

Program 1

Introduction to Jewish thought - from the Bible to our time.

Annual Curriculum 2024-2025

Semester A - Autumn 2024 (September - December)

Wednesdays 18:00 -20:00 at Casa Adret.

N	Date	Session	Title
1	Sep 18	Introductions	PARDES - On Hermeneutics: Text and Interpretation
2	Sep 25	Biblical Faith	God, Prophet, King - Political theology of the Bible
3	Oct 9	Second Temple Literature	Children of light - Children of darkness
4	Oct 30	Rabbinic Literature A	From Sacrifice to Text - On Talmud controversy
5	Nov 6	Rabbinic Literature B	On Reading the Talmud - On Halacha (Jewish law)
6	Nov 13	Jewish Philosophy A	Philo of Alexandria – the Hellenistic option
7	Nov 20	Jewish Philosophy B	Rabi Saadia Gaon - On The rivers of Babylon
8	Nov 27	Jewish Philosophy C	Yehudah Halevi - On Behalf of the Despised Religion
9	Dec 4	Jewish Philosophy E	Maimonides - Mishneh Torah
10	Dec 11	Jewish Philosophy F	Maimonides - A Guide for the Perplexed
11	Dec 18	Jewish Philosophy G	Hasdai Crescas – Or Hashem

Semester B - Spring 2025 (February - May)

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N	Date	Session	Title
1	Feb 19	Kabbalah A	HaSod - The secrete: Intro' to esoteric Judaism
2	Feb 26	Kabbalah B	Girona circle and Nachmanides
3	Mar 5	Kabbalah C	Yetzira and The Zohar
4	Mar 12	Musar (Moral) Literature	Bahya ben Joseph ibn Paquda
5	Mar 19	Sabbatianism & Frankism	Shabtai Tzvi and Yaakov Frank
6	Mar 26	Modern Jewish thought A	Moses Mendelssohn and Emancipation
7	Apr 2	Modern Jewish thought B	Hasidim – the Baal Shem Tov circle
8	Apr 9	Modern Jewish thought C	Abraham Isaac Kook (and Zionism)
9	Apr 23	Modern Jewish thought D	Hermann Cohen - Franz Rosenzweig
10	Apr 30	Contemporary Sefaradi thought A	Jacqueline Kahanoff - Albert Memmi
11	May 7	Contemporary Sefaradi thought B	Meir Buzaglo - Hviva Pedaya

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