

Jewish spiritual wisdom has put many names on the experience of encountering the divine. This course offers some unexpected insights from the Bible, rabbinic literature, and Kabbalah about what it means to give a name to the Transcendent: from the Torah's ineffable four-letter Name to unusual metaphors, to the Kabbalists' 72- (actually 216-) letter mystery, and beyond. This course will explore familiar and unfamiliar sources, with an emphasis on articulating and clarifying our own spiritual awareness.