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Out of This World **The Supernatural in Jewish History and Culture**

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN JEWISH STUDIES

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“Out of This World” is devoted to the magical, the miraculous, and the monstrous in Jewish history and culture. Its subjects include humans gifted with supernatural powers—miracle-workers, magicians, and messianic saviors—as well as superhuman beings like ghosts, golems, and God. The week will range across disciplines, including history, anthropology, literary study, and the study of religion, with the goal of modeling various ways to make sense of supernatural beings and otherworldly interactions as a part of Jewish experience, culture, or thought. The week will have a this-worldly focus as well, featuring sessions

devoted to professional development and scholarly network building, and other group activities and excursions.

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About

The Summer School brings graduate students together in a small group for an immersive experience in interdisciplinary Jewish studies, exposing them to innovative scholarship, broadening their intellectual perspectives, and allowing them to engage with internationally recognized scholars as well as their peers from around the world. Graduate students at any institution worldwide, in any subfield of Jewish studies, past or present, are eligible to apply. Admission is selective and preference will be given to students at an advanced stage of their graduate careers, and to earlier-stage students whose research interests align closely with the stated theme. The cost of tuition, lodging, excursions, and most meals is covered by the program. Fellowships to cover transportation are available for students who do not have applicable funding from their home institutions.



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