

## Melton Core Courses: Ethics and Crossroads – 2019-2020

Ethics Sessions taught by Rabbi Lynn Liberman		Crossroads Sessions taught by Rabbi Ryan Dulkin	
Wednesdays		6:30 – 7:30 PM	7:45 – 8:45 PM
1	Oct 23	Equality and Justice: Moral Awareness in Judaism	Memory / Intro to Biblical Period
2	Oct 30	The Significance of Jewish life	From Tribal to Kingship
3	Nov 6	The Power of the Spoken Word	Social Media Ethics
4	Nov 13	Jewish Approaches to Ethical Decision Making Pt I	Destruction of First Temple to Ezra
5	Nov 20	Jewish Approaches to Ethical Decision Making Pt II	From Judeans to Jews
6	Dec 4	Making An Honest Living	Internal Tensions
7	Dec 11	The Imitation of God	For You or For Me
8	Jan 8	Honoring Aging Parents	Destruction of Second Temple / Intro to Rabbinic Periods
9	Jan 15	Gender Fluidity	Rise of the Rabbis
10	Jan 22	Suicide	Confrontation with Early Christianity
11	Jan 29	Euthanasia and End-of-life Decisions, Part I	Euthanasia and End-of-life Decisions, Part II
12	Feb 5	Organ Donation	Abortion
13	Feb 12	Environmental Ethics	Internal and External Disparity Eretz Israel and Babylonia
14	Feb 19	Introduction to Medieval Period / Confrontation with Islam	Geonim Consolidate Power
15	Feb 26	Ethics of War	Ashkenazim and Sephardim
16	Mar 4	Medieval Biblical Interpretation	First Crusades / Jews on Trial
17	Mar 11	Artificial Intelligence	Mysticism
18	Mar 18	“Class Choice”	Introduction to Modern Period / Political Emancipation
19	Mar 25	Modernization of Judaism	Chasidim and Mitnagdim
20	April 1	Ransoming Captives w/Slavery and Refugees	Zionism
21	Apr 22	“Class Choice”	Immigrant Experience
22	Apr 29	Personal Virtues	Holocaust
23	May 6	Code of Jewish Living	Creation of the State of Israel
24	May 13	Claiming a Jewish Women’s Voice	Religious Authority in Contemporary Israel
25	May 20	**JOINT FINAL CLASS	
	Graduation	May 27	