Hilkhot Shabbat, Section A, RB RAB 215A
Ebn Leader, instructor

Meeting: Tuesday 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Goals
1. Gaining familiarity with the details of some of the basic practices of Shabbat in various communities.
2. Learning the halachic language used in relation to these Shabbat practices.
3. Gaining familiarity and practice in use of various practice manuals both classic and contemporary.
4. Creating a context for thinking about practices in terms of values and spiritual goals.

Requirements
1. Preparation and participation in class.
2. Presentation on one of the melachot of Shabbat mid-semester.
3. Final exam on a list of concepts to be generated throughout the semester.

Sequence of Study
   - Freehoff – Introduction to Reform Jewish Practice.
   - Washofsky – Introduction to Teshuvot for the Nineties.
   - Washofsky – Introduction to Jewish Living.
- Soloveitchik Haym– Rupture and Reconstruction

**10/7/2014** – A Palace in Time: Defining the time boundaries of Shabbat.
  - Bar-Lev, pp. 5-7, 43-45
  - Klein, 57-58.

**10/14/2014** – A Woman’s Voice: Practices of candle lighting.
  - Klein, 55-56.
  - Appel, 48-59.

**10/21/2014** – Rituals of boundaries: Kiddush and Havdalah.
  - Bar-Lev, 18-24, 46-52
  - Gates of Shabbat 14-32, 62-70.
  - Klein, 61-62, 73-75.


  - Gates of Shabbat, 49-59.

**11/11/2014** – *Shamor* - Limitations to activity on Shabbat: Defining space on Shabbat and student presentations.

**11/18/2014** – *Shamor* - Limitations to activity on Shabbat: Food on Shabbat and student presentations.
  - Bar-Lev, 96-105.
  - Klein, 87-88.

**11/25/2014** – *Shamor* - Limitations to activity on Shabbat: Electricity on Shabbat and student presentations.
  - Bar-Lev, 199-205.
• Klein, 87, 92.

12/2/2014 – Enjoying Shabbat: Eating and other activities.
• Bar-Lev, 35-40.

12/9/2014 – Prayer on Shabbat.
• Bar-Lev, 14-18, 25-34, 41-42.
• Gates of Prayer, 39-44.
• Jewish Living, 80-82.
• Klein, 58-61, 62-69, 70-73,
• Appel, 60-72, 88-103.

12/16/2014 – Final Exam

Bibliography


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