



**LOUISVILLE MELTON: RECIPIENT OF THE 2021
INTERNATIONAL FLORENCE MELTON AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUILDING A STRONG
LEARNING COMMUNITY**

Since 2013 Louisville Melton has been a member site of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, a product of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Louisville Melton welcomes people of all backgrounds into the life-enhancing study of Jewish texts and ideas.



**האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM**

What our learners say:

"Melton texts present a broad spectrum of viewpoints, leaving it up to the students to explore our own thoughts and make our own judgments."

"As a Catholic, I felt valued in a way I had never experienced – not in spite of my own faith, but because I brought a different perspective."

"Because of my fellow students, I have more hope that true connection and community can be built between disparate people. What a delight to be in this Melton Community!"



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AREAS OF STUDY & COURSES

New Introductory Series of Six-Week Courses: Living Wisdom - Engaging Soulful Jewish Learning

Love Loss & Wisdom	Trimester 2
OMG, Can You Believe?!	Trimester 1

Biblical Studies

Biblical Women Through Midrash	Trimester 2
Deuteronomy/Devarim	Trimester 3
Leviticus/Vayikra	Trimester 1

History

Beyond Borders	Trimesters 2-3
Crossroads of Jewish History	Trimesters 1-3
The Holocaust Pt. 3	Trimester 1
Jews in America Pt. 2	Trimester 3

Jewish Life, Ethics, and Culture

Jewish Denominations	Trimester 3
Jewish Medical Ethics	Trimester 3
Social Justice	Trimester 1
The Study of Religion*	Trimester 2

*Louisville Melton Original Course

SUNDAY**Oct. 10-Nov. 14, 2021****11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.****OMG, Can You Believe?! (Six weeks) Living Wisdom: Engaging, Soulful Jewish Learning**

We dive into the BIG questions around God and God's relationship with humankind and explore the divine, the prophetic, and even the supernatural. We examine the many different understandings of God, free will, and commandments, by Jewish philosophers, rabbis, leaders (past and present) and you!

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Rabbi Robert Slosberg, Zoom

\$155 includes paper book & materials

\$150 includes eBook & materials

TUESDAY**Oct. 5-Dec. 14, 2021****6:30-8:00 P.M.**

Courses are 10 weeks unless otherwise noted.

Crossroads of Jewish History (30 weeks, Oct. 5-June 7) History

We reclaim the richness of Jewish history through the chronological exploration of significant crossroads where Jews made major decisions that shaped our shared identity and destiny. This course merges the concepts of history and memory to better understand how each has contributed to Judaism today.

*Cantor David Lipp, Zoom**

\$345 includes paper book & materials

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The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs, Pt. 3 History

In this concluding third of the course, we discuss the saving of Jewish children during the Holocaust, Jewish cultural creativity during the depths of the Holocaust, and American attitudes toward the Nazi killing of Jews. Parts 1, 2, and 3 can be taken in any order.

Rabbi Stanley Miles, Zoom

\$245 includes paper book & materials, \$200 if you have the book

\$235 includes eBook & materials

A Call to Holiness (Leviticus / Vayikra) Biblical Studies

Because the Torah has an infinite number of interpretations, this series features a multi-faceted approach to interpretation by artists, poets, rabbis, scholars and includes discussion of real-life implications for the 21st century.

Embedded in the mysterious and seemingly inaccessible laws about holiness in Leviticus, we find messages and values with great contemporary significance.

Deborah Slosberg, Zoom

\$245 includes paper book & materials

\$235 includes eBook & materials

OMG, Can You Believe?! October 5-November 9 (Six weeks) Living Wisdom: Engaging, Soulful Jewish Learning

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Lisa Rothstein Goldberg, Zoom

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Oct.7-Dec.16, 2021

9:15-10:45 a.m. All courses 10 weeks unless otherwise noted.

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October 7-December 16, 2021

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

OMG, Can You Believe?! October 14-November 18 (Six weeks) Living Wisdom: Engaging, Soulful Jewish Learning

We dive into the BIG questions around God and God's relationship with humankind and explore the divine, the prophetic, and even the supernatural. We examine the many different understandings of God, free will, and commandments, by Jewish philosophers, rabbis, leaders (past and present) and you!

*11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cantor David Lipp, Zoom**

\$155 includes paper book & materials

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Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory & Practice Jewish Life, Ethics & Culture

Confronting wrongs and instigating systemic change is no small order – but it's an essential Jewish pursuit. This 10-part course highlights the Jewish call to action and provides a practical approach for achieving lasting change. Beyond acts of kindness, proponents of social justice aim to bend the arc of history toward alleviating the ills of society. Drawing from classic and modern texts, the course explores the communal connection that compels us to support the most vulnerable. While serious issues such as poverty, climate change and systemic racism may seem insurmountable, this course helps us step back and discover opportunities and strategies for local and global progress, providing a framework for taking a stand on issues of concern within one's own community. Prepare to feel the reward of putting the core tenets of Judaism into practice.

*11:00 am-12:30 pm, Rabbi Laura Metzger, Zoom**

\$245 includes paper book & materials, \$200 if you have the 2020-2021 edition, not the pilot edition

\$235 includes eBook & materials

SUNDAY**January 16 – February 20, 2022****11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.****Love Loss and Wisdom January 16-February 20 (Six weeks) From Living Wisdom: Engaging, Soulful Jewish Learning**

Discover the Jewish responses and rituals that take us through mourning and arrive at a place of healing. When death inevitably enters our lives, Jewish wisdom and ritual can help us cope with heartbreak and loss, the anguish of why suffering exists. We also seek to understand the big questions of what Judaism says about life after death and its understanding of messianic times.

Rabbi Robert Slosberg, Zoom

\$155 includes paper book & materials

\$150 includes eBook & materials

TUESDAY**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Courses are 10 weeks unless otherwise noted.

The Study of Religion. (Louisville Melton Original) Jewish Life, Ethics & Culture

This course addresses how social science and humanities scholars study religion, where data about religion comes from and how Jews and others use that data. Topics include cults, civil religion, and the impact of religion on public life. It is not a comparative religion course though students may learn something about a variety of religions.

Dr. Marcia Texler Segal, Zoom

\$225 includes text packet & materials

Love Loss and Wisdom January 11-February 15 (Six weeks) From Living Wisdom: Engaging, Soulful Jewish Learning

Discover the Jewish responses and rituals that take us through mourning and arrive at a place of healing. When death inevitably enters our lives, Jewish wisdom and ritual can help us cope with heartbreak and loss, the anguish of why suffering exists. We also seek to understand the big questions of what Judaism says about life after death and its understanding of messianic times.

Deborah Slosberg, Zoom

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9:15-10:45 a.m. Courses are 10 weeks unless otherwise noted.

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9:15-10:45 a.m. *Dr. Marcia Texler Segal, In-person*

\$225 includes text packet & materials

Love Loss and Wisdom January 13-February 17 (Six weeks)

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Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict January 13-June 9, 2022 (20 weeks) History

This course provides students with a strong, text-based historical overview from the late nineteenth century through today. The course material is designed to encourage discussion and debate, challenging students to appreciate the basis of the conflicting historical claims made by all sides. The complexity of the controversy forces students to grapple with issues of religion and culture, history and politics, combined with economics, identity and survival-all reflected through primary sources, including newspaper articles, poetry, songs, government documents, speeches, photographs and memoirs. The 20-lesson course will provide students with new tools for understanding and critiquing texts and events as the conflict continues to unfold.

11:00 am-12:30 pm, Cantor David Lipp, In-person & Zoom

\$300 includes paper book & materials

\$290 includes eBook & materials

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

Tracing major female figures of the Bible through classic and modern midrashic commentary, we meet a dazzling line up of more than a dozen biblical heroines – some you may know and some you may have never heard of! Let's go behind the scenes to gain multiple perspectives on their lives, relationships, and choices, as we understand their roles in Jewish history and literature as full, well-rounded characters.

11:00 am-12:30 pm, Rabbi Laura Metzger, In-person & Zoom

\$245 includes paper book & materials

\$235 includes eBook & materials

TRIMESTER 3

March 22—June 7, 2022

Tuesday

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Deuteronomy/Devarim: The Long Goodbye **Biblical Studies**

Because the Torah has an infinite number of interpretations, this series features a multi-faceted approach to interpretation by artists, poets, rabbis, scholars and includes discussion of real-life implications for the 21st century.

Moses reflects on his journey through the wilderness and encourages the people to live with foresight as they prepare to enter the Promised Land without him. While Deuteronomy contains the words of one man reflecting on the journey of one people, we will find that the wisdom found in this final book of Torah has spoken to many people, through countless journeys, throughout time.

Deborah Slosberg, Zoom

\$245 includes paper book & materials, \$200 if you have the book

\$235 includes eBook & materials.

Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders, Pt. 2 **History**

In the second of two parts, we look at the education – Jewish and secular, Jews as creators of American culture, and Jew-hatred (aka antisemitism) and reactions to it in the 20th century. Through our study of this aspect of Jewish history we gain useful insights as we yet again encounter Jew-hatred in the 21st century. We conclude with Zionism and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. Parts 1 & 2 can be taken in any order.

Rabbi Stanley Miles, Zoom

\$245 includes paper book & materials, \$200 if you have the book

\$235 includes eBook & materials

THURSDAY

March 24-June 9, 2022

9:15-10:45 A.M.

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MARCH 24 – JUNE 9, 2022

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity Jewish Life, Ethics & Culture

How has Jewish identity and religious expression been influenced by the historical and ideological developments of modernity? How has Judaism addressed hot-button topics like gender roles and intermarriage against the backdrop of 300 years of dramatic religious and social change? Delve into these topics and more in a fascinating 10-session study of the variety of voices that make up contemporary Judaism – where we are today, and how we got here.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Rabbi Laura Metzger, In-person & Zoom

\$245 includes paper book & materials

\$235 includes eBook & materials

Jewish Medical Ethics: A 21st Century Discussion **Jewish Life, Ethics & Culture**

Human cloning. Genetic identity. Assisted suicide. Surrogacy. Significant progress – but thorny ethical issues. Modern medical advances can improve and prolong life but also raise dilemmas about its sanctity and dignity – and Judaism has a lot to say about it. This 10-session course explores the positive, negative, beneficial, and detrimental aspects of the new technologies in the medical field and the wisdom Judaism offers us in our encounters with them. The course was designed and written by world-renowned medical ethicist, Rabbi Elliot Dorff, PhD (author of *Matters of Life and Death: A Jewish Approach to Modern Medical Ethics*).

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Dr. Walter L. Olson, Jr., In-person

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