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Grading and Paper:

Your grade for the course will be based upon your paper and class participation. You will be required to present a draft of your paper to the class and to submit a final copy before the last day of exams. You will receive more information about the paper later in the semester.

Class Preparation and Attendance:

You are required to read and be prepared to discuss the assigned material. In addition, you are required to submit a one-page comment or question about each assignment.

You are expected to come to class and to be prompt. Regular attendance is defined as attending at least 85% of scheduled class hours.

Ten percent of your grade will be based on classroom attendance and/or participation. Your participation grade will depend on the quality of your participation, including your ability to answer when called on and your willingness to volunteer, as well as your attendance record.
SYLLABUS

I. Introduction: Jewish Law in the American Law School


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1333860


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1026791


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1124622

II. Sources and Structure of Jewish Law


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1287464

III. Legislation in Jewish Law


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1332504

IV. Interpretation in Jewish Law
A. Civil Law Interpretation


B. Ritual Law Interpretation


C. Authority in Interpretation


V. Comparative Issues in Criminal Justice in Jewish Law and the American Legal System

A. Capital Punishment


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1532890


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1156549


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1026792

B. Self-Incrimination


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1156412

http://ssrn.com/abstract=2001490


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1531857

C. Ethics in Criminal Defense


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1303707

Russell G. Pearce, To Save A Jewish Life: Why a Rabbi and a Jewish Lawyer Must Disclose a Client Confidence, 29 Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review 1771 (1996)

D. Prosecutorial Ethics


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1026790


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1554505

E. Punishment


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1303262


http://ssrn.com/abstract=1157089