

## **INTRODUCTION and IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE**

My name is Sjimón René den Hollander.

I grew up in the Netherlands and moved to New York in the year 2000.

My background is somewhat unusual. I grew up as a (Protestant) Christian, I studied Arabic and Islam in Leiden, converted to Judaism and later studied at Yeshiva University for a rabbinical degree.

Should you be interested in my background, you can read more here:

[www.sjimondenhollander.com/my-journey-to-judaism.html](http://www.sjimondenhollander.com/my-journey-to-judaism.html)

I plan to post useful information on my website.

The most important link is: [www.sjimondenhollander.com/medieval-hebrew-texts.html](http://www.sjimondenhollander.com/medieval-hebrew-texts.html)

## **CONTACTING ME**

I will look at my hunter email address from time to time, but a faster way to contact me is through:

[sjimons@flatironre.com](mailto:sjimons@flatironre.com). In cases of emergency, you can call or text me on my cell phone: **917-805-6234**

Or you can send me a message through: [www.sjimondenhollander.com/contact.html](http://www.sjimondenhollander.com/contact.html)

If you haven't done so, please send me your **preferred email address** and your **cell phone number** (for emergencies).

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INTERACTING DURING CLASS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF LEARNING!

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## **Material:**

You do not need to buy any books for this course.

**All material will be on my website.**

Please read the **PREP** materials that I post here: [www.sjimondenhollander.com/prep-readings.html](http://www.sjimondenhollander.com/prep-readings.html)

This material will provide you with necessary background information.

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PLEASE LOG INTO THE CLASS *ON TIME!*

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I assign only one essay, but..... It needs to be EXCELLENT!!!!

As college students, you should be expected to write with **correct spelling and proper grammar**.

Based on mistakes that I have encountered in past semesters, I have composed a list of things that you should pay attention to in your essays: [www.sjimondenhollander.com/essay-assignment.html](http://www.sjimondenhollander.com/essay-assignment.html)

If you read this well and use it, I believe it will help you produce better papers not just for this course, but for others as well!

I wish you an interesting and hopefully inspiring semester,  
*Professor Sjimón den Hollander*