

Etzba Elohim: Understanding and Interpreting Jewish Prayer in ASL

for ASL interpreters, CDIs
and Deaf lay leaders



See below for information about
the course and the Interest Form.



A course by the Academy for Jewish Religion in partnership
with the Jewish Deaf Resource Center

We are excited to announce our partnership with the JDRC!

AJR and the Jewish Deaf Resource Center (JDRC) will offer *Etzba Elohim: Understanding and Interpreting Jewish Prayers in ASL*, the first ever program on Jewish liturgy in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf and hearing ASL interpreters as well as prospective Deaf community prayer leaders.

Participants of this formal online academic program will be trained to meaningfully interpret Jewish liturgy and texts into American Sign Language (ASL). Students who meet requirements will receive a program completion certificate.

- During the first semester, the instruction will focus on the purpose and structure of Jewish liturgy along with the content of the Friday Night service.
- Students will attend both the Jewish Liturgy class and the ASL Liturgical Lab.
- The first session, consisting of 12 classes, will meet weekly on Tuesdays, beginning February 1, 2022, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM EST. Classes will be taught by an AJR Professor of Jewish Liturgy with two ASL interpreters.
- Students will also attend the ASL Liturgical Lab run by JDRC, weekly on Thursdays beginning February 3, from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. EST. During the Lab, Deaf and hearing students will have the opportunity to share their understanding of the materials they translate into ASL.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are pending approval from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. The first semester class is limited to 18 students. Please sign up for the class by filling out the Interest form, by clicking [here](#). The deadline date for registration is December 31, 2021. Registrants will receive an email with payment information. While there is a modest fee to participate, part of the cost is underwritten by an operations grant JDRC receives from UJA-Federation of New York. For more information, email the jewishdeafresourcecenter@gmail.com.