

# Can We Integrate Tradition and Modernity?

Understanding the Crucial Challenge of Modern Jewish Thought

**Instructor:** Dr. Jacob Meskin

**Day/Time:** 10 Sundays, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Dates:** 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/20,  
1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7

**Cost:** \$325, generous financial aid is available

**Location:** Zoom

## ABOUT THE COURSE:

Modernity is an impressive human achievement, which is continuing to develop with unforeseeable complexity. However, many thoughtful Jews have found that without some kind of rich connection to the Jewish past -- the lives of our ancestors and the great wealth of Jewish tradition -- there is no Jewish future (and little Jewish present). What can this “rich connection to the Jewish past” mean for modern Jews today? We’ll explore this question. We will start with Mendelsohn, move on to existentialist (and neo-hasidic) thinkers like Buber, Rosenzweig, and Heschel; Jewish feminist thinkers such as Plaskow, Adler, and Ross; Zionist and Jewish postmodern thinkers; and end with consideration of Levinas’ unique “Judaically-shaped” philosophy.



Me'ah Select is a one semester, in-depth exploration of a specific theme, text, personality, or slice of Jewish history, taught by outstanding scholar/educators.

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