

**Topics in the Torah (*Parasha*) Men’s Level 1**

**סוגיות בתורה**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

NAME OF COURSE: Topics in the Torah (*Parasha*) Men’s Level 1

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**Syllabus 2020/21 Fall Semester**

**2 credits**

1. **מטרות הקורס:**

**The Course Objectives:**

An overview of the Torah portion from *Parashat Noah* until *Parashat Yitro*. The primary objective of this course is to introduce students to the key events/statements that occur in each week’s portion. The secondary objective of the course is to examine how different commentators from the early commentators (*Rishonim)* to the later commentators (*Ahronim)* understand the narrative, with extra emphasis on Rashi’s approach.

1. **תוכן הקורס:**

**Course Description:**

Class will be taught in discussion form, working through the topics in each parasha. The primary focus is a clear understanding of the narrative through the different approaches of the commentators.

**מהלך השיעורים:**

**תכנית הוראה מפורטת לכל השיעורים:**

**Detailed Lesson Plan:**

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**Topic:** *Parashat Noah*

**Primary source**: Genesis 6:9-11:32

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Rashi, Ramban, Ibn Ezra, Ohr Hachaim, Darash Moshe, Meam Loez, Sichot Musar, Nechama Leibovitch, Rabbi Meidan, and Rabbi Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Lech Lecha*

**Primary source**: Genesis 12:1-17:27

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Moreh Nevuchim (3:24), Rashi, Ramban, Abarbanel, Meam Loez, Gan Rave, Rav Shimshon Refael Hirsch, Lev Eliyahu, and, Leket Sichot Musar.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Vayera*

**Primary source**: Genesis 18:1-22:24

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Sephorno, Leket Sichot Musar, and Sichot Musar.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Haye Sarah*

**Primary source:** Genesis 23:1-25:18

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Ben Ish Hai, and Rabbi Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Toledot*

**Primary source**: Genesis 25:19-28:9

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Hida, and Rabbi Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Vayetzeh*

**Primary source**: Genesis 28:10-32:3

**Additional readings**:

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Emet Leyaakov and Rabbi Kahn.

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**Topic**: Parashat Vayishlah

**Primary source:** Genesis 32:4-36:43

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Rav Wolbe and Rabbi Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Vayeshev* and *Miketz*

**Primary source**: Genesis 37:1-50:26

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Yalkut Shimoni, Rashi, Ramban, Beer Yosef, and Rabbi Kahn,

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**Topic**: *Parashat Vayigash* and *Parashat Veyehi*

**Primary source**: Genesis 44:18-47:27

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban,Rabeinu Behaye, Kli yakar, Sephorno, Hizkuni, Ohr Hachaim, Haemek Davar, Meam Loez, and Rabbi Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Shemot* and *Parasht Vaera*

**Primary source:** Exodus 1:1-9:35

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Rambam and Rav Medan,

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**Topic**: *Parashat Bo* and *Parashat Beshalah*

**Primary source**: Exodus 10:1-17:16

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Nechama Leibovitch, and Rabbi Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Yitro*

**Primary source**: Exodus 18:1-20:23

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabba, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, and Rabbi Kahn.

**ג. חובות הקורס:**

**Course requirements:**

**מרכיבי הציון הסופי**:

**Grade Components:**

**Grade will be given in numbers**

**20% of grade will be based on attendance**

**30% of grade will be based on the midterm**

**50% of grade will be based on the final exam**

**ד. ביבליוגרפיה:** (חובה/רשות)

**Bibliography:**

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**חומר מחייב למבחנים:**

**Required material for the exam:**

Everything covered in the lectures.