What does it mean that we are a chosen nation?

What is our mission as Am Yisrael?

What are the laws that we are required to do? What are the Covenants that we are a part of? what are the responsibilities and the privileges that come with being members of the Chosen People.

We are supposed to model ourselves in the Image of God; what does that mean and how do we fulfil that mission?

Why are these stories relevant to me as an individual? As a woman? What can we learn from the success and failures of the Biblical characters that is relevant to our lives today?

The classes have a dual purpose. They focus on answering the big questions that should bring us closer to God. In addition, they focus on analysis of the text using a multitude of methods that include classical exeges and literary techniques. The goal is for the student to be able to answer why these texts connect to me as an individual and as a Jewish woman and to enable the student to become an independent learner.

Course Materials

Shir HaShirim, Mishlei, and Kohelet are easily accessible online. Recommended links will be posted on Canvas. Secondary assigned readings will also be available on Canvas weekly.

Course Requirements

Attendance/ Participation: 10%

Multimedia Project & Presentation: 25%

Midterm: 30% Final: 35%

Expectations

Although attendance and participation count for 10% of your grade in the course, active and collective engagement is essential for a successful learning experience. Understandably, life happens, and should you need to a miss class you are responsible for making up what you miss by obtaining any materials and notes generated in your abatioierp ETQ()]TJE95 T(s)-4(g)-2(e)10s

A *midterm* assignment (30%) and *final* (35%) will conclude the semester. More information will be provided in class.

Lastly, we all need to tend carefully to keeping lines of communication open. I will work to challenge you as much as I can without overwhelming you. To support your progress through

keeping up with the reading and writing but to make sure that you are doing well. And when you're not, to help you find the support you need. Patience with oneself and with others is critical for a successful learning experience.

Academic Integrity

All students are expected to uphold the highest levels of academic integrity according to the policy of our university, summarized in the YU academic integrity statement availabL10d. 0 0 1 358.15 650.7 T

The Beren Writing Center at Stern

The Beren Campus Writing Center (located in 714 in Lex 215) offers free, confidential tutoring that can support your writing for this course. Find out more and make an appointment here (https://www.yu.edu/writing-centers/beren). I highly recommend booking well in advance.

Out of Class Assistance

I am happy to meet with you to discuss your progress in the course and address any individual questions/ concerns you might have. You are always welcome to email me to set up an appointment.

Schedule of Classes

This schedule is a "living" document that will be modified as schedule needs dictate throughout the semester. All readings and due dates will be available on Canvas and any alterations will be posted and announced in class.

Dates	Course Materials				
Week 0 Thursday 8/ 25	Course Introduction - Solomon in I Kings and Rabbinical Literature				
Week 1 Tuesday 8/30 & Thursday 9/1	Shir Hashirim, Chapters 1 3 - A Rose Among the Thorns				
Week 2 Tuesday 9/6 & Thursday 9/8	Shir Hashirim, Chapters 4 - 6 - Beshert and Betrayal				
Week 3 Tuesday 9/ 13 & Thursday 9/ 15	Shir Hashirim, Chapter 7 8 - Beauty, Metaphor, and Vineyard Guest Lecture with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik				
Week 4 Tuesday 9/ 20 & Thursday 9/ 22	Mishlei, Chapters 1 2 - Introduction to Misheli; proverbs as a genre - The Beginning of K				
Rosh Hashana – No Classes 9/27 & 9/29 (MW schedule)					
Week 5 Thursday 10/6 (Remote)	Mishlei, Chapters 3, 6, 10, 23 - Musar and the Craft of Character				
Sukkot - No Classes 10/7 - 10/19					
Week 6 Thursday 10/ 20	Mishlei, Chapters 4-5, 14 - Woman Wisdom, Faith, and (In)fidelity				
Week 7 Tuesday 10/25 & Thursday 10/27	Mishlei, Chapters 12, 15, 18, 21 - The Power/ Peril of Speech Morgan Library Visit: Solomon manuscripts				