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own coherent and systematic manner. At the same time, while, like God, Torah, and Israel, these Judaisms are principal, they do not encompass all of the interesting constructions that have responded to issues of the social order of the nineteenth and twentieth century. For our survey of contemporary issues of Judaism, Part IV, we chose the four issues we deem of most acute relevance to religious life today: In Judaism, these are the topics on which systematic thought, mediating between the received tradition and contemporary sensibility, distinguishes itself. In some ways, secular Jewishness takes over the theological heritage of Judaism and translates it into the building blocks of culture. In other ways, secular Jewishness proposes to form a social culture out of the traits of Jews as an ethnic community. Hence it demands an important position in any account of Judaism today. The interplay of the ethnic group and the religious tradition is worked out in the phenomenon of reversion. A religion that, at the advent of modern times, seemed to face a gloomy future returns out to exercise remarkable power, through the medium of the Torah, to lead to God people who presented unlikely candidates for religious practice or belief. The return of Jews to Judaism marks the conclusion of modernity. But what now is going to happen, we do not pretend to know. Here, then, is our approach to making sense of the diverse and exotic data of an ancient and enduring faith. For the history of Judaism, we should like to have said a great deal more about the theology of Rabbinic Judaism as well as its liturgical and mystical life. Among the principal doctrines of Judaism we should have gladly accommodated besides God, Torah, Israel, and messiah, the matters of theological anthropology and theodicy, sin and atonement, and above all, the theology of history that for holy Israel made sense of all that happened. And we should have been glad to include a chapter on the mystical doctrines of the Kabbalah as well as on the social movements produced thereby. In this way the theory of systematic thought would have taken on practicality in the realization of that theory by the various national communities of Jews, whether in France or in South Africa or in Russia. And it goes without saying that the special topics, taken up in constructive essays, could have multiplied many times over. Happily, these and numerous other topics that we could not treat here are set forth in large, systematic essays, comparable to those in the present Companion, in the three volumes and 1, pages of the Encyclopaedia of Judaism Leiden: Brill, edited by the editors of these books together with William Scott Green. The twenty-seven topics treated here are augmented by more than a hundred others. So we have done our best to present Judaism in a comprehensive and responsible manner. Professor Avery-Peck expresses his thanks to the College of the Holy Cross, and Professor Neusner his to Bard College, for sustaining their academic careers and making possible all that they do. The two editors also point with thanks and pride to the contributors of the essays in the Companion. They gave us their best work. They accepted our requests for revision often: And they are the ones who in the end realized the project; we could not have done it without each of them. They never disappointed us, and they always kept their promises. Anyone who has ever contemplated undertaking a project comparable to this one will appreciate the weight of those well-earned compliments. Religion transcends matters of belief, because it shapes behavior. Religion accounts for the life of the social group that professes that religion. Religion matters for several reasons. First, religion is public, it is social, something people do together, but what people believe tells us only about what individuals think or are supposed to think. Second, religion governs what we do, telling us who we are and how we should live, while what people believe tells us only about attitudes. Religion therefore encompasses not only beliefs or attitudes "matters of mind and intellect" but also actions and conduct. In that sense, religion explains the social world made up by people who believe certain things in common and act in certain aspects of their lives in common, and so religion accounts for the social entity, which we may call, for the sake of symmetry, *ethnos*. Indeed, only when we understand that religion does its work in the social world, then we can begin to grasp why religion is the single most powerful social force in the life and politics of the world today, as in nearly the whole of recorded history. Religion as a powerful force in human society and culture is realized in society, not only or mainly in theology; religion works through the social entity that embodies that religion. To see religion in this way is to take religion seriously as a way of realizing, in classic documents, a large conception of the social order. Hence the beliefs and practices, if any, of Jews do not by themselves form data for the description of Judaism. We cannot study Judaism if we identify the history of the Jews with the history of Judaism, just as we cannot study Judaism if we regard the faith as a set of ideas quite divorced from the life of the people who

hold those ideas. Public Religion versus Personal Religiosity:

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Recognition of the value of traditional Jewish literature, but only where it is supported by the Bible. God the creator exists as a trinity, is perfect, all wise, all powerful and all loving. Jesus is the Messiah, the second person of the Trinity, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died for the sins of all humanity, rose again, and is co-equal with God. Jesus will return to earth in the near future. People are saved through a belief in Jesus as savior and an acknowledgment of their sins, not by their achievements. Heaven is a reward for those who are saved; Hell is a place of eternal separation from God for the lost. Israel exists as a covenant people through whom God continues to accomplish His purposes and that the Church is composed of both Jews and Gentiles who acknowledge Jesus as Messiah and Redeemer. Jews for Jesus takes the mainstream Christian positions that Jesus is the Messiah, that his coming was prophesied in the Hebrew Bible, and that Jesus is the son of God, the second person of the Trinity. Jews for Jesus believes that their views of the Messiah are entirely compatible with the view of God presented in Jewish scriptures, [5] and that the doctrine of the Trinity, fundamental to the Christian faith, is not entirely alien to Judaism. Robinson of Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance, Their doctrinal statement is basically indistinguishable from Evangelical and other conservative Christian groups. They differ from some Evangelical Christian groups in their belief that Israel continues to exist as a "covenant people. It has its roots in Hineni Ministries, a group founded in by Rosen, [8] after the Hebrew word meaning "Here I am". David Brickner has been the executive director of Jews for Jesus since On several occasions leaders of the four major Jewish movements have signed on to joint statements opposing Hebrew-Christian theology and tactics. In part they said: It deceptively uses the sacred symbols of Jewish observance Hebrew Christians are in radical conflict with the communal interests and the destiny of the Jewish people. They have crossed an unbridgeable chasm by accepting another religion. Despite this separation, they continue to attempt to convert their former co-religionists. There are Jews for Jesus who use the trappings of Judaism to bring people into a religion that teaches that Judaism is finished. Jews for Jesus are worse theologically than the mainstream of Catholicism or Protestantism, which now affirm that Judaism is a valid religion. Jews for Jesus say that it is not. They use the Jewish trappings, but de facto, they are teaching the classic Christian supersessionism "that Judaism was at best a foreshadowing of Christianity. Clark Lobenstine has condemned the "proselytizing efforts" of "Jews for Jesus and other messianic Jewish groups". Jews in these groups who have converted to Christianity but continue to observe various Jewish practices are no longer considered part of the Jewish community in the usual sense". In they successfully sued Steven Brodsky for cybersquatting "registering the domain name jewsforjesus. In Jews for Jesus sued [40] Google for allowing a Blogspot user to put up a site at the third-level subdomain jewsforjesus. The evangelistic ministry assumed control of the site. In fact, Mason is Jewish and not associated with Jews for Jesus.

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The word yeshiva , lit. Likewise, every beth din "house of judgement" was attended by a number of pupils up to three times the size of the court Mishnah , tractate Sanhedrin. These might be indications of the historicity of the classical yeshiva. The rest of the year, they worked. Geonic Period[ edit ] The Geonic period takes its name from Gaon , the title bestowed on the heads of the three yeshivas in existence from the third to the thirteenth century. The Geonim acted as the principals of their individual yeshivot, and as spiritual leaders and high judges for the wider communities tied to them. The yeshiva conducted all official business in the name of its Gaon, and all correspondence to or from the yeshiva was addressed directly to the Gaon. Throughout the Geonic Period there were three yeshivot. These were named for the cities in which they were located: Jerusalem , Sura , and Pumbedita ; the yeshiva of Jerusalem would later relocate to Cairo , and the yeshivot of Sura and Pumbedita to Baghdad , but retain their original names. Each Jewish community would associate itself with one of the three yeshivot; Jews living around the Mediterranean typically followed the yeshiva in Jerusalem, while those living in the Arabian Peninsula and modern-day Iraq and Iran typically followed one of the two yeshivot in Baghdad. There was however, no requirement for this, and each community could choose to associate with any of the yeshivot. The yeshiva served as the highest educational institution for the Rabbis of this period. In addition to this, the yeshiva wielded immense power as the principal body for interpreting Jewish law. In this regard, the community saw the Gaon of a yeshiva as the highest judge on all matters of Jewish law. Each yeshiva ruled differently on matters of ritual and law; the other yeshivot accepted these divisions, and all three ranked as equally orthodox. The yeshiva also served as an administrative authority, in conjunction with local communities, by appointing members to serve as the head of local congregations. Those appointed as the head of a congregation would serve as a go-between for the local congregation and the larger yeshiva it was attached to. These local leaders would also submit questions to the yeshiva to obtain final rulings on issues of dogma, ritual, or law. Each congregation was expected to follow only one yeshiva to prevent conflict with different rulings issued by different yeshivot. The yeshivot were financially supported through a number of means. There were fixed, but voluntary, yearly contributions made to the yeshivas; these annual contributions were collected and handled by the local leaders appointed by the yeshiva. Private gifts and donations from individuals were also common, especially during holidays, and could consist of money or goods. The yeshiva of Jerusalem was finally forced into exile in Cairo in , and eventually dispersed entirely. Likewise, the yeshivot of Sura and Pumbedita were dispersed following the Mongol invasions of the 13th century. After the scattering of the yeshiva, education in Jewish religious studies became the responsibility of individual synagogues. No organization ever came to replace the three great yeshivot of Jerusalem, Sura and Pumbedita. One of these include the Kairuan yeshiva in Spain Hebrew: Their cost of living was covered by community taxation. After a number of years, these young people would either take up a vacant rabbinical position elsewhere after obtaining semicha , rabbinical ordination or join the workforce. In his view, the traditional arrangement did not cater for those who were looking for more intensive study. With the support of his teacher, Rabbi Volozhin gathered a large number of interested students and started a yeshiva in the now Belarusian town of Volozhin. Many prominent contemporary yeshivot in the United States and Israel are continuations of these institutions and often bear the same name. In the 19th century, Rabbi Israel Salanter initiated the Mussar movement in non-Hasidic Lithuanian Jewry, which sought to encourage yeshiva students and the wider community to spend regular times devoted to the study of Jewish ethical works. Concerned by the new social and religious changes of the Haskalah secularising movement , and emerging political ideologies such as Zionism , that often opposed traditional Judaism, the masters of Mussar saw a need to augment Talmudic study with more personal works. These comprised earlier classic Jewish ethical texts mussar literature , as well as a new literature for the movement. By focusing the student on self-understanding and introspection, often with profound psychological insight, the spiritual aims of Judaism could be

internalized. After early opposition, the Lithuanian yeshivah world saw the need for this new component in their curriculum, and set aside times for individual mussar study and mussar talks "mussar shmues". A spiritual mentor mashgiach ruchani encouraged the personal development of each student. To some degree also, this Lithuanian movement arose in response, and as an alternative, to the separate mystical study of the Hasidic Judaism world. Hasidism began previously, in the 18th Century, within traditional Jewish life in the Ukraine, and spread to Hungary, Poland and Russia. As the 19th Century brought upheavals and threats to traditional Judaism, the Mussar teachers saw the benefit of the new spiritual focus in Hasidism, and developed their alternative ethical approach to spirituality. The new analytical approach of the Brisker method , developed by Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik of Brisk, has become widely popular, though there are other approaches such as those of Mir , Chofetz Chaim , and Telz. In mussar, different schools developed, such as Slabodka and Novhardok, though today, a decline in devoted spiritual self-development from its earlier intensity has to some extent levelled out the differences. Hasidic yeshivas[ edit ] With the success of the yeshiva institution in Lithuanian Jewry, the Hasidic world developed their own yeshivas, in their areas of Eastern Europe. These comprised the traditional Jewish focus on Talmudic literature that is central to Rabbinic Judaism, augmented by study of Hasidic philosophy Hasidism. In many Hasidic yeshivas, study of Hasidic texts is a secondary activity, similar to the additional mussar curriculum in Lithuanian yeshivas. These paths see Hasidism as a means to the end of inspiring emotional devekut spiritual attachment to God and mystical enthusiasm. In this context, the personal pilgrimage of a Hasid to his Rebbe is a central feature of spiritual life, in order to awaken spiritual fervour. Often, such paths will reserve the Shabbat in the yeshiva for the sweeter teachings of the classic texts of Hasidism. Pilpul is the in-depth analytical investigation of a topic, traditionally reserved for the profound nuances of Talmudic study. The idea to learn Hasidic mystical texts with similar logical profundity, derives from the unique approach in the works of the Rebbes of Chabad, initiated by its founder Schneur Zalman of Liadi , to systematically investigate and articulate the "Torah of the Baal Shem Tov " in intellectual forms. In the Breslov movement, in contrast, the daily study of works from the imaginative, creative radicalism of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov awakens the necessary soulfulness with which to approach other Jewish study and observance. Sephardi yeshivas[ edit ] Rabbinical School Jerusalem Although the yeshiva as an institution is in some ways a continuation of the Talmudic Academies in Babylonia , large scale educational institutions of this kind were not characteristic of the North African and Middle Eastern Sephardi Jewish world in pre-modern times: In medieval Spain, and immediately following the expulsion in , there were some schools which combined Jewish studies with sciences such as logic and astronomy, similar to the contemporary Islamic madrasas. In 19th-century Jerusalem, a college was typically an endowment for supporting ten adult scholars rather than an educational institution in the modern sense; towards the end of the century a school for orphans was founded providing for some rabbinic studies. Also notable is the Bet El yeshiva founded in in Jerusalem for advanced Kabbalistic studies. Later Sephardic yeshivot are usually on the model either of Porat Yosef or of the Ashkenazi institutions. The Sephardic world has traditionally placed the study of esoteric Jewish mysticism Kabbalah in a more mainstream position than in the European Ashkenazi world. This difference of emphasis arose in reaction to the historical events of the Sabbatean heresy in the 17th Century, that suppressed widespread study of Kabbalah in Europe in favour of the strength of Rabbinic Talmudic study. In Eastern European Lithuanian life, Kabbalah was reserved for an intellectual elite, while the mystical revival of Hasidism articulated Kabbalistic theology through Hasidic thought. These factors did not affect the Sephardi Jewish world, which retained a wider connection to Kabbalah in its traditionally observant communities. With the establishment of Sephardi yeshivas in Israel, after the immigration of the Arabic Jewish communities there, some Sephardi yeshivas incorporated study of more accessible Kabbalistic texts into their curriculum. Nonetheless, the European prescriptions to reserve advanced Kabbalistic study to mature and elite students also influence the choice of texts in such yeshivas. Conservative movement yeshivas[ edit ] In , the Jewish Theological Seminary of Breslau was founded. It was headed by Zecharias Frankel , and was viewed as the first educational institution associated with "positive-historical Judaism" the predecessor of Conservative Judaism. In subsequent years, Conservative Judaism established a number of other institutions of higher learning such as the Jewish Theological Seminary

of America in New York City that emulate the style of traditional yeshivas in significant ways. However, many do not officially refer to themselves as "yeshivas" one exception is the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, and all are open to both women and men, who study in the same classrooms and follow the same curriculum. Students may study part-time, as in a kollel, or full-time, and they may study lishmah for the sake of studying itself or towards earning rabbinic ordination. Nondenominational or mixed yeshivas[ edit ] Non-denominational yeshivas and kollels with connections to Conservative Judaism include Yeshivat Hadar in New York, the leaders of whom include Rabbinical Assembly members Elie Kaunfer and Shai Held. It is a rabbinical seminary or college mostly geared for the training of rabbis and clergy specifically. Similarly, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Reconstructionist Judaism, founded in Pennsylvania in 1974, functions to train its future clergy. None of these institutions describes itself as a "yeshiva". Contemporary Orthodox yeshivas[ edit ] Main article: List of yeshivas Types of yeshivot[ edit ] Yeshiva Ketana "junior yeshiva" - Many yeshivot ketanot in Israel and some in the Diaspora do not have a secular course of studies and all students learn Judaic Torah studies full-time. Yeshiva High School - Also called Mesivta or Mechina or Yeshiva Ketana, combines the intensive Jewish religious education with a secular high school education. Mechina - For Israeli high-school graduates who wish to study for one year before entering the army. Beth Midrash - For high school graduates, and is attended from one year to many years, dependent on the career plans and affiliation of the student. Yeshivat Hesder - Yeshiva that has an arrangement with the Israel Defense Forces by which the students enlist together in the same unit and, as much as is possible serve in the same unit in the army. Over a period of about 5 years there will be a period of service starting in the second year of about 16 months. There are different variations. The rest of the time will be spent in compulsory study in the yeshiva. Kollel - Yeshiva for married men. The kollel idea, though having its intellectual roots traced to the Torah, is a relatively modern innovation of 19th-century Europe although The Mishnah tractate Megillah mentions the law that a town can only be called a "city" if it supports ten men batlanim to make up the required quorum for communal learning. Often, a kollel will be in the same location as the yeshiva. Baal Teshuva yeshivot catering to the needs of the newly Orthodox. This system provided girls with a Torah education, using a curriculum that skewed more toward practical Halakha and the study of Tanakh, rather than Talmud. Bais Yaakovs are strictly Haredi schools. They are also sometimes called "yeshiva" e. Post-high schools for women are generally called "seminary" or "midrasha". In some institutions, classical Jewish philosophy texts or Kabbalah are studied, or the works of individual thinkers such as Abraham Isaac Kook. Non-Orthodox institutions offer a synthesis of traditional and critical methods, allowing Jewish texts and tradition to encounter social change and modern scholarship. The curriculum focuses on classical Jewish subjects, including Talmud, Tanakh, Midrash, Halacha, and Philosophy, with an openness to modern scholarship. Chavruta Yeshiva students prepare for and review the shiur with their chavruta during a study session known as a seder. In the heat of discussion, they may even wave their hands, pound the table, or shout at each other. Bein Hazmanim In most yeshivot, the year is divided into three periods terms called zmanim. Elul zman starts from the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul and extends until the end of Yom Kippur. This is the shortest approx. Winter zman starts after Sukkot and lasts until about two weeks before Passover, a duration of five months six in a Jewish leap year.

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