



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Jewish Everyday Life in Medieval Europe - 13801*

*Last update 15-08-2016*

*HU Credits: 4*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: history of jewish people & contemporary jewry*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: Yearly*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Elisheva Baumgarten*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Prof Elisheva Baumgarten

Course/Module description:

*This course is a writing and research seminar for graduate students interested in medieval European culture and social history. The students in the course will become acquainted with a large number of methods and case studies. They will be expected to read both theory and specific studies for each meeting and will present their own original research based on their studies throughout the year. Participation requires the instructor's approval.*

Course/Module aims:

*Training graduate students on all levels of research, locating and analyzing source material, independent writing and oral presentation, theoretical analysis*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Independent research skills: locating and analyzing primary and secondary sources, advanced theoretical abilities, oral and written presentations*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: frontal, group discussions, independent written and oral presentations*

Course/Module Content:

*4 main areas of discussion:*

- 1) Distinct social strata*
- 2) Select communal and familial spaces.*
- 3) Specific holidays and times of day.*
- 4) Materials: relevant to all the strands will be the objects used by people during their activities.*

Required Reading:

*Abulafia-Sapir, Anna. Christian-Jewish Relations 1000-1300. Harlow, UK, 2010; Appadurai, Arjun. The Social Life of Things Cambridge, 1986; Baron, Salo Wittmayer. The Jewish Community. Philadelphia, 1942; —. A Social and Religious History of the Jews. 18 vols. New York, 1952-1993; Baskin, Judith R. "Jewish Women in the Middle Ages." 101-27. Detroit, 19982; Berger, David. A Generation of Scholarship on Jewish-*

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Christian Interaction." *Tradition* 38 (2004): 4-14;

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %  
Presentation 25 %  
Participation in Tutorials 10 %  
Project work 40 %  
Assignments 25 %  
Reports 0 %  
Research project 0 %  
Quizzes 0 %  
Other 0 %

Additional information:

Permission to participate must be requested from the instructor.