

HARRY FISCHER SCHOOL FOR HIGHER JEWISH STUDIES AT BERNARD REVEL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

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SUMMER SESSION 2025

Classes for credit are open to qualified graduate and advanced undergraduate students in Jewish Studies and related fields at Yeshiva University and other academic institutions. (Appropriate documents must be filed in the Office of the Dean, Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies). Students at Yeshiva University may take these courses toward fulfilling degree requirements. Students from other institutions may take the courses as transient students for possible transfer credit at their home institution. Qualified individuals who do not fit into these categories may register with permission of the Dean.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR*

Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, Thursday June 23-July 24

WEDNESDAY April 9-THURSDAY June 26	Online Registration
MONDAY, June 23	First day of classes
MONDAY, June 30	Late registration. Fee of \$50 begins. Last day to add a course.
TUESDAY, July 1	Deadline to apply for the September 2025 MA comprehensive examination and register for Masters Research with the Revel office; Deadline to apply for the September 2025 degree with the Registrar's office
THURSDAY, July 3	Last day to drop a course without a "W" mark on academic record.
THURSDAY, July 3	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 100% tuition refund. Students will be subject to full tuition payment for classes dropped after this date.
FRIDAY, July 4	Mark of "W" begins for course withdrawals.
THURSDAY, July 24	Last day of summer semester classes
MONDAY, August 18	Final grades for summer 2025 due
TUESDAY, September 30	Degree conferral date

*All entries are subject to updates

SCHEDULE OF COURSES
Courses that are starred (*) do not require Hebrew

9:00am-10:40am Dr. Nadav S. Berman

***JPH 6865 Jewish Philosophies of Love (CRN 60106)**

Judaism is often viewed as the "Religion of Law", and this notion is allegedly stemming from a contrast with Christianity as the "Religion of Love". In this course we will challenge this image of Judaism, by considering its philosophies of love. We start by conceptualizing three elemental forms of love and harness them to discuss key texts in Jewish tradition that deal with the philosophy of love.

11:00am-12:40pm Dr Jay Berkovitz

***JHI 6745 Topics in Jewish History: European Jewry in the Throes of Change: Community, Religion, & Family in the Early Modern Era (CRN 60103)**

This course explores the relationship between religion, politics, and family during a period of dynamic social, cultural, and legal transformation. It focuses on Jewish reinterpretations of medieval religious and legal traditions, while also examining how Jewish communities navigated tensions with general society. The course critically analyzes changes in family law, with emphasis on inheritance, guardianship, marital property, and the evolving status of women. Sources include communal records, judicial proceedings, wills, rabbinic responsa, memoirs, and letters. Students will gain a nuanced understanding of the challenges posed by acculturation, religious and secular tensions, political transformation, and the interplay between Jewish and broader cultures.

6:00pm-7:40pm Dr. Yitzhak Berger

BIB 7325 Book of Judges (CRN 60641)

This course examines textual, thematic, and structural issues in the book of Judges. Emphasis is given to literary considerations, especially inner-biblical textual relationships, and their role in the interpretation of individual passages and of the book generally.

7:50pm-9:30pm Dr Joseph Angel

***JHI 6233 Dead Sea Scrolls (CRN 60102)**

Counts also towards the Bible concentration

Reading of selected Hebrew and Aramaic texts from the Qumran library. The course will provide students with a deep understanding of the philological, exegetical and historical issues raised by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the archaeological excavation of the site of Qumran. Students will be trained in the use of the scrolls for research on the history of Judaism.

All classes will meet on Yeshiva University's Zoom platform

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