

ORTHODOX UNION
PRESENTS

TORAH SEMINARS
for WOMEN

FALL 1999

WEEKLY COURSES
on the INTERMEDIATE *and* ADVANCED LEVELS
in Manhattan and the Five Towns

MANHATTAN: WEST SIDE *Sundays, October 17 - December 12*

MANHATTAN: EAST SIDE *Mondays, October 18 - December 13*

FIVE TOWNS: *Wednesdays, October 20 - December 15*





TORAH SEMINARS *for* WOMEN

Sunday Morning

West Side Institutional Synagogue
120 West 76th Street, NYC

OCTOBER 17, 24, 31
NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21
DECEMBER 5, 12

#101F99 / 9:30am

SEFER HAMITZVOT OF THE RAMBAM
Rabbi Hershel Schachter
An in-depth analysis of various Halachic topics in this classical work.

#102F99 / 10:40am

TOPICS IN THE THOUGHT AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE RAMBAM
Rabbi Mayer Twersky

This text-based course will focus on such seminal topics such as: Ta'amei Hamitzvot, natural law, golden mean, temimut, religious intellectualism, popular religious theory of education, and religious development. Source material will be provided.

#103F99 / 11:45am

MISHLEI: WISDOM OF THE AGES AND THE SAGES
Anne Gordon

This class will, through a textual analysis, investigate both the meaning of the proverbs through the classical commentaries and the ways in which they are used in the midrashim of Chazal.

Monday Evening

Congregation Adereth El
133-135 East 29th St. (btwn. 3rd/Lex)

OCTOBER 18, 25
NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22
DECEMBER 6, 13

#200F99 / 7:00-9:00pm

SHIUR B'YUN (INCLUDES STUDENT PREPARATION TIME AND SHIUR)
Rabbi Moshe Kahn

There will be a required period of preparation prior to the shiur during which time the instructor will be present to offer assistance. This course will be a traditional class in Talmud and Rishonim, and is intended for the advanced student. Due to the high level of this course, registration is limited to students with advanced textual skills.

#201F99 / 7:00pm

RAMBAN'S COMMENTARY ON SEFER BEREISHIT: APPRECIATING THE GENIUS OF A MEDIEVAL MEFRESH
Michelle Levine

In this course, the Ramban illuminates the message and meaning of Sefer Bereishit by analyzing the unique way in which it relates the early history of our ancestors. This course will analyze how the Torah portrays the biblical personalities, revealing their thoughts, emotions, physical appearance, social status and family relationships.

Students should bring a Mikraot Gedolot of Sefer Bereishit and a Tanakh.

#202F99 / 8:00pm

BIRCHOT HANEHENIN
Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky

An in-depth analysis relating to the various laws of blessings in the Rishonim, Achronim, and Poskim, with a special emphasis on modern day applications.

Wednesday Evening

Congregation Kneseth Israel
728 Empire Avenue, Far Rockaway, NY

OCTOBER 20, 27
NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17
DECEMBER 1, 8, 15

#401F99 / 7:30pm

BIBLICAL PORTRAITS: THE BOOK OF SAMUEL
Dassi Jacobson

This course will focus on the different personalities in the book of Samuel. It will be text oriented, utilizing the Tanakh, Midrash, medieval parshanim, and comments of contemporary Tanakh scholars to attain a broad perspective of this exciting sefer.

#402F99 / 8:30pm

MAJOR HALACHIC ISSUES IN JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS
Rabbi Tzvi Flaum

Topics include: cloning, test-tube babies and incubator babies, multi-fetal pregnancy reduction, surrogate motherhood and adoptive pregnancies, sperm and ovum donations, surgical contraception-tubal ligation and vasectomy, and termination of pregnancy.



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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

Roshei Yeshiva

Rabbi Hershel Schachter

Rabbi Hershel Schachter, a noted Talmudic scholar, has enjoyed a distinguished career with RIETS for over 30 years. Since 1971, Rabbi Schachter has been Rosh Kollel in RIETS' Marcos and Adina Katz Kollel (Institute for Advanced Research in Rabbinics) and also holds the institution's Nathan and Vivian Fink Distinguished Professional Chair in Talmud.

Rabbi Mayer Twersky

Rabbi Mayer Twersky has served as Rosh Yeshiva at RIETS since 1987. He was appointed to the Leib Merkin Chair in Talmud and Jewish Philosophy in 1994.

Faculty

Rabbi Tzvi Flaum

Rabbi Tzvi Flaum is a member of the Medical Ethics Commission of the RCA, a member of the Board of Governors Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists, and is Spiritual Leader of Congregation Kneseth Israel.

Anne Gordon

Anne Gordon is a member of the Drisha's Scholar's Circle. She has studied in Jerusalem at Matan, Nishmat, Midreshet Lindenbaum and Michlalah. She has an MA in Judaic Studies and a BA in History and Philosophy from Harvard University.

Dassi Jacobson

Dassi Jacobson is a graduate of Stern College for Women, a candidate for the Masters of Arts degree in Bible at the Bernard Revel Graduate School and a doctoral candidate at Yeshiva University's Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology.

Rabbi Moshe Kahn

Rabbi Moshe Kahn is a full-time instructor of Gemorrah and Halacha at Stern College, and also teaches Halacha at Drisha Institute.

Michelle J. Levine

Michelle Levine is a doctoral candidate at New York University in Medieval Biblical Exegesis. She received an M.S. in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University, and is a former faculty member of Stern College for Women.

Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky

Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky, who studied at Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh, has semicha from RIETS, is an alumnus of RIETS's Gruss Kollel Elyon, and has an M.A. in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School. He teaches Talmud, Halachah, and Jewish Thought at Yeshiva University.

REGISTRATION / FALL 1999

Your early registration for the fall semester is encouraged and appreciated.

You may register by:

- 1. Mail:** ORTHODOX UNION, TORAH SEMINARS FOR WOMEN
11 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY 10004
- 2. E-Mail:** FRANK@OU.ORG
- 3. Fax:** 212-613-0667
- 4. Phone:** FRANK BUCHWEITZ, 212-613-8188
- 5. In person:** AT THE FIRST SESSION (SPACE PERMITTING)

Please check your course selections below.

SUNDAY MORNINGS: OCTOBER 17 - DECEMBER 12

(No session, November 28)

- #101F99 Sefer HaMitzvot of the Rambam
- #102F99 Topics in the Thought and Philosophy of the Rambam
- #103F99 Mishlei: Wisdom of the Ages and Sages

MONDAY EVENINGS: OCTOBER 18 - DECEMBER 13

(No session, November 29)

- #200F99 Shiur B'lyun
- #201F99 Ramban's Commentary on Sefer Bereishit
- #202F99 Birchot Hanehenin

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: OCTOBER 20-DECEMBER 15

(No session, November 24)

- #401F99 Biblical Portraits: The Book of Samuel
- #402F99 Halachic Issues in Jewish Medical Ethics

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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE: *Home* _____

Work _____

E-MAIL _____

TUITION: \$100/course, \$75 each for 3 or more courses in each location.

Students and Senior Rate: \$50 per course with I.D.

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