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**INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL ZANK** Director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies, Boston University, expert in German-Jewish intellectual history and currently writing a book on why Jews, Christians and Muslims care about the city of Jerusalem.

### Why is Jewish learning important to students?

Jewish learning gives Jewish students the chance to look at their own tradition through a comparative liberal arts, nonparochial perspective. It helps them to appreciate the complexity and longevity of Jewish civilization and encourages them to explore their heritage in an academic environment. They grow to understand that Jewish text and heritage is part of world history enabling them to study the majority the human experience—through a minority perspective.

#### How did learning become part of our cultural DNA?

There is something that happened in the Babylonian exile when Jews had to find out how this catastrophe happened. So they wrote about it, decoding historical experience in light of the scripture, ancient prophetic texts. The rabbis had to reconstruct Jewish life with the loss of the temple and by putting it in writing the Mishnah made it possible to exist. When they returned to Jerusalem they brought with them a new culture of writing, scribal excellence and learning. Learned men taking issue with ritual practices reviewed what priests were doing. Jewish culture became ritual action with a search for deeper meaning.

### Why is Jewish learning important to everyone?

Jewish text and tradition are part of a shared world heritage. Torah and the Prophets figure prominently in the Christian and Muslim imagination and played a prominent role at various moments in the development of Western though and philosophy. Jewish history is both exemplary and unique as the experience of a specific religious and ethnic minority.

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