



The Alumnae of Northwestern University Continuing Education Program

Christians and Jews Prof. David Shyovitz Spring 2018

Recommended Readings:

Session 1: From Jesus to Christ: The “Historical Jesus” and his Jewish Setting

Gospel of Matthew, John 8:31-47; Acts 7:44-8:1, 9:1-31, 10, 11, 15:1-35; Romans 2:17-29, 3:21-31, 7:1-6, 8:1-13, 11; I Corinthians 10:23-33; Galatians 3, 4:21-31

Paula Fredricksen, *From Jesus to Christ: The Origins of the New Testament Image of Christ*, 2nd ed. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000)

Session 2: Parent or Sibling? Jews, Christians, and Jewish-Christians in Late Antiquity

Marcel Simon, *Verus Israel: A Study of the Relations Between Christians and Jews in the Roman Empire (AD 135-425)* (Littman Library, 1996)

Peter Schafer, *Jesus in the Talmud* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009)

Session 3: “Living Together, Living Apart”: Confrontation and Coexistence in the Early and High Middle Ages

Anna Sapir-Abulafia, *Christian-Jewish Relations, 1000-1300: Jews in the Service of Medieval Christendom* (London: Routledge, 2010)

Session 4: “From Witness to Witchcraft”: Late Medieval Violence and Demonization

Jeremy Cohen, *Christ Killers: The Jews and the Passion from the Bible to the Big Screen* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007)

Session 5: Humanism, Hebraism, and the Ghetto: The Renaissance and the Reformation

David B. Ruderman, *Early Modern Jewry: A New Cultural History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011)

Session 6: Telling Tales: Early Modern Apocalypticism and Hybridity

Matt Goldish, *The Sabbatean Prophets* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004)

Hans Jacob Christoffel Von Grimmelshausen, *Courage, The Adventuress, and The False Messiah*, trans. Hans Speier (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015).

Session 7: The “Jewish Question”: Politics, Religion, and “Toleration” in the Enlightenment

G. E. Lessing, *The Jews* (pdf file online)

Arthur Hertzberg, *The French Enlightenment and the Jews: The Origins of Modern Anti-Semitism* (NY: Columbia University Press, 1990)

Session 8: From Europe to the USA: Jews and Christians to the Twentieth Century

Kevin M. Schultz, *Tri-Faith America: How Catholics and Jews Held Postwar America to Its Protestant Promise* (NY: Oxford University Press, 2011)

Session 9: The Holocaust: Nazi Protestantism, the Catholic Church, and the Jews

Susannah Heschel, *The Aryan Jesus: Christian Theologians and the Bible in Nazi Germany* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010)

Session 10: From Auschwitz to Jerusalem: Vatican II and the State of Israel

Nostra Aetate:

(http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decl_19651028_nostra-aetate_en.html)

Dabru Emet:

http://www.jcrelations.net/Dabru_Emet_-_A_Jewish_Statement_on_Christians_and_Christianity.2395.0.html

Gershom Gorenberg, *The End of Days: Fundamentalism and the Struggle for the Temple Mount* (NY: Oxford University Press, 2002)

Zev Chafets, “The Rabbi Who Loved Evangelicals (and Vice Versa),” *New York Times Magazine* (July 24, 2005):

<https://www.nytimes.com/2005/07/24/magazine/the-rabbi-who-loved-evangelicals-and-vice-versa.html>