

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

GOD STUDIES TORAH - 63823

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: jewish education

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course investigates the representation of God as a learner (and teacher) in Rabbinic literature and its implications

Course/Module aims:

1. Critical skills for reading rabbinic literature.
2. Assessment of the motif in its broader cultural context.

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

1. Students will master the skill of reading rabbinic literature.
2. Students will have an understanding of a unique aspect of rabbinic thought.

Attendance requirements(%):

85

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: reading and discussion of required readings and sources,

Course/Module Content:

1. S. Rawidowicz- The Man and his Thought
2. Israel's Two Beginnings- 1st House chapters 1-10
3. On the Houses in Israel 2nd House- chapters 11-15
4. God studies Torah chapter 16
- 5-6. God as teacher and study partner
bBerachot 63a; Pesikta Drav Kahana Third Month;
bAvoda Zara 3b
- 7-8 God Studies Rabbis' Torah PDRK Parah; bGittin 7b; bHagiga 15b
- 9-10. Decisions in the Heavenly Court bBava Mezia 86a, bMakkot 23b Ruth rabbah 4,7
- 11-12 Myth and Anthropomorphism

Required Reading:

Simon Rawidowicz
Studies in Jewish Thought, Onb the Houses
2. chapters 1-10

3 chapters 11-15
4. chapter 16.

9-10 Rabbah in Tarbiz 33-34

11-12 A Marmostein Old Rabbinic Doctrine of God pp. 23-9
D Stern, " Midrash and theology : The character(s) of God in idem Midrash and theory pp. 73-94

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 10 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 70 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: