

Course GB-26                   SEPHARAD: JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE WITHIN SPAIN.  
(45 class hours)  
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## OBJECTIVES

The aim of this current Course is to enable students to become knowledgeable about the presence of Jews in Spain from the Period of the Romans until their expulsion at the close of the Middle Ages and about the lasting presence of a Sephardic consciousness within the Hebrew communities of the diaspora as found in historical sources and materials.

## METHODOLOGY

The Syllabus will be carried through in two-hour theoretically-based sessions with the aid of audiovisual and didactic materials as input. Also scheduled is a visit to Sevilla's Jewish Quarter.

## SYLLABUS

### Part I: History and Culture of Sepharad ('Spain' in Hebrew) in Ancient and Visigothic Times.

Item 1- The Jews in Spain under the Romans (1st to 4th centuries): Living Together within an Empire. Item 2- The Jews in Visigothic Spain (6th century): A Hundred Years of Tolerance  
Item 3- The Jews in Visigothic Spain (7th century): A Century of Persecution.

### Part II: History and Culture of Sepharad in the Spanish Middle Ages.

Item 4 - The Jews of Al-Andalus (8th to 10th centuries): The Consolidation of Sepharad  
Item 5 – From Al-Andalus to the Christian Kingdoms (11th to 13th centuries): The Splendor of Spanish Judaism.  
Item 6 – From the First Signs of Intolerance to the Period of Actual Expulsion (14th to 15th centuries): The Downfall of Sepharad.

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## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Two written exams will be held, one mid-way through the Course and the other at its close, the results of which will make up 80% of each student's Final Grade. The exam dates will be posted by the Agreement-Based Courses' Administration.

- An individual assignment will be carried out consisting of a critical review to be written on an aspect of the syllabus as included within a wide-ranging bibliographical source list. It will constitute 20% of the Final Grade.

