

SCHEDULE OF COURSES

Jewish History

JHI 5336 Jews in the Lands of Islam II CRN# 80473
Prof. Daniel Tsadik
9:00-10:40 AM

This course will cover aspects of Jewish life under Islam in early modern times, from the sixteenth to the early nineteenth century. It will address various topics, including the Jews' legal status, economic basis, communal organization, and spiritual life in various Muslim political entities: the Ottoman Empire, Safavid Iran, Yemen, and North Africa.

Jewish Philosophy

JPH 6204 The Akedah in Jewish Thought CRN# 80481
Prof. Aaron Koller
11:00 AM-12:40 PM

Survey of Jewish responses to the Akedah over the past 2000 years. Deals with pre-modern literature of various genres (midrash, piyyut, chronicles, and commentary) and in different media and then focuses on modern thinkers, from Kierkegaard to the present day.

JPH 6714 Philosophy and the Concept of Mitzvah CRN# 80471
Prof. Daniel Rynhold
6:00-7:40 PM

This course is devoted to two of the most significant philosophical issues relating to the concept of mitzvah and is thus split into 2 parts. Part I develops a contemporary approach to the project of Ta'amei ha-Mitzvot out of the critical study of previous approaches from the history of Jewish philosophy. Part II is devoted to the conceptual analysis of models of freewill and responsibility in Jewish philosophy.

Bible

BIB 6086 Rambam and Radak on Creation CRN# 80472
Prof. Yitzhak Berger
7:50-9:30 PM

Analysis of Radak's Pentateuchal exegesis—especially its connections to and departures from the exegesis of Maimonides—with particular emphasis on creation, purpose, and the role, mandate, and destiny of human beings.