

STUDY WITH RABBI SCHOOLMAN THIS FALL

*Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Studies
Temple Emanu-El
1 East 65 Street (at Fifth Avenue)*

ENCOUNTER: ISLAM AND JUDAISM

Seven Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning October 24

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It is not very acceptable in some Jewish quarters to say anything nice about Muslims and Islam. But for centuries, the encounter between Judaism and Islam was rich and mutually beneficial. Additionally, in the 19th and 20th centuries, Jews were among the most highly respected scholars of Islam. What motivated their interest? Rabbi Schoolman will examine the encounters between Jews and Muslims, focusing on the similarities in world-view, God ideas, and practices. We will compare and contrast related passages from the Qur'an and the Torah (especially the Binding of Isaac/Ishmael, and the story of Joseph.) We will also look at the similarities between customs such as circumcision, burial practices and kashrut/halal. Did Muslims emulate the Jews, or were both Jews and Muslims echoing folk customs already extant?