

Syllabus - Teaching Program for the Course

**Topics in the Torah (Parashah) Men’s**

**Level 1**

**סוגיות בתורה**

**Rabbi Eli Menaged הרב אלי מנגד**07-945-03| Topics in the Torah (Parashah) Men’s Level 1

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| **Course Type:** | Lecture  |
| **Scope of credits:** | 1 |
| **Year of study:** | 2025-2026 |
| **Semester:** | Spring  |
| **Day & Time:** | Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  |
| **Reception Time:** | By appointment only |
| **Lecturer Email:** | RabbiMenaged@israelxp.com |
| **Moodle Site:** | Sign in through Lemida portal |

**Course description and learning goals**

**Course Abstract**

An overview of the Torah portion from *Parashat Terumah* until *Parashat Shelah*. 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.

**Learning objectives**

Class will be taught in discussion form, working through the topics in each torah portion. The primary focus is a clear understanding of the narrative through the different approaches of the commentators. Students will also begin to learn about the methods of exegesis used by the different commentators throughout the centuries.

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

**Detailed Lesson Plan:**

1

**Topic:** *Parashat Terumah-Tezaveh*

**Primary source**: Exodus 25:1-30:10

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Talmud Bavli Menachot, Rashi, Ramban, Rabeinu Behaye, Sefer Hachinuch, Mishkan Hashem, Kelei Hakodesh, Otzar Hamishkan, Rabbi Yaakov Medan, Rabbi Ari Kahn and Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Ki Tisa*

**Primary source**: Exodus 30:11-34:35

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, Kuzari, and Rabbi Ari Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei*

**Primary source**: Exodus 35:1-40:38

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Mishkan Hashem, Kelei Hakodesh, and Otzar Hamishkan.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Vayikrah*

**Primary source:** Leviticus 1:1-5:26

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Ramban, Guide to the Perplexed, Baal Haturim, Rabbi Shimshon Refael Hirsch, Abarbanel, Avodat Hamikdash, and Rabbi Ari Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Tzav*

**Primary source**: Leviticus 6:1-8:36

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Ramban, and Avodat Hamikdash.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Shemini*

**Primary source**: Leviticus 9:1-11:47

**Additional readings**:

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Avodat Hamikdash, and Rabbi Ari Kahn.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Tazriah-Metzorah*

**Primary source:** Leviticus 12:1-15:33

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Ramban, Radak, Guide to the Perplexed, Sephorno, Badad Yeshev, and Parashat Nigei Ohr Adam.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Aharei Mot-Kedoshim*

**Primary source**: Leviticus 16:1-20:27

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Rashi, Ramban, and Alshich.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Emor*

**Primary source**: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Midrash Tanchuma, Rashi, Ramban, and Sefer Haparshiyot.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Behar-Behukotai*

**Primary source:** Leviticus 25:1-27:34

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Ramban, Ibn Ezra, Rabeinu Behaye, and Sephorno.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Bemidbar-Naso*

**Primary source**: Numbers 1:1-7:89

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Ramban, Abarbanel, Rabbi Avigdor Nebentzal and Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg.

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**Topic**: *Parashat Behaalotecha-Shelah*

**Primary source**: Numbers 8:1-15:41

**Additional readings:**

Selected readings from Midrash Rabbah, Rashi, Ramban, Sephorno, and Rabbi Ari Kahn.

To encourage active learning classes are discussion based. Use of digital tools and picture books will be used during the lectures.

\* 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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