

***Announcing a Winter 2018 course  
for credit in Religious Studies, Philosophy, or Jewish Studies:***

**Religious Studies 2JP3 / Philosophy 2JP3  
Introduction to Modern Jewish  
Philosophy**

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What are "Judaism" and "being Jewish"? What is it to "have" a tradition or an identity?  
How can philosophy help us think about these questions?

What might it mean to speak of "Jewish" philosophy?

What is the relationship of Judaism, as a religious tradition, to morality, or ethics?

We will approach these questions by studying works by 20th century / contemporary philosophers, including Jean-Paul Sartre, Jean Améry, Martin Buber, Yeshayahu Leibowitz, and Emmanuel Levinas.

No prior knowledge of Judaism, or prior study in religion or philosophy, is needed in order to do well in this course – only an interest in the above questions, and a willingness to read attentively and engage with the texts.

*Any questions – please contact Dana Hollander, [danahol@mcmaster.ca](mailto:danahol@mcmaster.ca)*