



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *The Gods of Egypt in the Hellenistic and Roman World - 24850*

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*HU Credits:* 2

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

*Responsible Department:* Comparative Religion

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* By appointment

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Teaching Staff:

Dr. Racheli Shalomi-Hen

Course/Module description:

The seminar will deal with Egyptian gods whose worship went beyond the borders of Egypt in the Hellenistic and Roman periods, such as Isis and Osiris, as well as syncretistic gods such as Serapis, Hermes Trismegistus, Imhotep/Asclepius. The course will deal with the cultural/religious contact between Egypt and the Hellenistic world and later between Egypt and the Roman world.

Course/Module aims:

To learn about the encounter between the gods of Egypt and the cultures of the Hellenistic and Roman worlds.

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

    To be able to identify the Egyptian gods outside of Egypt.  
    To point to sources from which we learn about Egyptian gods outside of Egypt.  
    To be able to recognize fused divine entities.  
    To examine fusion mechanisms between Egyptian gods and gods outside of Egypt in the Hellenistic period and in the Roman period.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture, reading, discussion and presentation in class.

Course/Module Content:

    Isis in Egypt.  
    Isis outside Egypt.  
    Mother goddesses in the Hellenistic realm.  
    Osiris in Egypt.  
    Osiris out of Egypt.  
    Gods of the underworld in the Western-Semite world and the Hellenistic world.  
    Mysteries.  
    Fusion mechanisms (syncretism)  
    Syncretistic deities.

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Required Reading:

To be updated.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 10 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 70 %

Assignments 10 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: