

*Assemblies of God Theological Seminary*  
Springfield, Missouri  
COURSE SYLLABUS

MCSM/PTHM 548 ***Jewish People and the Local Faith Community***

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January 24-28, 2005  
1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Course Description:

This course acquaints the participant with the modern Jewish experience and worldview by exploring the history of Jewish-Christian relations. Special emphasis is given to developing effective tools for discipling new Jewish believers within the context of the local Christian fellowship.

Course Objectives:

1. To acquaint the student with the history of the relationship between Jews and Christians with an eye toward a better future;
2. To enable the Christian leader to provide his congregation or ministry greater awareness of the Jewish role and function in Global Redemption;
3. To equip the student to effectively evangelize, disciple, and spiritually challenge Jewish people for ministry within the local fellowship;
4. To familiarize the pastor, missionary, evangelist, lay leader, or believer who may sense a responsibility to reach local Jewish people with the Gospel, with the historically tried and proven ways and means of effective and ineffective evangelistic and congregationally-related Jewish ministry.

Three Required Textbooks:

- Dershowitz, Alan M. *The Vanishing American Jew*. New York, NY: Touchstone-Simon and Schuster, 1998.
- Rosen, Moishe and Ceil. *Witnessing to Jews: Practical Ways to Relate the Love of Jesus*. San Francisco, CA: Purple Pomegranate Publications, 1998.
- Telchin, Stan. *Abandoned*. Grand Rapids, MI: Chosen Books, 1997.

Also Recommended:

- Lipset, Seymour M., and Raab, Earl. *Jews and the New American Scene*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1995.

Course Requirements:

1. Regular attendance is course policy.
2. 3 page quality "reactions" on any two of the three required texts listed above. Both are due February 28, 2005.

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3. A quality research paper of 15 pages on an approved topic of student interest is due on February 28, 2005. Topic selections should be submitted on Wednesday, January 26, so as to allow for response time from the professor and final disposition before January 28.
5. The proper format to be used for all book reactions, papers, etc., will follow the Kate L. Turabian Sixth Edition format of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. A copy of the manual is readily available in the AGTS Bookstore. Poorly presented papers will be returned for retyping.
6. A 18 to 20 minute student oral presentation on the findings of each student's research will be presented Friday, January 28. Presenters will be expected to respond to quality questions for 5 to 7 minutes.
7. There will be a take home final examination distributed on January 28, which is to be returned by February 1, 2005. PLEASE NOTE: A second research paper may be approved for any student preferring beneficial research to a final examination.

#### Grading Procedures

Class Presentation	20%
Two Book Reactions	20%
Term Paper	30%
Final Exam (or Second Paper)	30%

#### Course Design and Content:

1. Course Introduction: Traditional Christian Perceptions of Jewish People
2. Modern Christian Relations to Jewish People
3. Christian Provocation of Jews: To Jealousy or to Rage?
4. The New Testament Attitude toward Jews
5. Establishing Credibility in the Jewish Community
6. Preparing Your Fellowship for Effective Jewish Ministry
7. Benefiting from the Very Positive Contribution Jewish Believers in Christ Can Bring to the Spiritual Life of the Local Faith Community
8. Celebrating Jesus in the Biblical Holidays.
9. Conducting Evangelistic Jewish Home Bible Studies and Teaching the Effective Use of Messianic Prophecy
10. Messiah's Message of Life: Jewish Discipling Instruction

#### Course Teaching Methods to be Employed:

1. Required textbook readings.
2. Utilization of films, videos, transparencies, holidays, etc.
4. Guest testimonies (if available on the dates required)
5. Actual demonstrations of Biblical Holiday celebrations

6. Distribution of printed materials, e.g., examples of Messianic promotional and discipling materials, recommended reading lists, useful cultural tools, etc.

### Recommended Reading List

- Aleichem, Sholem. *Teveye the Dairyman: And the Railroad Stories*. Translated by Hillel Halkin. New York, NY: Schocken Books, 1987.
- Ariel, Yaakov. *On Behalf of Israel: American Fundamentalist Attitudes Toward Jews, Judaism, and Zionism, 1865-1945*. Brooklyn, NY: Carlson Publishing, 1991.
- Bach, H. I. *The German Jew: A Synthesis of Judaism and Western Civilization 1730-1930*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 1984.
- Ben-Sasson, H. H., ed. *A History of the Jewish People*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1976.
- Blaising, Craig A., and Bock, Darrell L., eds. *Dispensationalism, Israel and the Church: The Search for Definition*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing, 1992.
- Cohen, A. *Everyman's Talmud*. New York, NY: Schocken Books, 1975.
- Dawidowicz, Lucy S. *On Equal Terms: Jews in America 1881-1981*. New York, NY: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1982.
- Dinnerstein, Leonard. *Anti-Semitism in America*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 1994.
- Eckstein, Yechiel. *What Christians Should Know About Jews and Judaism*. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1984.
- Elgvin, Orleif, ed. *Israel and Yeshua*. Jerusalem: Caspari Center for Biblical and Jewish Studies, 1994.
- Ericksen, Robert P. *Theologians Under Hitler*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1985.
- Falk, Harvey. *Jesus the Pharisee*. New York: Paulist Press, 1985.
- Flannery, Edward H. *The Anguish of the Jews*. London: Collier-Macmillan Limited, 1965.
- Flusser, David. *Judaism and the Origins of Christianity*. Jerusalem: Magnes Press, Hebrew University, 1988.
- Galper, Allan S. *From Bolshoi to Be'er Sheva, Scientists to Streetsweepers: Cultural Dislocation Among Soviet Immigrants in Israel*. New York, NY: University Press of America, 1995.
- Gilman, Sander L. *Jewish Self-Hatred: Anti-Semitism and the Hidden Language of the Jews*. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986.
- Goble, Philip E. *Everything You Need to Grow a Messianic Synagogue*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1974.
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- Goldberg, David J. *To the Promised Land: A History of Zionist Thought*. New York, NY: Penguin Books, 1996.
- Goldscheider, Calvin, and Zuckerman, Alan S. *The Transformation of the Jews*. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 1986.
- Hagner, Donald A. *The Jewish Reclamation of Jesus*. Grand Rapids, MI: Academie Books, 1984.
- Hengel, Martin. *Judaism and Hellenism*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1974.
- Herford, R. Travers. *Christianity in Talmud and Midrash*. New York, NY: KTAV Publishing

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- Hilton, Michael, and Marshall, Gordian. *The Gospels and Rabbinic Judaism: A Study Guide*. Hoboken, NJ: KTAV Publishing House, 1988.
- Jacob, Walter. *Christianity Through Jewish Eyes*. Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 1974.
- Juel, Donald. *Messianic Exegesis: Christological Interpretation of the Old Testament in Early Christianity*. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1988.
- Juster, Dan. *Jewish Roots*. Rockville: Davar, 1986.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Intrater, Keith. *Israel, the Church and the Last Days*. Shippensburg, PA: Destiny Image Publishers, 1990.
- Kasimow, Harold, and Sherwin, Byron L., eds. *No Religion is an Island: Abraham Joshua Heschel and Interreligious Dialogue*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.
- Kaufmann, Yehezkel. *Christianity and Judaism: Two Covenants*. Translated by C. W. Efrogmson. Jerusalem: Magnes Press, Hebrew University, 1988.
- Kee, Howard Clark, and Borowsky, Irvin J., eds. *Removing Anti-Judaism from the Pulpit*. Philadelphia, PA: American Interfaith Institute, 1996.
- Klenicki, Leon and Wigoder, Geoffrey, eds. *A Dictionary of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue*. New York: Paulist Press, 1984.
- Kranzler, George. *Hasidic Williamsburg: A Contemporary American Hasidic Community*. North Vale, NJ: Jason Aronson, Inc., 1995.
- Kushner, Harold. *To Life! A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking*. Boston, MA: Little, Brown and Company, 1993.
- Martin, Ralph P. *Worship in the Early Church*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1964.
- McInnes, Val Ambrose, ed. *Renewing the Judeo-Christian Wellsprings*. New York: Crossroad, 1987.
- Meeks, Wayne A. and Wilken, Robert L. *Jews and Christians in Antioch in the First Four Centuries of the Common Era*. Ann Arbor: Edwards Brothers, 1978.
- Montefiore, C. G., and Loewe, H. *A Rabbinic Anthology*. New York, NY: Schocken Books, 1974.
- Moore, George Foote. *Judaism in the First Centuries of the Christian Era*. 2 vols. New York: Schocken Books, 1971.
- Mussner, Franz. *Tractate on the Jews: The Significance of Judaism for Christian Faith*. Translated by Leonard Swidler. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1984.
- Neuhaus, Richard John, gen. ed. *Jews in Unsecular America*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987.
- Neusner, Jacob. *First Century Judaism in Crisis*. New York: KTAV, 1982.
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- Nicholls, William. *Christian Antisemitism: A History of Hate*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1995.
- Parkes, James. *The Conflict of the Church and the Synagogue*. New York: Atheneum, 1981.
- Patai, Raphael. *The Jewish Mind*. New York, NY: Jason Aronson, 1977.
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- Pritz, Ray A. *Nazarene Jewish Christianity*. Jerusalem: Magnes Press, Hebrew University, 1988.

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- Rubenstein, Richard L. *After Auschwitz: History, Theology, and Contemporary Judaism*, Second Edition. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1966, 1992.
- Ruether, Rosemary. *Faith and Fratricide*. New York: Seabury Press, 1974.
- Safrai, S. and Stern, M., eds. *The Jewish People in the First Century*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1976.
- Sanders, E. P. *Jewish Law from Jesus to the Mishnah*. Philadelphia, PA: Trinity Press International, 1990.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Paul, the Law, and the Jewish People*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1983.
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- Segal, Alan F. *Rebecca's Children: Judaism and Christianity in the Roman World*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1986.
- Sevenster, J. N. *The Roots of Pagan Anti-Semitism in the Ancient World*. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1975.
- Sharot, Stephen. *Messianism, Mysticism, and Magic*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina, 1982.
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