

Call for Applicants

**Summer Workshop on the topic:
Philosophical Investigation of the Hebrew Bible, Talmud and Midrash
The Herzl Institute, Jerusalem
July 27-August 1, 2014**

Workshop Directors: Yoram Hazony and Joshua Weinstein

The Jewish Philosophical Theology Project at the Herzl Institute in Jerusalem invites applications for a Summer Workshop to take place from July 27-August 1, 2014. Up to 20 undergraduate students and recent graduates will be accepted to the program, which will be conducted by Institute scholars and invited speakers. Participants will attend seminars on philosophical issues in the Hebrew Bible and classical rabbinic texts and visit historic sites in Jerusalem.

Philosophical theology uses the tools of philosophical investigation to attain new knowledge in theological subjects, including God's nature and relationship to the world, the fundamental nature of reality, and the nature of human beings and human flourishing. Jewish philosophical theology is a distinctive philosophical enterprise that seeks new knowledge in these areas through the philosophical investigation of Jewish texts such as the Hebrew Bible and classical rabbinic literature; the elucidation of specifically Jewish theological concepts and their comparison with theological concepts inherited from Christian and other traditions; and the positive construction of theological explanatory frameworks of significance for contemporary Jews, Christians and others.

Lectures and discussions at the workshop will examine subjects such as:

- The Bible as Philosophy?
- The Metaphysics of Hebrew Scripture
- Is the Biblical God Perfect Being?
- Human Nature as a Model for Understanding God?
- What Does It Mean for God to Speak?
- Natural Law and Human Flourishing in Hebrew Scripture
- Why Did God Want to be King Over Israel?

Workshop participants will receive assistance with travel and accommodation and a modest stipend, and will be expected to participate in all aspects of the program, including meals, tours, and other activities.

To apply, please send (i) a 1-2 page letter of introduction describing your interest in the program, (ii) a current CV, (iii) a sample of your academic writing, and, (iv) a letter of recommendation from a scholar familiar with your work.

Applications will be judged on the basis of the fit of the applicant's academic interests with the Workshop, their academic record, and the quality of their writing sample. Applications will be judged by the workshop directors.

Undergraduate students and recent graduates are welcome to apply. This program welcomes applications from Jews, Christians, and others with an interest in the subject.

The application deadline is March 31, 2014.

Please send all application materials and inquiries to Meirav Jones on meiravj@herzlinstitute.org

For further information about the Herzl Institute, please consult our website at www.herzlinstitute.org.

For further information about the Jewish Philosophical Theology project, please consult the project website at www.bibleandphilosophy.org.

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