



**Intriguing.
Engaging.
Inspiring.
Adult Jewish Learning.**



Me'ah is offered at locations throught the Greater Boston area.
Classes begin after the Jewish holidays in the fall.

THE ME'AH EXPERIENCE

ME'AH CLASSIC: Embark upon a two-year journey, comprised of 100 hours of class time (Me'ah is Hebrew for 100), through the narrative of the Jewish people from ancient to present times. Participants delve into core texts from each of four historic periods — biblical, rabbinic, medieval, and modern — to build a foundation of knowledge.

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS: Studying with others from diverse backgrounds, you will access and discuss new ideas. Sharing a desire to understand Judaism's rich tradition and history, students form bonds that often last beyond their Me'ah experience.

A FACULTY OF GIFTED SCHOLARS: Me'ah features outstanding faculty from the Greater Boston academic arena. In addition to their depth and breadth of knowledge, they are experienced educators, skilled at presenting the Me'ah curriculum to a wide range of learners.

YEAR ONE CURRICULUM

HEBREW BIBLE | Explore the Hebrew Bible, or Tanakh, through focused discussion of core texts, including the creation stories, the binding of Isaac, the Exodus story, the revelation at Sinai and the prophetic books. Modern historical and literary approaches will enable you to analyze material through a new lens and gain a deeper understanding of the biblical world.

RABBINICS | Study texts from the Rabbinic Period (500BCE to 600 CE), a time when new Jewish leaders, sages and rabbis emerged and developed rich texts of their own, creating a legal system which has informed and ordered Jewish community, culture and behavior for the past millennia. Explore the relationship between God and human beings, your understanding of Jewish history and ethics, and the role of ritual in our lives.

YEAR TWO CURRICULUM

MEDIEVAL | Study the Jewish mindset and the contours of medieval Jewish civilizations under Islam and Christianity during the Middle Ages (600 CE to 1700 CE). Readings and discussions focus on Jewish encounters with non-Jews, including the rise and fall of Jewish life in Spain and Eastern Europe. Examine the modes of community that Jews constructed in the shifting diaspora, as well as the expansion of Jewish thought in the areas of philosophy, mysticism, liturgy and biblical and talmudic commentaries.

MODERN | Beginning with the 17th century's Age of Enlightenment, modernity posed a significant challenge to traditional Jewish culture, community and identity—creating new social and economic opportunities but also threatening traditional Jewish values and communal structures. Delve into texts examining the emancipation of European Jewry, the rise of Hasidism, the Jewish cultural revolution of Eastern Europe, and the birth of Modern Zionism. Learn about modern Jewish thought, the origins of contemporary Jewish affiliations and various perspectives on modern Jewry.

“ Me'ah Classic is a wonderful, rewarding tour-de-force through 5000+ years of Judaism. I loved every moment of it. ”

“ My Me'ah instructors are so enthusiastic. They inspire deeper understanding and make the material come to life. ”

CHOOSE YOUR ME'AH EXPERIENCE

In addition to Me'ah Classic, Me'ah offers two more learning options to accommodate your interests and schedule:

ME'AH SELECT is a one-semester, in-depth exploration of a specific theme, text, personality or slice of Jewish history.

ME'AH ONLINE: JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE is a ten-week online learning experience combining Me'ah's outstanding faculty, comprehensive curriculum and the flexibility of distance learning.

CURIOUS?

Enjoy a free "Taste of Me'ah" at various locations.

Visit hebrewcollege.edu/meah for a listing of upcoming "Tastes" and class sites.

Learn more and register at hebrewcollege.edu/meah

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Tuition varies by site and partial tuition
scholarships are available.

Me'ah, a collaboration of Hebrew College and CJP's Commission on Jewish Life and Learning, empowers people of all background to explore Jewish texts, values, and wisdom.

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