Week I  **Introduction; The Persian Period**  
Schiffman 1-59; Ezra 1-10; Nehemiah 1-8:12; 11-13; Ruth.

Week II  **The Conquests of Alexander and their Aftermath; “Hellenization”**  
Schafer 1-25.

Week III  **The Seleucid Conquest and the Crisis in Judah in 175-164**  
II Maccabees (in the Apocrypha); Daniel 11, 7; Schafer 27-63; Schiffman 60-79.

Week IV  **The Rise and Fall of the Hasmonean State**  
I Maccabees (in the Apocrypha); Schafer 65-80.

Week V  **The House of Herod; The Roman Annexation; Provincia Iudaea**  
Schafer 81-109; Schiffman 80-156.

Week VI  **The First Jewish Revolt against Rome**  
Schafer 109-130; Schiffman 157-170.

Week VII  **The Second Jewish Revolt against Rome; Provincia Syria Palaestina**  
Schafer 131-161; Schiffman 171-176

Week VIII  **The Third and Fourth Centuries**  
Schafer 163-185; Schiffman 177-265.

Week IX  **Byzantine Palestine**  
Schafer 185-197.

Week X  **The End of Byzantine Rule; Ancient Synagogues**  
TBA

**Books for the Course:**

*The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha.*  
P. Schafer, *The History of the Jews in the Graeco-Roman World.*  

Office Hours: Monday 12-1; Thursday 2-3; and by appointment.  HSS 4024  
Midterm after 5th week; Final 3/17, 11:30-2:30.