**B”H Sinai Scholars Fall 2021 Snapshot**

**Course Requirements:**

1. Attend all eight classes. One make up option
2. Shabbat Experience - Attend Shabbat Programming Fri eve through Sat eve
3. Day Trip to Jewish Brooklyn, NY
4. Submit a course paper
5. Submit a 1-2 page reflection paper
6. Course survey

Stipend: $350

**Schedule:** Sunday 5-7pm (the first class will be held on Monday. See below)

4:45pm arrive and start dinner 5-7pm Class time

**Calendar:**

**Interviews** Week of October 4 12:00PM - 2:00PM

**Lesson 1 A Question of Identity -** Monday, October 11 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Lesson 2 A People with a Purpose -** Sunday, October 17 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Lesson 3 Reason and Ritual –** Sunday, October 24 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Lesson 4 An Oasis in Time -** Sunday, November 7 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Shabbat Experience (there is a possibility that this will extend into a full Shabbaton Weekend in NY)***Friday, November 12 4:00 - 9:00 PM Pre-Shabbat Program & Shabbat Dinner*

*Shabbat, November 13 - full day*

**Lesson 5 Love Matters -** Sunday, November 14 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Day Trip to Jewish Brooklyn -** Sunday, November 14 Full Day - *date subject to change*  
  
**Lesson 6 Talmudic Ethics –** Sunday, November 21 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Lesson 7 Mystery of Mysticism -**Sunday,December 5 (7th Night of Chanukah!) 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Lesson 8 Vision for the Future -** Sunday, December 12 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**Culminating Dinner -** Wednesday, December 15 (Reading Period) 5:00PM - 7:00 PM

**Course Summary:**

**Class 1**  
A Question of Identity: Perspectives on Jewish Identity in the Modern World What does it mean to be a Jew? Is Judaism a religion, culture, nationality, or some combination thereof?

**Class 2**  
A People with a Purpose: Exploring Foundational Elements of the Jewish Ethos If you were G-d and you were going to address a once-for-all-time message to all of humanity, what would you say? What messages does humankind need to hear today?

**Class 3**  
Reason and Ritual: On the Significance and Meaning of Jewish Observances A discussion about Jewish rituals. In what ways can we find meaning and value in some of these observances?

**Class 4**  
An Oasis in Time: The Gift of Shabbat

**Class 5**  
Love Matters: Discovering Jewish secrets of Love and Marriage What is the secret to true and lasting love? How do I know if she/he is right for me?

**Class 6**  
Torah Ethics: Ancient System, Modern Applications The Torah is ancient, so can it be of any consequence for today? Does the Torah have any insight to share about the novel realities of the modern world?

**Class 7**  
Inside Out: An Overview of Jewish Mysticism, Kabbalah, and Chassidism This lesson explores the history and development of Jewish mysticism, from ancient times until today. The development of Jewish mysticism is very much linked with twists and turns of Jewish history, and this session explores this link at great length.

**Class 8**  
Forward Thinking: Examining Our Past to Forge Our Personal and Collective Future In the 1980s, the historian Paul Johnson wrote that the world "might have been a much emptier place" without the Jews. But will historians say the same about the coming centuries of Jewish life?