

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Reading in Otsar Hayyim of R. Isaac of Acre - 14741*

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*HU Credits:* 2

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

*Responsible Department:* jewish thought

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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Prof Yehuda Liebes

Course/Module description:

We shall read excerpts from Otsar Hayyim in the Moscow and other manuscripts, and in the transcripts being made from it in the on-going project of publishing this book, under the guidance of the Professors Boaz Huss and Yehuda Liebes. In reading we take notice of the character of text and author, of his mystical and magical experiences and practices, of his eschatology and Messianism, and of his special world view and its variegated sources, in philosophical and mystical (mainly Sufi) literature, as well as in Cabbalistic literature: in the circles of Nahmanides, R. Abraham Abulafia and the Zohar. We shall discuss also his hermeneutics, his midrashic creativity and his sources in midrashic and pseudo-midrashic texts.

Course/Module aims:

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

Knowledge of this fantastic Cabbalistic text

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

As stated above in the course description

Required Reading:

In addition to s read in class from Otsar Hayyim (see reference below), one should read also:

אפרים גוטליב, 'הארות דבקות ונבואה בס' אוצר החיים לר' יצחק דמעכו', בספרו מחקרים בספרות הקבלה, אוניברסיטת תל-אביב תשל"ו, עמ' 231-247.

Additional Reading Material:

As most of the bibliography is in Hebrew, see in the Hebrew section (the English items appear there in English).

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Grading Scheme:

Additional information: