



5785 Fall Classes 2024

In-Person / via Zoom / daytime & evening

**CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR FAITH OR CULTURE?
JEWISH WISDOM HAS TRAVELED LONG AND FAR TO
TELL YOU SOMETHING.**



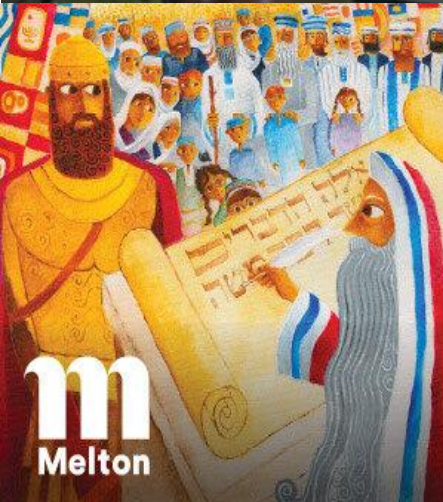
**LIVING WISDOM:
YEAR OF
DISCOVERY** **SUNDAY MORNINGS / 10:00-11:30AM**
OCT 27- DEC/ DEC-JAN / FEB-MAR / MAR- MAY 18
IN-PERSON / TEMPLE ETZ CHAIM / THOUSAND OAKS
WITH RABBI ARI AVERBACH & MICHAEL RAILEANU
\$630 ALL FOUR COURSES / \$210 EACH COURSE / INCLUDES E-BOOKS

This series of four 6-week courses grapples with challenging questions related to the purposes of Judaism, Jewish practice and faith in God. Discover Jewish texts. Dive into the big questions around God and Humankind. Explore the development and power of prayer.



**LIVING WISDOM
YEAR 2: ETHICS
AND
CROSSROADS** **TUESDAY MORNINGS / 9:30 AM-11AM**
SEPT 10 & MAY 27
IN-PERSON AND ZOOM / HAMAKOM / WEST HILLS
WITH BENZY KOGEN
\$630 FOR BOTH COURSES INCLUDES TWO MELTON E-BOOKS

From the wisdom of our ancient sages to the words of contemporary thinkers, examine how the moral compass of the Jewish people has evolved throughout the ages. Examine major decisions that shaped our shared identity and destiny, from the times of the Bible and the advent of the Talmud to the Middle Ages and the freedom of Emancipation, all the way through to today.



**Deuteronomy
(Devarim) - The
Long Goodbye** **10 TUESDAY MORNINGS / 9:30 AM - 11:30AM**
SEPT 10, 17, 24, OCT 29, NOV 5, 12, 19, DEC 3, 10, 17
VIA ZOOM / WITH RABBI SHANA LEON
\$360 INCLUDES MELTON E-BOOK

In the final book of the Torah, Moses halts at the outskirts of Canaan, the promised land that he will never enter, for his last oration – his long goodbye. Deuteronomy is an ending to a story that is rich in poetry and prose. It is simultaneously a review of 40 years of wandering and the surprising source for many biblical laws and ethical teachings.

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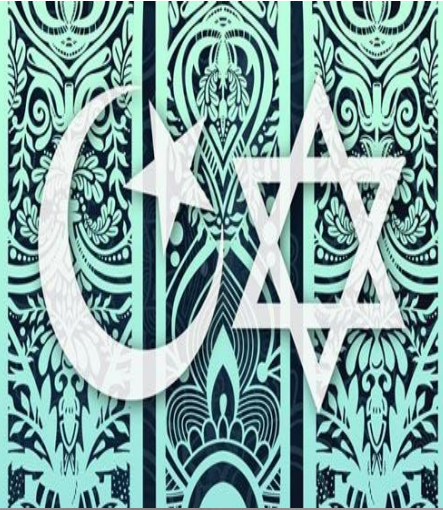




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FOR THE COMMUNITY.



**The Star and
the Crescent:
A History of
Jewish-Muslim
Relations**

**10 TUESDAY EVENINGS / 7 PM & 8:30 PM
SEPT 10, 17, 24, OCT 29, NOV 5, 12, 19, DEC 3, 10, 17
VIA ZOOM / WITH REVITAL SOMECKH GOLDREICH
\$310 INCLUDES MELTON E-BOOK**

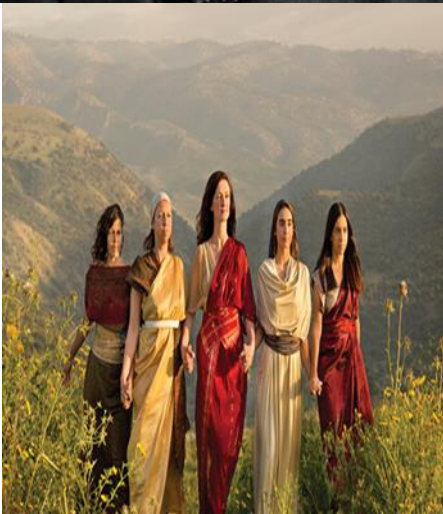
The current friction often felt between Muslims and Jews was not always the norm. Following the emergence of Islam, it was far better to be Jewish in a Muslim country than in a Christian one, and often, people of both faiths found ways to coexist peacefully and productively. This course will delve into prior periods of enmity to gain a more nuanced perspective. We'll examine the commonalities between our cultures, as well as sources of tension between these two monotheistic communities, challenging our assumptions and broadening our understanding.



**Abraham Joshua
Heschel: One of the
Great Thinkers of the
20th Century**

**10 WEDNESDAY MORNINGS / 9:30 & 11:30 AM
SEPT 11, 18, 25, OCT 30, NOV 6, 13, 20, DEC 4, 11, 18
VIA ZOOM / WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU
\$360**

Heschel authored widely read books on Jewish philosophy. Our main textbooks this course will include Abraham Joshua Heschel: Essential Writings (edited by his daughter Suzanna Heschel) and his classic work The Sabbath. Heschel's unique style of writing and argumentation will aid students in confronting issues never before considered or open new doors to topics previously studied. No knowledge of Hebrew or previous study of Jewish philosophy is necessary. This course is designed by local faculty.



**Biblical Women:
Emerging from
the Margins
through Midrash**

**10 THURSDAY MORNINGS / 9:30 & 11:30 AM
SEPT 12, 19, 26, OCT 31, NOV 7, 14, 21, DEC 5, 12, 19
VIA ZOOM / WITH RABBI ADAM SCHAFFER
\$360 INCLUDES MELTON E-BOOK**

Delve into reading classical and modern midrash, explore some of the major female figures of the Bible, and gain multiple perspectives on characters, relationships, and choices. Learners will discover how the form and content of midrash changes as contemporary writers and artists add their interpretations to ancient traditions. In the fertile ground of midrashic study, biblical women emerge from the margins becoming full characters whose legacies still guide and inspire us today.

Click here to register for classes:

<https://tec-to.org/melton-registration>



FOR THOSE SEEKING A MORE MEANINGFUL JEWISH LIFE.

Experience non-denominational Jewish text-study. Engage in thoughtful conversation. No homework. No prep. No Hebrew required.



Israeli Literature as a Window to a Diverse and Vibrant Society

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Encounter Israeli society through the pens of Israel's leading writers, discovering voices that are original, frank, contemporary, and heartfelt. This course takes you on a literary journey offering a fresh and fascinating examination of Israeli society. Learners will gain insights into the Israeli national psyche through written reflections on themes including longing for Zion, War, Peace, Immigration, Land and Identity.



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See you in class!

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