Jewish Genealogy and Family History Course
for BA students
- 2-Semester (1-year) Program ©

Synoptic Outline ©

Note: At BA level, the course assumes 14 weeks in a semester and 2 double lecture sessions a week (i.e. 56 hours of instruction per semester).

A. 1st Semester – Essential Topics

- Introduction to Course/Overview
- JG as an inter-disciplinary field of study
- Jewish History/Geography Overview
- Jewish Religion and Practice as pertinent to JG
- Life’s “Passages” as pertinent to JG
- The Jewish Family and Society
- Onomastics
- JG by Region – the case of Italian Jewry
- Special Branches of the Jewish People
- Fringe Groups

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- Theoretical topics for end of 2nd semester/1-year papers

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B. 2nd Semester - *Wider Topics & Practical Aspects*

i. *Wider Topics* [roughly 45% of the 2nd Semester lecture time]

- Jewish Demography and JG
- Shoah and JG
- Genetics and JG
- Rabbinic Genealogy
- Myths, Legends and other Abuses

ii. *Practical matters* [roughly 55% of the 2nd Semester lecture time]

- JG Ethics and Standards
- Oral History
- Research Strategies and Methodologies
- Jewish JG Records
- Jewish Cemeteries and Necrologies
- JG in Cyberspace – Techniques and Technologies
- Additional Sources and Resources
- Auxiliary Tools
- “Hands on” computer lab and library session

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