



## NEW PATHS TAKEN BY SEPHARDIC JEWRY

**Mondays, April 24, May 1 & May 8 on Zoom @ 7:00 pm  
with Elisha Russ-Fishbane**

This three-part course picks up with the trauma of the Inquisition and Expulsion before doing a deep dive into new settlements of the expanding Sephardic diaspora. Class 1 begins with an appreciation for the ongoing and far-reaching impact of the Spanish Inquisition on crypto-Jews and open Jews alike from the end of the fifteenth century and into the modern period. We then examine, in class 2, eastern Sephardic migrations, focusing on the Ottoman Empire: the revival of Jewish life in Ottoman Palestine, the rise of Jewish Salonika, and the emergence of Ladino as the language of eastern Sephardic Jewry. In class 3 we will explore the western Sephardic diaspora, focusing on two new centers of Sephardic Jewish life: Amsterdam and the New World.



Elisha Russ-Fishbane, Associate Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University, is a historian of Jewish culture in the medieval Islamic world and a scholar of medieval Jewish thought, law, and literature. His critically awarded published works include a study of Abraham Maimonides and *Aging in Medieval Jewish Culture*. He is currently working on a study of how Islam, both as religious rival and political power, was portrayed in medieval Jewish literature, as well as how Muslims were depicted in the daily documents of the Cairo Genizah.

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