Sinai Scholars Seek Students

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Registration is open for the spring session of the Sinai Scholars Society, Tulane chapter. The national organization provides funding for a course on Judaism each semester at more than 50 campuses nationwide.

At Tulane, the course will be given on Monday nights, from 7:30 until 10 p.m. The course will begin on Monday, Feb. 1, with a brief orientation on Sunday, Jan. 31. To apply, students can go to the Sinai Scholars website and select Tulane from the Sinai Scholars drop-down list.

Sinai Scholars is a society that was founded in 2005 with the goal of developing theological literacy in future Jewish leaders. Each semester, 20 applicants are selected to participate in the course. The course consists of eight 2.5 hour sessions, an introductory session, a Shabbat experience, a Jewish life field trip and a graduation ceremony.

In addition to the \$350 stipend given to students who will take the course this fall on campuses throughout the country, the society also gives members other learning options. Last summer, more than 90 society members, including four from Tulane, participated in the National Jewish Learning Retreat.

Last April, a Tulane Sinai Scholars alumnus, Alan Newman, participated in the inaugural Sinai Scholars Academic Conference, which was held at Princeton University. Newman presented a paper that he had written examining the intellectual underpinnings of the rabbinic tradition.

For more information, contact <u>Jeremy Hantz</u>, the program coordinator for this semester.