Welcome to the world of the Exodus, a world of redemption and revelation that will in turn take us back to creation. This course has multiple goals. As future rabbis, it is imperative that you know the contents of sefer Shemot, both as a whole and parsha by parsha. It is important that you learn to view the contents from various perspectives from ancient texts through to contemporary analysis. We will examine Aggadata in the Bavli, early and late Midrash, medieval scholarship focusing primarily on Rashi, and Ramban, and many later sources including Netziv, Moshe David Cassuto, Nechama Leibowitz, Aviva Zornberg, Moshe Greenberg, Judy Klitsner, and Rabbi Shalom Noah Berezovsky.

Along with knowledge of the contents of this sefer, it is equally important that skills are built to enable future independent study. Towards that end, goals for this class include an increased facility with Biblical text, i.e. become better readers of Tanakh, as well as an enhanced ability to decode, translate, relate to, internalize and build upon commentary. These skills, in turn will help in the ability to compose divrei Torah based on the parsha and the parshanut.

Along with the more concrete acquisitions of knowledge and skills, it is the goal of this course to increase a love for Torah and the study of Torah, and the awareness of the never-ending Exodus as a vehicle through which freedom and human dignity become manifest throughout the world.

Requirements:
- Class Preparation - Bet Midrash sessions in addition to private study
- Weekly reflections
- Writing Assignment - Connect your own journey with that of the Exodus. Examine your story through the lens of ספר שמות. Due Dec. 6.
- Dvar Torah delivered to the class.
- Take Home Final - Due Dec. 20.

Books Required:
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