Women in Judaism

Join me as we delve into the world of religion and gender through the lens of women in Judaism. Ever wondered how biblical scholars uncover the history of women in ancient Israelite society, given that most sacred texts were written by men? Curious about how modern Jewish women balance feminist ideals with tradition? Interested in understanding attitudes towards the body and matters of sexuality in Jewish tradition? We will investigate these questions and many others.

As we discover the influence of Jewish beliefs and practices on Jewish women's identities, students will grapple with power and patriarchal authority studying diverse viewpoints in religious texts (Hebrew Bible, Mishnah and Talmud) as well as gendered aspects of religious practices and authority structures. In this General Education Building Connections course, students examine the role of women in Judaism through interdisciplinary perspectives including archaeology and anthropology, biblical studies, rabbinics, theology, folklore, and feminist politics. This course cross-lists with Women’s Studies (WS) and Religious Studies (RELI).

Come be a part of this exciting exploration in Judaism and gender studies!

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