

Name of Course:	Jewish Values in Cyber World (M.Ed.) (תואר שני) ערכי היהדות בעולם הדיגיטלי
Name of Teacher:	Dr. Elaine Hoter, Rabbi Dr. Boaz Cohen
Number of Hours:	Two hours weekly for one semester
Type of Course:	Interactive lectures (first year, compulsory)
Previous Requirements:	Basic computer and internet skills

Course Description: This course will show how Jewish values are reflected through social networking and cyberspace in the English world. Issues of ethics will be raised and covered from different perspectives as seen through the Internet and various platforms. Students will debate different issues both in class and through the Internet.

Course Objectives:

1. To familiarize and bring different perspectives on issues on Jewish values in the English speaking Jewish world
2. To investigate and learn how the internet and social networks can enhance Jewish interests and values
3. To develop debating skills to discuss different perspectives

Course Outline:

1. The ethics of Privacy
2. Bioethics
3. The Jewish value of charity and loving kindness (*chesed*)
4. Challenges in Jewish Society

Methods of Teaching: Using different platforms, in class formal debating, social

networks,(wikis, blogs, forums, Second Life,) invited virtual experts

Course Requirements: Class and online attendance, in class presentations and debates, making a movie, recorded debates, case study

Assessment: 20% Active participation
70% Assignments
10% English Mastery

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