

**S**urvey courses, numbered 5000–5999, are generally offered annually. Advanced courses, numbered 6000 and above, are generally offered in a three-year cycle.

## BIBLE

**BIB 5031**

### Introduction to Biblical Studies I

*Dr. Leiman*

Introduction to major issues and movements relating to the formation, transmission, translation, and interpretation of Hebrew Scripture.

**BIB 5115**

### Introduction to Biblical Studies II

*Dr. Eichler*

Introduction to the Ancient Near Eastern background of the Bible related to the history and culture of the major civilizations and ethnolinguistic groups which formed part of the Biblical world.

**BIB 5200**

### Biblical Hebrew

*Dr. Steiner*

Basic forms; principles of phonology, morphology, and syntax. Designed for students majoring in Bible.

**BIB 6009**

### Hebrew Syntax and Biblical Exegesis

*Dr. Steiner*

Exegetical controversies provoked by various types of syntactic ambiguity in Biblical Hebrew.

**BIB 6094**

### French Medieval Biblical Exegesis

*Dr. Cohen*

The Northern French exegetical tradition, with emphasis on Rashi, Rashbam, and Joseph Qara; innovations of this tradition, especially its notion of *peshuto shel miqra*; impact of this tradition on contemporaneous and later exegetes, e.g., Ibn Ezra, Radak and Nahmanides; selected readings from the primary sources and the modern scholarly literature.

**BIB 6109**

### Spanish Exegetical Tradition

*Dr. Cohen*

The Spanish Biblical Exegetical Tradition from its origins in Saadiah until Nahmanides; methods of interpretation; linguistic, literary, and philosophic issues raised by the Biblical text; emphasis on primary texts, but historical and cultural backgrounds are analyzed;

readings in the contemporary scholarly literature.

**BIB 6212**

### Genesis: Biblical Cosmology

*Dr. Eichler*

Textual study of chapters of Genesis, with emphasis on comparative data from the Ancient Near East.

**BIB 6611**

### Book of Deuteronomy

*Dr. Leiman*

Selected passages from the Book of Deuteronomy, with emphasis on philological, legal, historical, and ideological problems in light of Ancient Near Eastern parallels and rabbinic commentary.

**BIB 6661**

### Nahmanides' Thought

*Dr. Cohen*

An attempt to cull related fragments from Nahmanides' Commentary on the Torah and organize them into a coherent system; the fall of Adam and Eve and its relation to the Messianic period; ethical theory and its relation to the patriarchs; attitudes to philosophy; Maimonides and Kabbalah.

**BIB 7350**

### Book of Kings

*Dr. Eichler*

The Book of Kings in light of our knowledge of Ancient Near Eastern historical texts.

BIB 7401

**Book of Jeremiah***Dr. Steiner*

Traditional exegesis of the first few chapters of Jeremiah examined and weighed with the help of modern philological tools and methods.

BIB 7551

**Book of Ezekiel***Dr. Steiner*

Textual study of the Book of Ezekiel, with emphasis on the history of its exegesis.

BIB 7720

**Book of Amos***Dr. Steiner*

Textual study of the Book of Amos, with emphasis on philological, literary, historical, and ideological issues.

BIB 8209

**Book of Psalms***Dr. Cohen*

Selected Psalms. Overview of the entire book, with special attention to major genres, literary style, historical setting, and expression of religious sentiments; Jewish exegesis, especially the rabbinic and medieval traditions; major contributions of modern scholarship; application of modern literary methods to reveal the poetic complexity of Psalms.



BIB 8250

**Book of Proverbs***Dr. Leiman*

Selected passages from the Book of Proverbs, with emphasis on intellectual and philological issues in the light of ancient Near Eastern literature, rabbinic commentary, and medieval and modern Jewish exegesis.

BIB 8310

**Song of Songs: Readings in Biblical Poetry***Dr. Cohen*

In-depth study of *Shir Ha-Shirim*, its language, structure, imagery, and depiction of human and spiritual love; literal vs. allegorical readings in rabbinic and medieval commentaries; modern scholarship, with special emphasis on literary analysis; medieval and modern theories of poetics as applied to Biblical poetry.

BIB 8601

**Book of Ezra***Dr. Steiner*

Philological exegesis of Aramaic passages of Ezra based on concomitant study of Aramaic grammar.

BIB 8609

**Book of Chronicles***Dr. Leiman*

Selected passages from the Book of Chronicles, with emphasis on philological, literary, historical, and theological issues; critical examination of recent Jewish commentary on Chronicles in the light of contemporary Biblical studies.

BIB 9065

**Parashat Mishpatim***Dr. Eichler*

A close reading of the Biblical text utilizing medieval and modern commentaries; special attention to ancient Near Eastern legal texts as an exegetical tool.

**JEWISH HISTORY***Medieval*

JHI 5321

**Medieval Jewish History: Christian Europe***Dr. Berger*

Survey of the legal standing, communal life, and intellectual history of medieval European Jewry under Christendom; the relationship between Judaism and Christianity, the rise of anti-Semitism, cultural achievement and confrontation in the major Jewish centers; the challenges of late medieval persecutions and expulsions.

JHI 5340

**The Jewish Community in Northern Europe from the 9th to 12th Centuries***Dr. Soloveitchik*

Survey of the Jewish communities of France, England, and Germany from the 9th through the 12th centuries; intellectual developments; emphasis on political and economic developments.

JHI 5821

**Introduction to the Literature of the Rishonim***Dr. Soloveitchik*

Orientation to the works of the classical Rishonim, the various schools, their filiation and relationship; personalities of various Rishonim; the several often differing editions of their works.

JHI 6652

**The Jewish-Christian Debate in the Middle Ages***Dr. Berger*

Major themes of medieval Jewish-Christian polemic: the Christological reading of the Bible, philosophical challenges to Christian dogma, use of the Talmud and Christian Scripture, public disputations, the problem of exile, and the impact on the political and social standing of the Jews.

JHI 6807

**The Maimonidean Controversy and Its Aftermath***Dr. Berger*

Various stages of the medieval conflict over the writings of Maimonides; early attitudes toward rationalism; the *Mishneh Torah* and resurrection debates and political implications; social and intellectual tensions during the great dispute of the 1230s; influences of the Christian environments; role of the Kabbalists; compromise of the Rashba; controversy concerning "Averroism" in 15th century Spain; the study of philosophy as an issue in Italy and Poland during the waning of the Middle Ages.

JHI 6811

**Messianism and Messianic Movements***Dr. Berger*

Major forms of speculations—exegetical, topological, and apocalyptic—concerning the nature and time of the Messianic age; the relationship

between such speculation and the development of the Messianic movements; social and political conditions leading to Messianic ferment.

JHI 6827

**Sefer Hasidim***Dr. Soloveitchik*

Readings in 13th century German pietism, with emphasis both on the methodological problems involved in analyzing literature of this type and the actual doctrines of the movement.

JHI 6831

**Topics in the History of Halakhah***Dr. Soloveitchik*

Detailed reconstruction and in-depth analysis of select halakhic issues to uncover both doctrinal evolution and the personal posture of central halakhists of the Middle Ages.

JHI 6833

**Halakhah and Jewish Economic Activity***Dr. Soloveitchik*

Problems encountered by the Halakhah as Jewish society shifted from agricultural to entrepreneurial activity.

JHI 6835

**Responsa as a Source of History***Dr. Soloveitchik*

Basic problems in Jewish history and historiography analyzed in depth through responsa literature.



JHI 6890

### Modern Historiography of Medieval Jewish History

*Dr. Soloveitchik*

Various schools of medieval historians and of the unarticulated assumptions that often underlie their analysis and presentations.

#### Modern

JHI 5400

### Early Modern Europe: 1492–1760

*Dr. Carlebach*

Historical, social, and intellectual developments in the Jewish communities of early-modern Western Europe; emphasis on the transition from medieval to modern patterns.

JHI 5410

### Jews in Modern Europe, Social and Intellectual History: 1760–1900

*Dr. Carlebach*

Transition of Western European Jewry from the traditional com-

munity to the modern world; struggle for emancipation; Haskalah; rise of religious movements: reform, positive-historical school, orthodoxy, neo-orthodoxy. Course covers German, French, English, and Italian Jewry.

JHI 5440

### East European Jewish History: 1750–1914

*Dr. Zimmerman*

Survey of the political, social, and economic history of East European Jewry from the last years of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth to the outbreak of World War I; problems of emancipation; competing forces of Hasidism and Haskalah; rise of official and popular anti-Semitism in Tsarist Russia and Jewish reactions in the form of Zionism, Socialism, and Autonomism; changing family and social patterns; rise of modern Hebrew and Yiddish literature.

JHI 5441

### The Jews of Eastern Europe: 1914–89

*Dr. Zimmerman*

Survey of the political, social, and economic history of the Jews in Eastern Europe from the outbreak of World War I to the end of Communist rule in 1989; character of the Soviet Jewish experiment; position of interwar Jewry in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Lithuania; impact of Nazi genocidal policies on the Jewish communities of the area; fate of these Jewish

communities during the half-century after World War II.

JHI 5571

### American Jewish History: 1654–1881

*Dr. Gurock*

Political, economic, social, and religious development of American Jewry in the contexts of both American and Jewish history from the earliest Jewish settlements until the arrival of mass immigration from Eastern Europe.

JHI 5572

### American Jewish History: 1881–1967

*Dr. Gurock*

Political, economic, social, and religious development of American Jewry in the contexts of both American and Jewish history from the arrival of mass immigration from Eastern Europe to the Six-Day War.

JHI 6398

### Jews in German Lands: 1450–1780

*Dr. Carlebach*

Unique configurations of German Jewry from the 15th century through the rise of the Haskalah; distinctive forms of Halakhah, minhag, and popular literature; Jewish women from Glikl to the salon Jewesses; transformation of medieval policies under the influence of Renaissance humanism, the Reformation, German Pietism, and the Thirty-Years' War.

JHI 6409

**Sabbatean Controversies***Dr. Carlebach*

The polemical literature generated by the most important internal Jewish controversy of the early modern period; influence of the controversy on attitudes toward the study of Kabbalah, toward Messianism, and toward rabbinic authority; the writings of Jacob Sasportas, Moses Hagiz, Jacob Emden, David Fleckeles, and their opponents.

JHI 6415

**Haskalah in Western Europe***Dr. Carlebach*

Origins and development of the Haskalah in its Jewish and European contexts, from the mid-18th century; emphasis on the foundation texts of the Haskalah, particularly those emanating from Berlin. Comparison with other Western European models.

JHI 6451

**The Haskalah Movement in Eastern Europe: Between Tradition and Modernity***Dr. Fishman*

The Haskalah movement constituted a bridge between the worlds of tradition and modernity in 19th century East European Jewry. While far from monolithic, its members aspired to transform Jewish education, literature, religion, economics, politics, and communal organization. This course examines the movement's major personalities,

trends, and institutions, as well as its clashes with Orthodoxy. Analysis of original Hebrew sources forms the basis of classroom discussion.

JHI 6452

**History of Jewish Culture in Lithuania***Dr. Fishman*

Examination of three main currents in Lithuanian-Jewish culture in modern times: rabbinic culture (the Vilna Gaon and his disciples, the Musar movement), the Haskalah (Hebrew literature and scholarship), and secular Yiddish culture; connections between these currents and their common features; impact of geographic-historical, social, economic, and political factors.

JHI 6506

**Jewish National Movements***Dr. Zimmerman*

The rise of Jewish national movements in late 19th and early 20th century Central and Eastern Europe; focus on the diverse forms of Jewish national expression, including Zionism, Autonomism, and Bundism; the emergence of these movements within the wider context of the national revival in 19th century Europe.

JHI 6573

**The Jewish Religion in America***Dr. Gurock*

Free and religiously voluntary American society has posed unparalleled challenges to the continuity of Judaism. How

Jews have defined that challenge and attempted to reconcile, accommodate, or preserve unchanged.

JHI 6576

**East European Jews in America***Dr. Gurock*

The range of sources (governmental, archival, periodical, and literary) and methods (quantitative, nonquantitative, and sociological) available for studying the history of the East European Jew in America; works written in this field.

JHI 6579

**History of American Jewish Orthodoxy***Dr. Gurock*

Attempts by Orthodox Jews to reconcile, accommodate, or preserve unchanged their religious faith and practice in a free society: differing lay and rabbinic perceptions of America; issues of cooperation and competition between Orthodoxy and other conceptions of American Judaism; growth of Orthodox institutions and parallels within American society.

JHI 6888

**American Jewish Historiography***Dr. Gurock*

The writing of American Jewish history from the era of filio piety to the contemporary period; trends in historical research and evaluation of major recent works in the field.

## JEWISH PHILOSOPHY

JPH 5011

**Survey of Medieval Jewish Philosophy***Dr. Hyman*

Basic trends (Kalam, Neoplatonism, Aristotelianism, critique of Aristotelianism) as reflected in the writings of major exponents; religious and philosophical backgrounds and historical settings; readings in the primary and secondary literature.

JPH 5012

**Survey of Modern and Contemporary Jewish Philosophy***Dr. Hyman*

Impact of modern culture and philosophy on Jewish thought; basic trends (rationalism, idealism, neo-Kantianism, existentialism) as reflected in the writings of major exponents; readings in the primary and secondary literature.

JPH 5350

**Introduction to Jewish Mysticism***Dr. Brill*

Historical development of Jewish mysticism and its basic concepts; analysis of textual selections from the Zohar and its commentaries, Gikatilla's *Sha'arei Orah* and related texts; mystical path, symbolism, hermeneutic method, and theological impact of texts.

JPH 5400

**Introduction to Hasidism***Dr. Brill*

The main ideas of Hasidic thought, such as Divine presence, creation, psychic energy, mystical prayer, and spiritual practice; reading of selections from the works of the Baal Shem Tov, R. Yakov Yosef of Polonnoye, the Maggid of Miezhich, R. Shneur Zalman of Liadi, R. Nahman of Bratzlav, and R. Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev; the historical context.

JPH 6111

**Fundamental Beliefs and Dogmas***Dr. Hyman*

Maimonides' 13 principles in the light of antecedents and in the context of his halakhic and philosophic writings; analysis and critique by his successors, especially Crescas, Albo, and Abravanel.

JPH 6190

**Jewish Eschatology***Dr. Hyman*

Messiah, resurrection, and world to come; Biblical and rabbinic antecedents; Sefer Zerubbabel; relevant chapters of Saadiah's *Emunot ve-De'ot*; Maimonides' views as found in his various writings; Nahmanides' *Sha'ar ha-Gemul*.

JPH 6201

**Jewish Ethics***Dr. Hyman*

Selected philosophical texts dealing with such problems as good and evil, Divine providence and human freedom,

virtue and vice, the individual and society, and the nature of human happiness; concepts in general ethical and social theory as basis for comparison.

JPH 6640

**Philosophy of Jehuda Halevi***Dr. Hyman*

Major concepts of Halevi's thought based on an analysis of selections from his *Kuzari*; religion and philosophy, prophecy, *inyan elohi*, *am segullah*, philosophy of law, and servant of God; religious, philosophical, and historical backgrounds.

JPH 6651

**Philosophy of Maimonides***Dr. Hyman*

Major concepts of Maimonides' philosophical thought, based on analysis of selections from his *Guide for the Perplexed*, treatises, and halakhic writings; influence of Biblical-rabbinic tradition on Maimonides' thought; Greek and Arabic backgrounds of his philosophy; supplementary readings from commentaries on the *Guide* and from the secondary literature; emphasis on methodology, Biblical exegesis, and physical and metaphysical questions.

JPH 6662

**Philosophy of Gersonides***Dr. Hyman*

Selected topics in the philosophy of Levi ben Gershom (Gersonides); influence of his predecessors, especially Maimonides and Averroes. For 1998–99 the topics are: Divine attributes and Divine knowledge.

JPH 6665

**Philosophy of Joseph Albo**

*Dr. Hyman*

Major themes in Albo's *Ikkarim*: primary and derivative principles of the Torah; natural, conventional, and Divine laws; nature of belief; purpose of human life; and eschatology.

JPH 6700

**Readings in 13th Century Kabbalistic Texts**

*Dr. Brill*

Selections from the works of Moses de Leon, Yosef Gikatilla, the *Zohar*, and *Tikkunei Zohar*; historical relation of texts; transition from philosophy to Kabbalah; Divine name, inter-Divine structures, sacred time, prayer, and reasons for the commandments.

JPH 6750

**Hasidic Thought in 19th and 20th Century Poland**

*Dr. Brill*

Intellectual and emotional self-perfection as expressed in the writings of R. Simha Bunim of Przysucha, R. Menahem Mendel of Kotzk, R. Leiner of Izbicha, R. Zadok, R. Yehudah Leb Alter, R. Kalonymus Kalman Shapira; relation of Hasidic thought to the rise of modern secular cities and Yiddish culture.



JPH 6755

**The Kabbalah of the Gaon of Vilna and Its Interpreters**

*Dr. Brill*

The Kabbalah of the Gaon of Vilna and its background in Lurianic Kabbalah; interpreters include: R. David Luria, R. Yitzhak Haver, R. Menahem Mendel of Shklov, and R. Israel Salanter; selected readings from the writings of the Gaon, *Nefesh ha-Hayyim*, and the writings of the interpreters.

**TALMUDIC STUDIES**

TAS 5801

**Introduction to Tannaitic Literature**

*Dr. Elman*

Scope and nature of the Oral Law; jurisdiction and impact of the *Anshei Keneset Hagedolah*, Sanhedrin, and the Hillel Patriarchate; analysis of literary forms, composition, and redaction of Tannaitic literature; Mishnah, Tosefta, and Midreshei Halakhah.

TAS 5804

**Introduction to Amoraic Literature**

*Dr. Elman*

Literary history and redaction of the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmudim and their interrelationship; yeshivot and prominent Amoraim in their geographic and historical setting; analysis of the Saboraic contribution to the Talmud, and its impact on geonic—post-geonic codifiers.

TAS 5871

**Midrashic Literature of the Tannaim**

*Dr. Hurvitz*

Introduction to halakhic and aggadic Midrashim; definition of Halakhah, Mishnah, Midrash; origin and development of hermeneutic rules; schools of R. Ishmael and R. Akiba; development and structure of the Tannaitic Midrashim: Sifra, Sifrei, Mekhilta of R. Shimon bar Yohai, and Midrash Tannaim.

TAS 5872

**Midrashic Literature of the Amoraim**

*Dr. Hurvitz*

Annual and triennial cycles of reading; origin of haftarah; the two Pesiktot; types of Midrashim: expository, halakhic and aggadic, homiletic, historical and narrative, theological, esoteric, and apocryphal; Midrashim to be considered: Midrash Rabba, Tanhuma, Seder Eliyahu, Seder Olam, Pirkei de R. Eliezer, and Post-Amoraic Midrashim.

TAS 6817

**Sources of the Babylonian Talmud***Dr. Elman*

The use and origin of earlier sources by the redactors of selected Babylonian sugyot with a view to determine the principles by which these sources were selected, arranged, modified, interpreted, and reinterpreted.

TAS 6876

**Classical Rabbinic Thought***Dr. Elman*

Major topics in rabbinic thought, such as God, Torah, human condition, *yetzer ha-tov* and *yetzer ha-ra*, sin and suffering, and Providence and Predestination; methodological issues.

TAS 6880

**Sifrei on Numbers and Deuteronomy***Dr. Hurvitz*

Selected texts from the *Sifrei* and their interpretation by Rishonim and Aharonim; textual development of these midrashim in the light of the differing methodological approaches of the schools of Rabbi Ishmael and Rabbi Akiba.

TAS 6885

**Classical Rabbinic Legal Exegesis***Dr. Elman*

History, logic, and forms of classical rabbinic legal exegesis as found in the Babylonian Talmud; comparative materials drawn from the halakhic Midrashim and the Jerusalem Talmud.

TAS 7521

**She'iltot***Dr. Hurvitz*

Background of the formation of *She'iltot* of Rav Ahai Gaon; various editions according to manuscripts and first editions; *She'iltot* and their relation to the two Talmudim, *Halakhot Gedolot*, *Midrash Yelamdenu*, *Midrash Vehizhir*; various commentaries.

TAS 7523

**Literature of the Geonim***Dr. Hurvitz*

Textual examination of geonic responsa; *She'iltot* halakhic codices of the Geonim; halakhic monographs of Saadiah, Hofni, and Hai Gaon; introductions to the Talmud and Geonic literature in North Africa and Spain.

TAS 7809

**The Editing of Critical Editions of Rabbinic Literature***Dr. Hurvitz*

Problems of editing early texts of Talmudic, halakhic, aggadic, Midrashic, and geonic literature, Rashi, the Tosafists and early halakhic and Talmudic commentaries by the Rishonim of Spain and Provence; methodology of editing the text by using manuscripts from various libraries, the Cairo Geniza, and early printing; variance footnotes, introductions, etc.; emphasis on new material from manuscripts and fragments.

TAS 7821

**Textual Development of Mishnah and Talmud***Dr. Hurvitz*

The Mishnah and Talmud from the Saboraic Period until the recent, scientific editions, based on Geniza manuscripts, geonic Codices and Responsa, the Munich manuscript of the Talmud, the Parma manuscript of the Mishnah, and Geniza fragments of unknown printed editions of the Mishnah; early editions from Spain, Italy, until the Vilna edition, as well as hitherto unprinted material from the Institute for the Complete Israeli Talmud are examined.

**SPECIAL COURSES**

(SUBJECT) 9901-9902

**Guided Readings***3 credits*

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**Master's Research***0 credit, tuition charge of one credit*

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**Doctoral Research***3 credits each*

(SUBJECT) 9979

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