SUMMER 2016
FACULTY
SEMINAR

Music, Religion and the Human Experience
Art and Faith in Western Civilization

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The history of music is a study in the impact of religious faith. In the earliest periods, we have the Gregorian chant and other vocal genres that form the core of the medieval repertoire. Exotic and intricate, this music is closely associated with the Catholic Church. The Renaissance, the era of Michelangelo and Martin Luther, brings us stunning musical motets and masses composed by individuals such as Josquin des Prez and William Byrd. During the Baroque period, J.S. Bach and Antonio Vivaldi thrive musically in a context of widespread Christian religious feeling and belief. With the dawn of modernity, Jewish composers enter the Western musical repertoire, including notably Arnold Schoenberg’s chilling Kol Nidre and Leonard Bernstein’s harrowing Kaddish symphony. Reviewing this massive cultural legacy, we will notice the extraordinary degree to which religious faith and music, intertwined, continue to endure, inspire, and evolve.

INSTRUCTOR
Gilad Harel is a Brandeis Phd currently serving on the faculty of Baruch College. In addition to pursuing research on the choral music of J. S. Bach, he is an experienced jazz pianist and tenor vocalist with performance credits across the New England and New York areas. Gil regularly teaches at BOLLI, where he has delighted scores of BOLLI members with his knowledge, organization, musical skill, and easygoing pedagogical style.

REGISTRATION
Registration for Music, Religion & The Human Experience:
BOLLI Seasonal Members: $185
*General Public: $250
*Annual members receive a 50% discount.
Register today!

Registration is first come first served. Space is limited.
Convenient parking available.
To register, please visit www.brandeis.edu/BOLLI

DATES & TIMES
May 31st & June 1,2,3,6
9:30am-12:30pm

LOCATION
BOLLI, 60 Turner Street
Brandeis University

LED BY
Gil Harel

QUESTIONS?
Contact Matthew Medeiros,
Program Coordinator at
781-736-2992 or
mmdeeiros@brandeis.edu