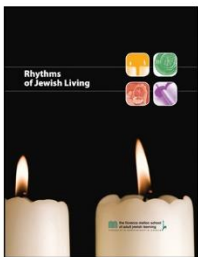


What We Study

Melton's signature two-year learning experience consists of four text-based courses providing sophisticated pluralistic understandings of Jewish living, memory, and wisdom that invites adults to discover personal interests and meaning.



Year One

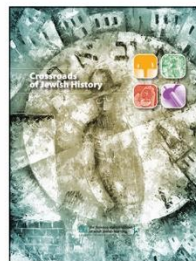
The Purposes of Jewish Living

Focusing on the big questions of Jewish thought and belief, this course explores both ancient and modern responses.



The Rhythms of Jewish Living

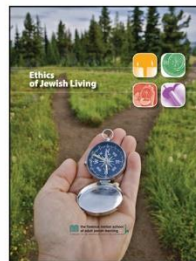
This course examines a variety of significant classic and contemporary sources that reveal the breadth and depth of meaning to be found in Jewish holiday and lifecycle practices.



Year Two

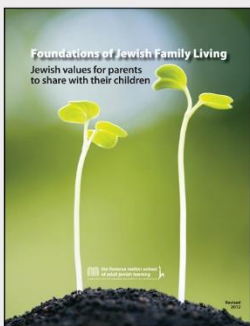
Crossroads of Jewish History

Emphasizing the richness of Jewish memory, this chronological exploration focuses on the significant crossroads where Jews made decisions that shaped our identity and destiny.



The Ethics of Jewish Living

This course sheds light on how Jewish scholars and thinkers with multiple approaches consider contemporary issues that affect us individually and as a community.



Foundations of Jewish Family Living

This thought-provoking encounter with Jewish core values is designed especially for parents raising Jewish children. Through study of master stories and centuries of wisdom that have been gleaned from these narratives, parents discover their own understandings and consider the relevant ideas and method for bringing the conversation home. Corresponding videos and PJ Library books provide additional resources for the family.

Do you have more questions than answers? For more information about Melton learning and class locations, contact Conejo/West Valley Melton Director Pamela Rooks at prooks@stsonline.org or call 818-854-7685 or visit our website at meltonwestvalley.org

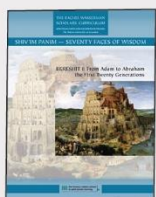
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The Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum *

Continuing the journey of Jewish learning

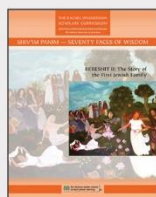
SHIV'IM PANIM – SEVENTY FACES OF WISDOM

These deep explorations into the books of the Torah showcase the voices of traditional Jewish commentators, classic and modern midrash, and artistic understandings. This multi-layered study of Torah exposes students to the development of interpretation, historical influences, and contemporary perspectives from which they can draw deep levels of meaning.



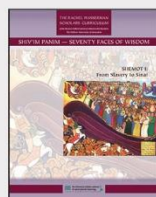
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Bereshit I: From Adam to Abraham: The First 20 Generations



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Bereshit II: The Story of the First Jewish Family



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Shemot I: From Slavery to Sinai



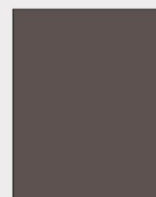
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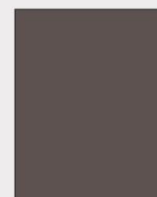
(Numbers)

BeMidbar: Leadership Defied and Defended



(Leviticus)

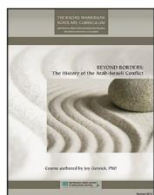
Vayikra: A Call to Holiness



(Deuteronomy)

D'varim

(in development)



Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

The complexity of the conflict forces students to wrestle with issues of religion, politics, history, culture, economics, identity, and survival—all reflected through primary sources. (20 lessons)



From Sinai to Seinfeld: Jews and Their Jokes

Examining a treasury of ancient and modern Jewish jokes as our texts, this course explores the evolving concerns, styles, preoccupations and values that make us laugh as Jews.



Israeli Literature as a Window to Israeli Society

Reflections of the mythic Israel since 1948 are exposed by poetry and prose that is challenging and self-critical—offering profound insight into the Israeli psyche.



Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity

Exploring the historical and ideological development of the major movements of modern Judaism, students look at key topics such as religious expression, gender, assimilation, Israel and post-denominationalism.



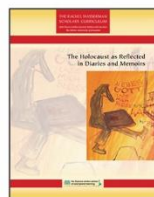
Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders

Covering an expanse of 200 years, this course considers the American Jewish experience from many angles including challenges of anti-Semitism and acculturation as well as successes in civil society and the flourishing of Jewish life.



Jewish Mysticism: Tracing the History of Kabbalah

The history and background of the Jewish mystical tradition through an examination of the texts that speak to the deep mysteries of human existence.



The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs

First-person accounts uncovered since the Holocaust describe this dark period with details of daily life and profound accounts of the struggle for survival.



New!

The Star and the Crescent: The Long Relationship of Judaism and Islam

The historical evolution of the relationship between Judaism and Islam, between Jews and Muslims, broadening our understanding and challenging our assumptions.

* Courses consist of 10 lessons each, unless noted.

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