Answer THREE of the following six questions:

1) Compare and contrast different courses of emancipation for Jews in different contexts. How and why did the “paths” differ, why is it important to recognize the distinction among them, and what historiographical methods have been employed to sharpen the distinctions?

2) How did Jewish communities, in different contexts, manage their encounters with the state? Discuss the degrees of assimilation and integration in these contexts.

3) Is there a “Jewish modernity”? If so, when did it commence and where does it stand today?

4) Why were so many Jews drawn to socialism? In answering the question, make sure to address the situation in at least three different national contexts.

5) What impact have developments and theories in women’s history, the history of gender and/or the history of the body had on the field of Jewish history?

6) How much does the study of the Jews of Germany contribute to a wider understanding of German history?