HIST 585-007: Special Topics in History:
(cross-listed with JS 561R-000)

Topic: Approaches to Jewish Studies or Approaches to Jewish Studies: Jewish Encounters

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Semester Description:

This multi-disciplinary course examines the relationships Jews have had with other national, religious, racial, and ethnic groups in a variety of historical and geographical contexts, and how these “encounters” have been crucial to the shaping of Jewish identities.

We shall begin the course with some theoretical readings on identity formation, focusing particularly on how group self-understandings are forged through encounters with other groups. We will then explore these issues within a number of different historical periods (ranging from ancient to contemporary) and geographical contexts (including the Middle East, Europe, and the United States), as well as through many different disciplinary lenses (including history, archaeology, anthropology, literary studies, linguistics, gender studies, music, and textual analysis).

Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:

Readings will be drawn from a number of different texts including, but not limited to, the following:

7. Marion Kaplan, *Between Dignity and Despair: Jewish Life in Nazi Germany*.