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Zoom Into Open House

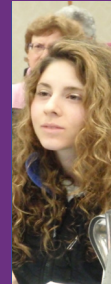
Monday, March 27, 2023

Sample classes, meet with students and faculty, and have an authentic AJR experience through special programming and sessions.

- Rabbinical Ordination
- Cantorial Ordination
- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies
Step into a robust curriculum from wherever you stand in the community
- Cantors to Rabbis
For currently ordained or invested cantors who would like to earn rabbinical ordination
- Kol-Bo
AJR's newest program for those interested in simultaneous rabbinical and cantorial ordinations

Global student body – real time distance learning

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*"We are as great as the challenges we have the courage to undertake."
–Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"l*

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Welcome to AJR! We are pleased you are joining us for our Open House. All sessions are on Zoom. Feel free to spend your day sitting in on classes, speaking with our faculty and administration, and getting to know our students. Zoom links will be emailed in advance of the Open House.

Please note that times indicated below are ET.

9:15 – 10:10 am – 2 class options

Conversion

Rabbi Leana Moritt

Using the Voice as an Instrument of Prayer

Cantor Lisa Klinger-Kantor

10:15 – 11:00 am

Understanding Pluralism at AJR – Session is exclusively for open house attendees.

Dr. Ora Horn Prouser, CEO and Academic Dean

11:05 – 11:50 am

Informational FAQs

Learn more about our programs of study, curriculum, distance learning and the AJR application process.

12:00 – 12:45 pm

Getting to Know AJR / Meeting with Students

Meet with students, faculty, and members of the administration.

Please feel free to use this time to enjoy your lunch during these conversations.

12:55 – 2:40 pm – 3 class options

Mechina II

Michal Nachmany

Introduction to Bible

Dr. Ora Horn Prouser

Critical Issues Halakhah

Rabbi Tzemah Yoreh, PhD

3:30 – 3:50 pm

Minhah – Experience our spirited *tefillot*.

3:55 – 6:20 pm – 2 class options

Introduction to Liturgy

Rabbi Rob Scheinberg, PhD

The Book of Genesis

Dr. Job Jindo

Have a Great Day!

Course Descriptions

BIB 101 Introduction to Bible

Dr. Ora Horn Prouser

This course will introduce the student to modern critical studies of the Bible. Selected texts of the Bible will be studied in-depth while broader thematic issues will be surveyed. Various methodologies used by biblical scholars will be introduced to the students. The many meanings of the text and the centrality of the Bible in the Jewish world will be emphasized through careful study.

BIB 345 The Book of Genesis: An Exploration of the Human Condition

Dr. Job Jindo

This course is a close critical reading of Genesis, revolving around the themes of free will and the human condition. By the conclusion of this course, the student will: (1) learn the structure, purposes, and theological outlook of Genesis; (2) gain insight into the complexity of being human as well as the enduring dilemmas of soulcraft as reflected in Genesis; and (3) develop the skills to teach the book of Genesis to contemporaries with AJR values.

Using the Voice as an Instrument of Prayer

Cantor Lisa Klinger-Kantor

The focus of this class will be on teaching students how to use their voices correctly and how to apply it to prayer services. We will explore how simple tools can make one feel empowered to sing prayer incorporating the beauty of cantorial nuances.

HAL 373 Critical Issues *Halakhah*

Rabbi Tzemah Yoreh, PhD

Halakhah, or Jewish law, is often viewed through the prism of those who feel most bound by it, but the reality is that is a part of the discourse no matter what Jewish community you affiliate with. In this course we will explore the significance of *halakhah* for modern Judaism through the lens of contemporary issues, such as the modern abortion debate, intermarriage, and food ethics. In the course of our studies we ponder the irony of why *halakhah* is relevant to even the most secular of communities, and speak about how *halakhah* may develop in the future.

LIT 101 Introduction to Liturgy

Rabbi Rob Scheinberg, PhD

What are the words associated with Jewish prayer, and how and why have they changed over time? In this course we will closely examine the Jewish liturgy for weekdays, addressing the structure, history, and theological implications of texts of the *Siddur* including the *Shema*, *Amidah*, Torah service, *Kaddish*, *Berakhot* associated with food, and more. We will also explore questions of prayer's personal meaning and spiritual significance in contemporary Jewish life, as well as the role of a religious leader in thoughtfully designing worship experiences.

MEC 145 Mechina II

Michal Nachmany

This course is a continuation of Mechina I Hebrew taught in the fall. The Mechina program as a whole is the equivalent of one year of college Hebrew.

PRO 350 Conversion

Rabbi Leana Moritt

What prompts someone to convert to Judaism? How do they go about doing it? How do the different movements approach conversion? How has conversion changed throughout history? Who gets to decide "Who is Jewish?" and what are the implications? How are Judaism and the Jewish community changing in the 21st century? And what is the role of the rabbi in preparing someone for conversion? These are some of the questions we will explore in our course on conversion, exploring the historical, theological, sociological and practical elements of conversion to Judaism.