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### **Part 2, What Do Jews Think of God? A Class in Jewish Theology**

Join Rabbi Mark Goodman for part 2 on the concept of God, life and death, mitzvot and prayer, the meaning of Torah, and more.

In part 2 of this course, we will continue to examine various ideas about God in Jewish tradition. What can we say about God? What can we say about human beings and their connection to God? How can evil exist in the world if God is good? Are Jews the Chosen People? What is the meaning of Torah? What can we say about the mitzvot, God's commandments? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a Messiah? What does the Halacha say about abortion? We will look at how Jewish tradition addresses these questions by examining selections from the Bible, the Talmud, the Midrash, and the Kabbalah. Join us for 8 classes of spirited discussion and learning.

Eight Tuesday sessions: April 2, 9, & 16, May 14, 21, & 28, June 4 & 11 3:00  
4:00 P.M. EDT \$280

### **Where should a Jew go to college?**

Campus experts discuss navigating antisemitism on college campuses and choosing the right college for your Jewish student. Join Maryland Hillel's Rabbi Ari Israel, 2023 Harvard alumnus Sabrina Goldfischer, and AJU's Rabbi Pinchas Giller for a vital panel discussion on where to send your Jewish student to college amidst rising antisemitism. Moderated by AJU's Alyssa Silva, the panel will tackle pressing questions about identifying and addressing antisemitism on campuses, evaluating institutional responses, and fostering student's Jewish identity and resilience amidst rising challenges.

Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:00 - 9:00 P.M. EDT Free

## **The Geopolitics of the Greater Middle East after October 7**

AJU President Jeffrey Herbst and Greg Treverton, discuss Israel's security and American foreign policy following October 7.

The Hamas attacks on October 7 and the subsequent war in Gaza upended political relations across the Middle East, with important implications for Israel's security and American foreign policy. Join Jeffrey Herbst, President of American Jewish University, and Greg Treverton, former chair of the National Intelligence Council for an important discussion on Middle East Geopolitics.

Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. EDT Free