

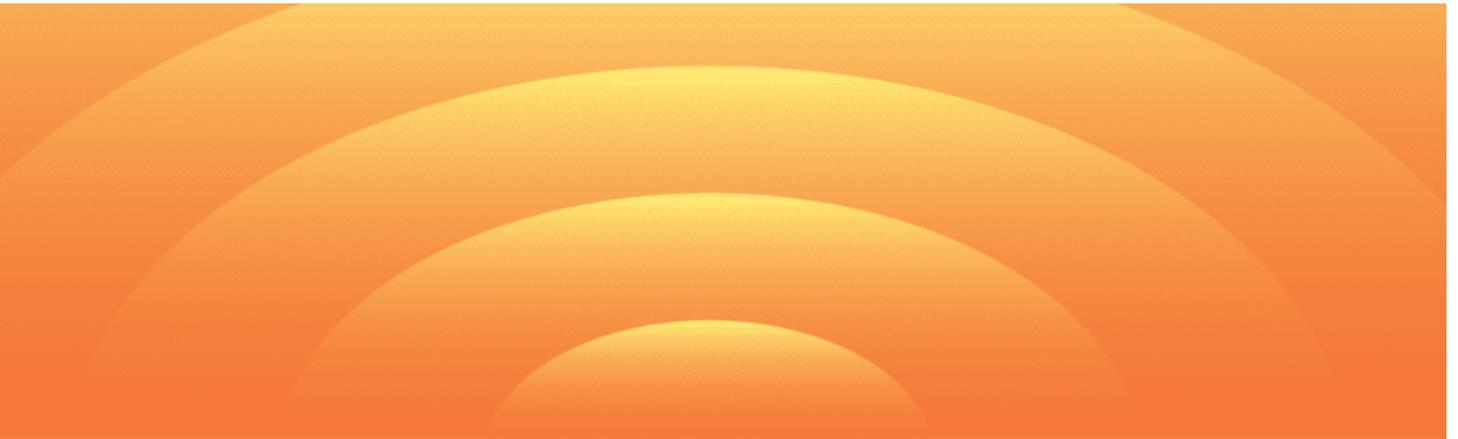


# LOUISVILLE MELTON

2020 – 2021

**A franchise of the Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning**

**A product of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**



## **OUR CORE VALUES:**

**Accessibility** – Torah wisdom should be accessible to all. We welcome people of all backgrounds into meaningful Jewish learning.

**Open-mindedness** – We can learn from one another and from ideas different from our own.

**Integrity** – We are committed to intellectual honesty. Through exposure to the breadth of Jewish perspectives, our learners are empowered to make informed decisions about their own Jewish beliefs.

**Community** – Learning is not just about the individual but about fostering deeper connections between people that lead to stronger communities.

**Innovation** – We are constantly seeking new ways to fulfill our mission, renewing and refreshing our ideas and practices.

# THE MELTON CORE CURRICULUM

Melton's signature two-year learning experience consists of comprehensive survey courses which integrate Jewish history, religion, ethics, literature, theology, and contemporary Jewish life. **Until further notice, all classes take place virtually using Zoom.**

**Year One – Melton Core Curriculum** is currently being revised and will be divided into **10-lesson trimesters**. Louisville Melton will offer the first segment in the Spring of 2021, Trimester-3.

**Year Two - Melton Core Curriculum Courses: (30 lessons)**  
**Sept. 1, 2020 - May 6, 2021**

**The Ethics of Jewish Living** – How do Jewish teachings shed light on contemporary issues: the environment, interpersonal relationships, end-of-life decisions, and stem-cell research? This course offers multiple ancient and modern Jewish approaches to conducting our lives.

**Rabbi Robert Slosberg**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

\$200

**Crossroads of Jewish History** merges the concepts of history and memory to better understand how each has shaped Judaism today. This chronological exploration investigates significant crossroads where Jews took major decisions that shape our shared identity and destiny.

**Cantor David Lipp**

**Tues. 8:00 - 9:15 p.m.**

**Deborah Slosberg**

**Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

\$200

## Ethics of Jewish Living and Crossroads of Jewish History (Year-2 Core Curriculum)

**Rabbi Robert Slosberg & Cantor David Lipp**

**Tues. 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.**

**Rabbi Robert Slosberg & Deborah Slosberg**

**Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

\$300

### What our students say:

*"Never have I seen adult learning applied so effectively as in the Melton Model."*

## THE MELTON RACHEL WASSERMAN SCHOLARS CURRICULUM

10-week courses which focus on a deeper examination of Jewish texts, from biblical times to today's leading thinkers. **Until further notice, all classes take place virtually using Zoom.**

### TRIMESTER-1 SEPT. 1 - NOV. 12, 2020 10 LESSONS

**From Sinai to Seinfeld: Jews and Their Jokes.** (10 lessons) Examining a treasury of ancient and modern Jewish jokes as our texts, this course explores the evolving concerns, styles, preoccupations and values of the Jewish people that lie buried deep in words that make us laugh.

**Cantor David Lipp**

**Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

\$165

Already own Text \$135

**Genesis: The Story of the First Jewish Family.** (10 lessons) From the birth of Jacob and Esau to the reunion of Joseph and his brothers in Egypt, the development of the first Jewish family animates the second part of Genesis. These stories of sibling rivalry, wrestling with an angel, palace seduction, rape, and reconciliation provide dramatic and iconic images that reverberate across the millennia.

**Deborah Slosberg**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

\$165

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**The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs.** (10 lessons) First-person accounts uncovered since the Holocaust describe this dark period with details of daily life and profound accounts of the struggle for survival.

**Rabbi Stanley Miles**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

\$165

Already Own Text \$135

**Exploring a Forgotten World: A Social History of Medieval Jewry as Revealed in the Cairo Genizah.** The ancient version of reality TV – straight from the Middle Ages. This course brings to life an exotic era in Jewish history, revealing the inner thoughts of real-life characters and exploring the daily interactions and behaviors of Jewish men, women and families living along the Mediterranean more than 1,000 years ago. All of this has been uncovered through discovery of worn-out scraps and text fragments from ancient times. Come along for a journey of intrigue and adventure!

**Dr. Walter L. Olson, Jr.**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

\$165

**What our students say:**

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

**TRIMESTER-2 NOV. 17, 2020 – FEB. 11, 2021**

**Trimester-2 courses are 10 lessons except for Beyond Borders which is 20 lessons.**

**Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory & Practice.** Designed by Ruth Messinger, this course explores how social justice goes beyond addressing short-term needs and looks at the structural causes of injustice. Topics include issues related to poverty, immigration, and environmental degradation. Students are encouraged to identify issues particular to their own communities to explore in greater depth.

**Dr. Marcia Texler Segal**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

\$165

**Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab/Israeli Conflict.** (20 lessons) This course continues through May 6, 2021. The complexity of the conflict forces learners to wrestle with issues of religion, politics, history, culture, and identity.

**Dr. Edwin Segal**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

\$185

Already Own Text \$155

**Proverbs** (\*\*Louisville Melton Original) "*Seichel*, the Yiddish word for 'common sense that emerges from reflection' best describes the contents of the Book of Proverbs." That is the opening sentence of **Mishlei, A Modern Commentary on Proverbs** by Rabbis Leonard Kravitz and Kerry Olitzky. In our course on Proverbs, we'll read some of the Book of Proverbs, consider the historic and modern commentaries, and decide for ourselves what's common sense. The Kravitz and Olitzky book is recommended but not required.

**Rabbi Laura Metzger**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

\$165

**Sounds & Stories of the American Jewish Experience.** (\*\* A pilot curriculum of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music.) Review by Louisville Melton Student, Shiela Steinman Wallace: "*Exploring Jewish music with Cantor Lipp is a wonderful experience. From the oldest of Jewish melodies through the elaborate pieces of 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe to synagogue and camp music today to Israeli music and jazz and rap, this class touches on all kinds of music and lets learners experience the music and grow in their appreciation of our rich and varied heritage. Thank you, Cantor. I hope many more people take advantage of this wonderful opportunity when you offer the class again.*"

**Cantor David Lipp**

**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

\$165

**Commentaries on Jewish and Christian Sacred Texts.** (\*\*Louisville Melton Original) Within just a few decades after the fall of the Second Temple, rabbinic commentaries on Torah and Christian interpretations of its emerging canon of scripture contributed to profound separations in their respective theologies. This course is designed to introduce some of the central teachings of the two faiths in the early common era, to examine how

modern Jewish and Christian scholars are re-engaging texts of the time, and to explore how our own efforts at midrash can enhance interfaith relationships.

**Dr. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan**  
**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.** \$165

**What our students say:** *"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."*

## **TRIMESTER-3 FEB. 16 – MAY 6, 2021 10 LESSONS**

**Jewish Medical Ethics: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Discussion** Within the field of ethics, one of the most challenging frontiers is medical ethics. While contemporary medical knowledge preserves life, modern advances have raised moral and ethical dilemmas related to the sanctity and dignity of life – issues whose scope was unimaginable a generation ago. Written by Rabbi Elliot Dorff, PhD, this course explores Jewish approaches to several 21<sup>st</sup> century ethical issues, including cloning, surrogate motherhood, genetic identity, assisted suicide, and genetic manipulation.

**Cantor David Lipp**  
**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**  
**Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**  
\$165

**Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders** Covering an expanse of over 360 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.

**Rabbi Stanley Miles**  
**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**  
**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**  
\$165  
Already Own Text \$135

**Deuteronomy (Devarim)** In our study of the fifth book of the Torah, we join Moses in his final address to the nation, standing just beyond the land of Canaan, a land that he himself will never enter. There Moses recalls Israel's past and reiterates laws that he had communicated to the people at Mt. Sinai. Many timeless themes are explored, lessons from the past that illuminate the present as well as the future.

**Deborah Slosberg**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

\$165

**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.

**Rabbi Laura Metzger**

**Tues. 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

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### **Brand New Core Curriculum Year 1, Segment 1**

**Members of the Tribe and OMG – Can You Believe?** (10 lessons) Course description and schedule available January 2021.

**Rabbi Stanley Miles** \$165

**What our students say:** *"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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