

## Questions 6 (Botticini/Eckstein and Arbel)

1. What is the thesis of the paper by Botticini and Eckstein?
2. What proportion of Jews were urban in the early Roman Empire?
3. When did a majority of Jews move to urban settings?
4. Why were there so many Jews in the early Roman Empire? What happened to their number over the next millennium?
5. What were “Jewish occupations” in the early Roman Empire? Around 1,000?
6. What explains the long delay between 70 CE and Jewish urbanization?
7. Why did Maimonides move so frequently?
8. Why did Maimonides become a doctor?
9. How unusual was Maimonides’ life?
10. Why did Maimonides write so much theology?