COURSE DETAIL

JEWISH SPIRITUALITY AND MYSTICISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Country Israel
Host Institution The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Program(s) Hebrew University of Jerusalem,Summer at Hebrew University of Jerusalem
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title JEWISH SPIRITUALITY AND MYSTICISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY
UCEAP Transcript Title JEWISH SPIRITUALITY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

For centuries, the Jewish mystical tradition was a highly guarded, orally transmitted body of knowledge. Today, Kabbalah is everywhere, from the internet, to Hollywood, to popular charms and amulets. This course presents both an introduction to the basic principles of Jewish mysticism, as well as the way in which Kabbalah and Jewish spirituality has entered diverse forms of contemporary spirituality, new-age thought, religious cross-fertilization, art, cinema, and even politics. It explores the nature of mystical experience and the unique approach of Kabbalah and Hasidism; studies Jewish texts, both ancient and modern, that seek to understand the nature of spirituality; and introduces living teachers of the Jewish esoteric tradition who are developing new philosophies and practices. The course examines how thinkers across the entire range of Jewish experience have drawn upon Kabbalistic ideas to enrich the spirituality of their adherents. Primary texts are read and discussed and guest speakers are invited regularly, providing a unique opportunity to meet leading spirituality thinkers in Israel and around the world.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
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