

BETWEEN INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION - THE EXPERIENCE OF JEWS IN THE WORLD OF ISLAM

TOMER LEVI

Wednesday evenings October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14

Time: 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Kosher refreshments will be served from 7:45 to 8:00 pm

At Temple Emunah, 9 Piper Road, Lexington Massachusetts (781) 863-8656

Fee: \$75

The Lexington Institute for Jewish Studies (LIJS) is pleased to present it's fall six week course : Jews in the World of Islam. The LIJS is the fruit of a longstanding collaboration between the Adult Education committees of Temples Isaiah and Emunah. The LIJS provides classes in Jewish history, the Bible, sacred Jewish text and Judaic culture and is open to the entire community regardless of affiliation.

This fall's series of lectures will deal with the history of Jews in the world of Islam. Jews have been living under Islamic rule since the seventh century until this day. Their status and position in the Islamic states was specified and articulated in the Qur'an, the Pact of Ummar, and other official documents. At times, Jews flourished and were culturally and intellectually prolific; at other times, they struggled to survive under harsh living conditions. In the first two sessions we will focus on the history of the Jews in Medieval Ages; we will learn some basic terms that will help us understand the attitude of Islam to Jews and we will also look at Jewish centers in Babylonia and North Africa. In the remaining sessions we will deal with the Jewish experience in colonial times, the impact of national movements on the Jewish society, and finally - the mass exodus of Jews from Arab lands.

Tomer Levi completed his Master's in history of the Jewish people at Haifa University. He wrote his thesis on the formation of the Jewish community of Beirut under the supervision of two of the most distinguished scholars in the field of Jews of Islam. This work won Tomer the Ben-Zvi Institute award for M.A. thesis. Currently Tomer is a Ph.D. candidate at Brandeis University, specializing on the history of Jews of Arab lands. Tomer's research interests include: Jews in port-cities in the Mediterranean basin, Jewish philanthropy in the Middle East, and Jewish banking families, particularly the Safra family. Mr. Levi has also been a lecturer at Tufts University.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Student(s): _____
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Yes! I want to attend Tomer Levi's class, "Between Inclusion and Exclusion - The Experience of Jews in the World of Islam."

Fee: \$75 Payable to the **Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies**

Number of people: _____

Please preregister. Send registration and check payable to the Lexington Institute for Jewish Studies to:

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