



Spring 2020-2021 Scholar's Courses on Zoom



World Religions; Judaism is Not Alone

WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU
APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27, MAY 4, 11, 25, JUNE 1, 8, 15
10 TUESDAYS | 9:30-11:30 AM
\$350 / \$340 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MATERIALS

In this course we will look at several religions from around the world and explore areas of commonality and divergence between Judaism and our partners in understanding what it means to live a good life. The similarities are frequently striking, and the differences are usually smaller than perceived at first glance. There is a great deal we can learn from our brothers and sisters around the world while exploring this fascinating topic together.



Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity

WITH RABBI LISA BOCK
APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27, MAY 4, 11, 25, JUNE 1, 8, 15
10 TUESDAYS | 9:30-11:30 AM
\$371 / \$360 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MELTON BOOK

This course examines Jewish identity and religious expression against the backdrop of dramatic political and social change. Students gain extensive insights into the historical and ideological developments of the major movements, and explore the impact of gender, assimilation, Israel, and post-denominationalism on the movements and the Jewish people.



The Long Goodbye (Deuteronomy / Devarim)

WITH RABBI ADAM SCHAFFER
APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28, MAY 5, 12, 26, JUNE 2, 9, 16
10 WEDNESDAYS | 9:30-11:30 AM
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In our study of Devarim, the fifth book of Torah, we join Moses in his final address to the nation. Standing on the edge of Canaan, we are poignantly reminded it is a land he will never enter. It is here that Moses reflects on his journey through the wilderness, encouraging the people to live with foresight as they make their preparations to enter the Promised Land without him.



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**Jewish Medical
Ethics: A 21st
Century
Discussion**

WITH RABBI DALIA SAMANSKY
APRIL 8, 15, 22, 29, MAY 6, 13, 27, JUNE 3, 10, 17
10 THURSDAYS | 9:30-11:30 AM
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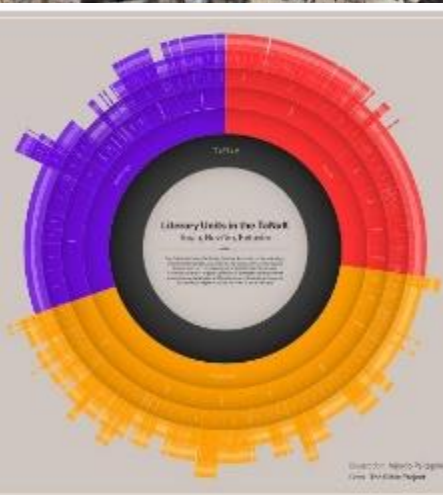
Within its field, one of the most challenging frontiers is that of medical ethics. While contemporary medical knowledge preserves life, modern advances have raised moral and ethical dilemmas related to it. The scope of this field was simply unimaginable a generation ago. Written by Rabbi Elliot Dorff, PhD, this course explores Jewish approaches to several 21st century ethical issues, including human cloning, surrogate motherhood, genetic identity, assisted suicide, and more.



**Exploring a Forgotten
World: A Social
History of Medieval
Jewry as Revealed in
the Cairo Genizah**

WITH BENZY KOGEN
APRIL 8, 15, 22, 29, MAY 6, 13, 27, JUNE 3, 10, 17
10 THURSDAYS | 9:30-11:30 AM
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This ancient-era version of reality TV gives you a front row-seat to the drama, gossip, legal transactions, and other daily intrigues - straight from the Middle Ages. This course brings to life an exotic era in Jewish history, revealing the inner thoughts of real-life characters and daily interactions of Jewish men, women, and families living along the Mediterranean more than 1,000 years ago. Join us for a journey of intrigue and adventure!



**K'tuvim
Unscrolled - Torah
and Prophets
Through the Lens
of Writings**

WITH REVITAL GOLDREICH
APRIL 8, 15, 22, 29, MAY 6, 13, 27, JUNE 3, 10, 17
10 THURSDAYS | 7:00-9:00 PM
\$350 / \$340 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MATERIALS

The third part of the Bible, "Writings", known in Hebrew as K'tuvim, is a mixture of history, prophecy, myth, and literature. In this course we will explore various inter-textual connections between K'tuvim, Torah, and Prophets to gain deeper understanding of both K'tuvim and the Bible as a whole. We will evaluate texts and commentary - in word and image - through historical, theological, and sociological lenses while considering ethics, geopolitics, and current culture to discover new perceptions and relevant ideas. Classes will include text-study and related art-history slideshows.

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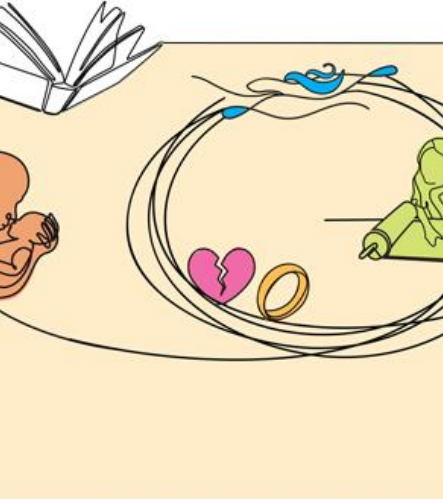
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**Prophecy During
the Destruction
of the First
Temple**

WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU
APRIL 11, 18, 25, MAY 2, 16, 23, JUNE 6, 13
8 SUNDAYS | 9:30-11:30 AM
\$280 / \$272 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MATERIALS

This course will explore the prophetic works of the others writing at the close of the time of the Deuteronomist. The destruction of the First Temple & the Babylonian Exile changed the world & changed Judaism. The Deuteronomist observed these events from within the Temple confines. Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Micah, Jeremiah, & Isaiah bring us different views of the same period. We will reflect on how the D Source and contemporaries viewed central events. What do we learn from what they emphasized & from what they chose to overlook? History is said to be written by the winners, in this case we are reading the losers and victims; nonetheless we treasure their perspective.



**Soul's Cycles: A
Ride Through the
Chapters of Life**

WITH LANA MARCUS
APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27, MAY 4, 11
6 TUESDAYS | 7:00-8:30 PM
\$212 / \$205 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MELTON BOOK

Learn about life's celebrations in tandem with Jewish meaning. Six weeks of putting the pedal to the metal will be sure to fuel your sense of adventure. In this course, we'll say "L'Chaim!" to Jewish markers of time, rites of passage, and celebratory rituals. En route to the finish line, this course will navigate the winding roads of childhood and adulthood rituals, all while living as Jews in a modern world. Our time together is certain to bring soul to life's big moments.



Tell other wisdom seekers in your community about Soulful Jewish Learning with Melton.

Register today. Experience the adventure of Jewish text-study.

Everyone is Welcome!

Thank you for your participation in the ageless pursuit of Jewish wisdom.

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