

The Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum *

Continuing the journey of Jewish learning

SHIV'IM PANIM – SEVENTY FACES OF WISDOM

These deep explorations into the books of the Torah showcase the voices of traditional Jewish commentators, classic and modern midrash, and artistic understandings. This multi-layered study of Torah exposes students to the development of interpretation, historical influences, and contemporary perspectives from which they can draw deep levels of meaning.



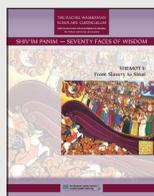
(Genesis)

Bereshit I: From Adam to Abraham: The First 20 Generations



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Bereshit II: The Story of the First Jewish Family



(Exodus)

Shemot I: From Slavery to Sinai



(Exodus)

Shemot II: Revelation and Revolution



(Numbers)

BeMidbar: Leadership Defied and Defended



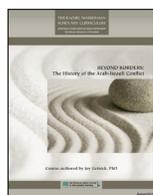
(Leviticus)

Vayikra: A Call to Holiness



(Deuteronomy)

D'varim
(in development)



Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

The complexity of the conflict forces students to wrestle with issues of religion, politics, history, culture, economics, identity, and survival—all reflected through primary sources. (20 lessons)



From Sinai to Seinfeld: Jews and Their Jokes

Examining a treasury of ancient and modern Jewish jokes as our texts, this course explores the evolving concerns, styles, preoccupations and values that make us laugh as Jews.



Israeli Literature as a Window to Israeli Society

Reflections of the mythic Israel since 1948 are exposed by poetry and prose that is challenging and self-critical—offering profound insight into the Israeli psyche.



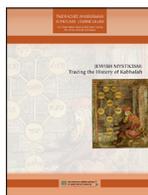
Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity

Exploring the historical and ideological development of the major movements of modern Judaism, students look at key topics such as religious expression, gender, assimilation, Israel and post-denominationalism.



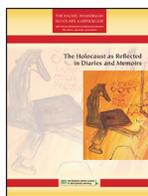
Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders

Covering an expanse of 200 years, this course considers the American Jewish experience from many angles including challenges of anti-Semitism and acculturation as well as successes in civil society and the flourishing of Jewish life.



Jewish Mysticism: Tracing the History of Kabbalah

The history and background of the Jewish mystical tradition through an examination of the texts that speak to the deep mysteries of human existence.



The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs

First-person accounts uncovered since the Holocaust describe this dark period with details of daily life and profound accounts of the struggle for survival.



The Star and the Crescent: The Long Relationship of Judaism and Islam

The historical evolution of the relationship between Judaism and Islam, between Jews and Muslims, broadening our understanding and challenging our assumptions.

* Courses consist of 10 lessons each, unless noted.

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