

Syllabus - Teaching Program for the Course

**Topics in Jewish Law (Halakhah) Men’s Level 1**

**סוגיות בהלכה**

**Rabbi Eli Menaged הרב אלי מנגד**07-955-02| Topics in Jewish Law (Halakhah) Men’s Level 1

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| **Course Type:** | Lecture  |
| **Scope of credits:** | 1 |
| **Year of study:** | 2025-2026 |
| **Semester:** | Fall Semester |
| **Day & Time:** | Mondays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  |
| **Reception Time:** | By appointment only |
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**Course description and learning goals**

**Course Abstract**

An overview of Jewish law primarily following *Ohr Hahayim simanim* 1-149 and 670-685. The objective of this course is to discuss the practical daily laws in which a person is obligated. Each topic will include the textual source, rabbinic philosophy, and practical mechanics of observance. Discussion is highly encouraged.

**Learning objectives**

The primary focus of the course is familiarity with the practical implementation (*halakhah* *lema’aseh*) of daily halakhah. Students will be given an English source book that includes the main laws in each *siman*, followed by various later commentaries (*Ahronim*) on each *halakhah*. The range of views on each law within Orthodoxy will be addressed, from strict to lenient, including the Ashkenazi and Sepharadi perspectives.

**Active learning –** **lessons plan\*:**

**Detailed Lesson Plan:**

1

**Topic:** Intro to Jewish law

This lecture will give a brief overview of what *halakhah* is, from where it is derived, and how it is ever evolving. A brief history of the major *halakhic* works and time periods will also be presented. Students will be introduced to sources, texts, terms, and basic concepts of Jewish law.

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**Topic**: Waking up in the morning and *Modeh Ani* – הלכות השכמת הבוקר ומודה אני

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch 1:1-4

**Additional readings:**

Tur 1:1, Mishnah Berurah 1:1-12, Yalkut Yosef 1:4-14,20 , Gittin 70a, Ben Ish Hai Shana Alef Vayishlach, Halacha 1, Shulchan Aruch Harav 1:6, Shut Revevot Efraim 1:62, Chaye Adam 1:1, Kitzur Shulchan Aruch 1:4, Piskei Teshuvot Siman 1 note 22-23, Bereshit Rabbah 78:1 with Etz Yosef, Midrash Tehilim Psalm 25, Zohar Hayei Sarah 5, Tefilah Kehilchata Chapter 9:1-3, Halacha Berura 1:2, Peninei Halacha Tefilat Nashim 4:1, Rigshei Lev Chapter 4 note 1, Shevet Halevi 10:8 .

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**Topic**: Washing Hands in the Morning – הלכות נטילת ידים שחרית

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch 4:1-7, 13-21

**Additional readings:**

Bet Yosef Siman 4,Shibulei Leket 136, Machzor Vitri 68, Rabeinu Yerucham Netiv 16 chelek 6, Rosh Berachot 9:23. Rashba Teshuvot 1:191, Talmud Bavli Shabbat 108b-109a, Kaf Hachaim 4:19, Zohar Parashat Vayeshev 184b, Halacha Berura 4:1-4,12,17-19 Mishnah Berurah 4:4,9-22,37, Chayei Adam 2:1, Piskei Teshuvot 4:3, 7 footnote 80,8, Ben Ish Hai Shanah Alef Parashat Toledot Halacha 1,Talmud Bavli Shabbat 61a, Yalkut Yosef 4:5-6b,19,32-35,40 Kitzur Shulchan Aruch 2:6-7, Penini Halacha Tefillah 8:footnote 2, Ohr Letzion vol. 2 1:3.Birkei Yosef 1:1, Shevut Yaakov volume 3:1, Od Yosef Hai Parashat Toledot Halacha 10, Otzrot Yosef Siman 1-2,7 (in back of Halacha Berura), Sharei Teshuva 6:4, Aruch Hashulchan 4:5,Shaarei Teshuva 4:13, Be’er Heitev 4:13, Ohel Moshe (Rav Zweig) vol. 2 Siman 126 Ot 3, Igrot Moshe Even Haezer vol. 1 Siman 114,Yabia Omer Ohr Hachaim vol. 3 simanim 1 and 2, Minchat Yitzchak vol. 1 siman 60, Eretz Tzvi (Rav Frummer) Siman 110 and 111,Hazon Ish Ohr Hachaim 17:4.

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**Topic**: Laws of Getting Dressed and *Birkat Asher Yatzar* - הלכות לבישת בגדים וברכת אשר יצר

**Primary source:** Shulchan Aruch 2:1-6, 7:1-3

**Additional readings:** Talmud Bavli Shabbat 61a, Mishan Berura 2:5-8,7:6, Yalkut Yosef 2:5-10, 7:3-7. Peninei Halacha Tefillah 7:3, Ohr Letzion Chelek 2 halacha 1, Igrot Moshe Yore Deah 3:48 ot 3, Levush 2:4, Rivevot Ephraim vol. 1 siman 5,Halichot Shlomo 2:20, Meiri on Shabbat 61a, Piskei Teshuvot 2:footnote 24, Penini Halacha Harchavot to Berachot Chapter 14, Tefilah Kehilchata 9:footnote 50, Ben Ish Hai Shana Alef Vayetzeh Halacha 12, Kaf Hachaim 7:7, Ohr Letzion Vol. 2 1:19,Yechave Da’at vol.4:5.

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**Topic**: Morning Blessings – הלכות ברכות השחר

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch 46:1-9,47:1-14

**Additional readings:** Talmud Bavli Berachot 60b, Mishnah Berurah 46:1-30, 47:1-18, Yalkut Yosef 46:1-26, 46:3:1-10, 47:1-35.

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**Topic**: Laws of *Kippah* – הלכות כיפה

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch 2:6

**Additional readings**: Kedushin 31a, Shabbat 118b, 156b, Yalkut Yosef 2:15-26, Mishnah Berurah 2:11-12,Taz 8:3, Shulchan Aruch Harav Mahdura Batra 2:6, Igrot Moshe Ohr Hachaim 1:1, 2:95, Yoreh Deah 2:33, Minhat Yitzhak chelek 3 siman 33:3, Piskei Teshuvot siman 2 note 64.

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**Topic**: Laws of *Tzizit* – הלכות ציצית

Primary source: Shulchan Aruch Simanim 8-24

**Additional readings:** Bemidbar 15:37-40, Devarim 22:12, Talmud Bavli Menachot 41b-43b, Chullin 89a, Sefer Hachinuch Mitzvah 386, Mishnah Berurah 8:27, 11:39,70, 24:3, Peninei Halacha Likutim Aleph Hilchot Tzizit 8:1, Rashi Bemidbar 15:39, Alshich Bemidbar 15:39, Kli Yakar Bemidbar 15:38, Shulchan Aruch Harav 11:35, 24:3, The Beit Yosef . Piskei Teshuvot 11:21, Halacha Berura 1:11 in Berur Halacha 10, Halichot Olam Parashat Beresheit and Noah.

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**Topic**: Laws of *Tefillin* – הלכות תפילין

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch Simanim 25-45 excluding section on *safrut*

**Additional readings:** Shemot 13:1-16, Devarim 6:4-9,11:13-21.Menachot 35a, Mishnah Berurah 32:195,235, Beit Yosef 32, Yalkut Yosef 25:1-20, Ben Ish Hai Shana Aleph Parashat Bo.

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Topic: Laws of Prayer - הלכות תפילה

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch Simanim 51:1-9, 54:1-3, 55:1-22, 57:1-2

**Additional readings:** Mishnah Berurah, Yalkut Yosef and Peninei Halacha on the relevant *Halachot*

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**Topic**: Laws of *Shemah* – הלכות שמע

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch Simanim 58-67

**Additional readings:** TalmudBavli Berachot 2b,60b**,** Mishnah Berurah Yalkut Yosef and Peninei Halacha on the relevant *Halachot*

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**Topic**: Laws of *Amidah* – הלכות עמידה

**Primary source:** Shulchan Aruch Simanim 89-103, 110-113, 123

**Additional readings:** Mishnah Berurah, Yalkut Yosef and Peninei Halacha on the relevant *halachot*

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**Topic**: Laws of *Hanukah* – הלכות חנוכה

**Primary source**: Shulchan Aruch Simanim 670-684

**Additional readings:** Mishnah Berurah, Yalkut Yosef and Peninei Halacha on the relevant *halachot.*

To encourage active learning classes are discussion based. Use of digital tools and picture books will be used during the lectures as well as hands on materials that relate to the specific halakhah discussed to demonstrate the nuances in practice.

\* There may be changes in the syllabus depending on learning progress and effectiveness

**Final grade**

**Components of the score:**

**Grade will be given in numbers:**

**30% of grade will be based on attendance and participation**

**70% of grade will be based on the final exam**

**Course** requirements

* **Attendance** – students are allowed to miss two classes before their grade is impacted.
* **Class Whatsapp Group** – students are required to join the class whatsapp group.

 **Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites for this course.

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