AVOT RABBI ALLEN SCHWARTZ

WE WILL DISCUSS THE CONFIGURATION AND ORDER OF THE MISHNA, AND THE PLACING OF AVOT IN NEZIKIN. WE WILL ANALYZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AVOT AND AVOT D'RABBI NATAN, AND DISCUSS THE PLACE AND NATURE OF THE SIXTH CHAPTER. WE WILL ANALYZE, IN EACH CASE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATEMENT OF APHORISM AND ITS AUTHOR. WE WILL LOOK TO MULTIPLE PURPOSES OF THE BOOK, BEGINNING WITH THE MORAL TEACHINGS, TO AN ESTABLISHMENT OF MESORAH, TO POLEMICS WITH THE SADDUCEES.

2.5 CREDITS



PRACTICAL WORKPLACE HALACHA RABBI ZVI ROMM

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



COURSES 11:00 AM MONDAY-THURSDAY



DATING AND MARRIAGE IN TANACH

RABBI BENY ROFEH

THIS COURSE WILL EXPLORE THE THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF DATING AND MARRIAGE UTILIZING STORIES IN TANACH TO EMPOWER STUDENTS WITH TOOLS TO BETTER NEGOTIATE CURRENT AND FUTURE ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS. PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EXERCISES AND PROJECTS WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE COURSE.

5 CREDITS



TALMUD: BAVA METZIA

RABBI MEIR GOLDWICHT

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5 CREDITS



TALMUD BEKIUS: TAANIS 35024

RABBI HERSHEL REICHMAN

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5 CREDITS



JEWISH HISTORY SURVEY FROM 1948 TO 1948

RABBI MORDECHAI BECHER

THIS COURSE INTRODUCES THE STUDENTS TO THE STUDY OF JEWISH HISTORY AND INTENDS TO GIVE THEM FLUENCY IN THE BASIC TIMELINE OF EVENTS OF JEWISH HISTORY, THE RELATIONSHIP OF THOSE EVENTS TO GENERAL HISTORY, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF JEWISH TEXTS AND PRACTICES.

5 CREDITS



STORIES FROM GEMARA- WISDOM AND PHILOSOPHY FROM CHAZAL

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.

5 CREDITS



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12:00 PM MONDAY/WEDNESDAY



HISTORY OF JEWISH SECTS M/W 95092 RABBI MORDECHAI BECHER



THIS COURSE WILL EXPLORE THE EMERGENCE OF DIFFERENT SECTS WITHIN THE JUDAISM. THIS WILL COVER ETHNIC GROUPS SUCH AS SEFARD, ASHKENAZ, ROMANIYOT AND THEIR HALACHIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCES. SECTARIANS SUCH AS SABBATIANS, DONMEH AND FRANKISTS. ALSO RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS SUCH AS CHASSIDISM, MUSSAR, REFORM AND CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENTS, AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS SUCH AS ZIONISM AND THE BUND.

2.5 CREDITS



JEWISH BUSINESS LAW 95098 RABBI KALMAN LAUFER



THIS COURSE WILL SURVEY THE RELEVANT AREAS OF HALACHA PERTAINING TO THE WORLD OF BUSINESS WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON THE LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES. *FULFILLS SSSB AJS REQ*

2.5 CREDITS



PSYCHOLOGY AND HALACHA 2442 RABBI REUVEN BOSHNACK



AS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS GROWN, WE UNDERSTAND THE GREATER ROLL IT PLAYS IN EACH PERSON'S LIFE AND WELL BEING. THIS COURSE WILL SURVEY OF THE HALACHIC SYSTEM'S TAXONOMY OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE WILL ANALYZE MENTAL HEALTH WITHIN THE TRIAGE OF VALUES AND DECISION-MAKING.

2.5 CREDITS

TUESDAY/THURSDAY



G-D AND FREE WILL 95093 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.

2.5 CREDITS



ONLINE/NIGHT COURSES



EXPLORATIONS IN JEWISH PHILOSOPHY 35039

RABBIS YOSEF BRONSTEIN, & NETANEL WIEDERBLANK,



THIS COURSE GUIDES AND ENABLES STUDENTS TO INDEPENDENTLY ENGAGE A RANGE OF PERTINENT TOPICS IN JEWISH PHILOSOPHY. AS AN ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE COURSE, THERE ARE NO LECTURES. STUDENTS RESEARCH AND REVIEW SOURCES ON THEIR OWN AND POST WRITTEN OR VIDEO RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT JUDAISM THAT ONE MIGHT ENCOUNTER THROUGHOUT LIFE. THEN, INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS OFFER COMMENTARY ON THESE RESPONSES. THE AUTHOR OF THE ORIGINAL SUBMISSION IS THEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND OR AMEND HIS RESPONSE BASED ON THE COMMENTS HE RECEIVED. THIS CREATES A STUDENT-DRIVEN DYNAMIC ONLINE CONVERSATION ABOUT TOPICS IN JEWISH THOUGHT.

2.5 CREDITS



HALACHIC DILMMAS FROM THE HOLOCAUST 8 PM M/W

RABBI DANIEL RAPP



THIS COURSE ENDEAVORS TO CONVEY AND DISCUSS THE MORAL AND LEGAL ISSUES WHICH AFFECTED THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST BOTH DURING AND AFTER WAR, THROUGH THE LENS OF HALACHA. WE DO NOT JUDGE ANY PERSON OR DECISION THAT WAS MADE, BUT RATHER ATTEMPT TO APPRECIATE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAVAILS OF THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS BY CONSIDERING THE UNTENABLE SITUATIONS THAT THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN.

2.5 CREDITS

