The Zohar – Spring 2014
JTHT 608

Syllabus
Instructor: Ebn Leader

This course is an introduction to the Jewish mystical tradition and to the reading of one of its central texts, The Zohar. Students will be taught the symbolic language of Kabbalah and will learn to read passages in the Aramaic original.

Requirements:
- Preparation and participation in classes
- Final paper.

Calendar:

Feb. 6 - Introduction

Feb. 13 – Introduction to Zohar
A. Green, *A Guide to the Zohar*, pp. 63-100, 159-188

Feb. 20 – Sefirot
A. Green, *A Guide to the Zohar*, pp. 28-62
   Primary texts:
   - Tikunei Zohar, 17a

Feb. 27 – Experiencing the Text
   Primary texts:
   - Zohar III, 61b
   - Zohar III, 290a

March 6 – Torah - Meeting the Old Man
   Primary texts:
March 13 – Torah - The Old Man on Torah study
   Primary texts:
   • Zohar II, 99

March 20 – Torah - Reflection on Torah Study

March 27 – Shekhinah
   Primary texts:
   • Zohar II, 51a
   • Zohar III, 17a-b

Apr. 3 – Shekhinah
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Apr. 10 – Prayer: Shema
   Primary texts:
   • Zohar II, 43b

Apr. 24 – Prayer: Amidah
   Primary texts:
   • Zohar II, 260b – 261

May 1 – No Class: reading and writing week

May 8 – Presentations

May 15 – Shabbat: Kiddush
   Primary texts:
   • Zohar II, 207

May 22 - Shabbat: Havdalah
Primary texts:
- Zohar II, 208