



M.A. in Jewish Studies Alumni



Sergio Marín, Spain

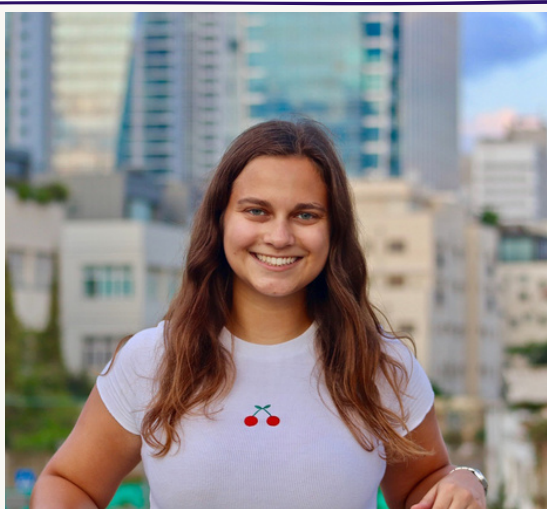
I'm currently writing my M.A. thesis at Hebrew University's Department of Jewish Thought and I will start my Ph.D. program right afterwards. My field of research is Jewish philosophy in Antiquity in the context of the Roman Empire. The courses offered at the Rothberg International School on Jewish history and literature during the Second Temple period gave me a solid foundation for pursuing further research.

Class of 2021

Catherine Szkop, USA

I work remotely and around the world at the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), in the Partnerships and Diplomacy Division, building the coalition by engaging with institutions, policymakers and interfaith organizations through a grassroots approach. My time at the Hebrew University prepared me for this role with its high research standards and diverse student population.

Class of 2021



Leigh Pennington, USA

I am currently living in Jerusalem and working as a freelance writer full time! I typically write cultural related content about travel and the Jewish community, and assist with building narratives from oral history interviews.

Class of 2021

Garrett Price, USA

I am living in Atlanta, Georgia and working as a researcher for an experimental research institute called the Center for Deliberate Innovation at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech).

Class of 2020



Loren Spendlove, USA

I am retired and live with my wife, Tina, in Cedar City, Utah. We have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. I spend my days improving my Biblical Hebrew and writing research papers for a peer-reviewed religious journal.

Class of 2019

Devin Egber, USA

I work as a Social Action Coordinator at Temple Beth Shalom, a synagogue in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I am also an independent singer-songwriter and have been collaborating with freelance producers and audio engineers to produce original Jewish music. In my free time, I write and produce online courses about Jewish history, Jewish literature, and the Hebrew calendar. Everything I do is based on the knowledge and wisdom I gained at the Hebrew University!

Class of 2018



Sophie Bigot, France

I study and teach in Jerusalem. I am doing an M.A. in Talmud at Bar Ilan University, teaching in a Reform shul, and lecturing for various French Institutions, such as the Alliance Israelite Universelle.

Class of 2017



Heiner Georgi, Germany

I am living in Berlin and studying Protestant Theology at the Humboldt University of Berlin in order to train for Protestant Church Ministry. I remember my years at Hebrew University very fondly and with great joy!

Class of 2017



Matheus Rinco, Brazil

I am currently pursuing a PhD in Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University, with a focus on the Second Temple period and Rabbinic Literature.

Class of 2017



Carrie Bettel, Canada

I finished my M.A. in Jewish Studies at the Rothberg International School and am currently working on pursuing a Ph.D. in Humanities at York University in Toronto, with a focus on Israeli film and art.

Class of 2016



Jianyu Shen, China

I'm a doctoral student at the Department of Jewish Thought of the Hebrew University. For the academic year 2021-22 I'm on a fellowship at Hamburg University. So after a decade in Israel, I currently live in Germany. Looking forward to being back in Jerusalem!

Class of 2014



Shannon Bennett, USA

I serve as Chief Marketing Officer at Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. My time at the Rothberg International School was so rich and I loved living in Israel. Amazing school - amazing country.

Class of 2014



Herbert Chan, Hong Kong

I am the founder and director of Beit Midrash Yeshua, a cross-denominational Christian organization that provides biblical teaching from a Jewish perspective for the Chinese. My time and effort spent in the Jewish Studies program at Rothberg enabled me to excel in this job.

Class of 2014

