

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NOSTRA AETATE

BAT KOL OFFERS NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2014-2015



Bat Kol was founded as a response to Nostra Aetate and with the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II's landmark document quickly approaching, we are excited to be expanding our course offerings for 2014-2015. We hope you and your colleagues will join us for these rich new opportunities for Jewish study of key Biblical books and themes.

- **THE PSALMS: THE PRAISES OF ISRAEL (December 10-22, 2014):**
An intensive program, exploring Jewish readings of the Psalms and key themes in the Psalter, including the opportunity to read and study the Psalms in Hebrew for both advanced students and beginners. This course will offer 36 hours of in-class time and 3 days for study of the geography and spirituality of the land.
Course fee: US\$2500. Registration deadline: October 25, 2014.
- **TESHUVAH (REPENTANCE) (February 21 – March 3, 2015):**
What is the meaning of *Teshuvah* (repentance) in Jewish thought? Special emphasis will be placed on the month of Elul (period of repentance) and the Days of Awe: Rosh Ha-Shanah (New Year); the ten days of Repentance; Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement, the most solemn day of the Jewish year).
Course fee: US\$2500. Registration deadline: December 15, 2014
- **DEVARIM: The Book of Deuteronomy (July 7-30, 2015):**
Deuteronomy, the fifth and final of the Five Books of Moses, contains some of the best known and most-loved passages in the entire Hebrew Bible: "Choose life so that you and your descendants may live" (30:19); "No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe" (30:14); "Hear, O Israel, the LORD is our God, the LORD is One"(6.4) and "... we will hear and we will do" (5:27... the Bat Kol motto)
Course fee: US\$3950, may be subject to slight change. Registration Deadline: February 15, 2015

Each course will be taught by leading Jewish Rabbis and Professors. Excursions will be led by guides who are specially selected for their knowledge of Judaism and Judaic sites. Bat Kol is vigilant in its care for the safety of participants at all times; we know the country and the trouble spots and will always supervise students in issues of security.

Course fees are inclusive of all tuition including Hebrew classes, excursion costs, study materials and full board single accommodation with ensuite in St Charles Hospice, The German Colony, Jerusalem.

For further information and to submit your application please contact the Bat Kol Co-Ordinator, Gill Putnam and she will do everything possible to facilitate your visit; her contact details are gill@batkol.info, the Bat Kol Institute for Jewish Studies, POB 8030, Jerusalem 91080. Tel 972 (02)650-7661, cell phone 972 (0)54-7342227.



The Bat Kol Institute, a daughter of *Nostra Aetate*, exists to foster Jewish Studies, defined as study of the Word of God (Torah) within its Jewish milieu (the Land, the People and the Book). The Land—Israel; the People— Jewish professors and Rabbis; the Book—the Bible and Jewish Commentaries, ancient and modern.

"The history of Judaism did not end with the destruction of Jerusalem, but rather went on to develop a religious tradition ... [which is still] rich in religious values." (1974 Vatican Guidelines)

"Christians can ... learn much from Jewish exegesis practised for more than two thousand years, and, in fact, they have learned much in the course of history." (1985 Vatican Notes)

"We recognize and rejoice in our special relationship with the people of the Jewish faith which is based on our common heritage in the Old Testament Scriptures and the mission of Jesus" (Lambeth Conference 1978)

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