

RLST 56: Israel: Zionism and the Jewish State Spring 2017

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COURSE INFORMATION

Description

The course examines the contrasting and sometimes conflicting Zionist ideologies that expressed the nationalist hopes for the Jewish people, and a general history of the modern state of Israel from 1948 to the present. Particular attention is given to the ways in which Israel has defined itself as a Jewish state, the role of religion in Israeli politics, law, and society, and the challenges to this identity, including the multiple forms of Jewish identity represented in Israel (e.g., secular, Haredi, Mizrahi), and the presence of a large number of non-Jewish, Arab/Palestinian, citizens.

Textbooks

Arthur Hertzburg, *The Zionist Idea* (Philadelphia, 1997)
Anita Shapira, *Israel: A History* (Waltham, 2012)
Itamar Rabinovich and Jehuda Reinharz, *Israel in the Middle East* (Waltham, 2008)
Additional readings will be found on Sakai

Basic Online Resources

Jewish Virtual Library: <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/israel.html>
Fanack Chronicle: <https://chronicle.fanack.com/israel/>
Taub Center for Social Policy in Israel: <http://taubcenter.org.il/>
Israel Democracy Institute: <http://en.idi.org.il/>

Course Objectives

To describe the various forms of Zionist thought, the differences among them, and the objections to Zionism.

To understand the basic history of the modern state of Israel, its people, society, and culture, from 1948 to the present.

To analyze the understanding of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, and what this means for the identity of the Israeli polity, and in particular for non-Jews who are citizens.

To understand the role of religion in Israeli history, politics, law, and society.

To voice informed opinions on the relations between Israel, Palestinians, and Arab states, and the factors that have contributed to the hostilities, and the possibilities for peace.

COURSE TOPICS

Zionism: In Theory and Practice

1. Introduction: Assumptions and Perspectives in the Study of Israel
2. Jews, Nationalism, and the Land
 - The Land of Israel in Classical Jewish Thought (Sakai)
 - Zvi Gitelman, "The Nature and Viability of Jewish Religious and Secular Identities," *Religion or Ethnicity?* ed. Zvi Gitelman (New Brunswick, 2009), 303-322
 - Gideon Shimoni, *The Zionist Ideology* (Hanover, 1995), 3-37 (Sakai)
 - Hedva Ben-Israel, "Zionism and European Nationalisms," *Israel Studies* 8 (2003): 90-104 (Sakai)
3. Reviving Old Hopes and Responding to New Realities
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 3-16
 - Reviving Old Hopes
 - Yehuda Alkalai, "The Third Redemption" (Hertzberg, 102-107)
 - Zvi Hirsch Kalischer, "Seeking Zion" (Hertzberg, 108-114)
 - Responding to New Realities: Emancipation and Assimilation
 - Reform Rabbis in the United States, Pittsburgh Platform of 1885 (Sakai)
 - Peretz Smolenskin, "The Haskalah of Berlin" (Hertzberg, 154-157)
 - Simon Dubnov, "Jews as a Spiritual (Cultural-Historical) Nation Among Political Nations" (1907) (Sakai)
 - Responding to (Re)newed Realities: Antisemitism
 - Moses Hess, "Rome and Jerusalem" (Hertzberg 116-139)
 - Leo Pinsker, "Autoemancipation" (Hertzberg, 178-198)
4. Theodor Herzl and the Modern Zionist Movement
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 16-26; 67-78
 - Theodor Herzl
 - "Diary Entry" (Hertzberg 199-204)
 - "The Jewish State" (Hertzberg, 204-226)
 - "First Congress Address" (Hertzberg 226-231)
 - Max Nordau
 - "Speech First Zionist Congress" (Hertzberg 232-241)
 - "Zionism" (Hertzberg, 242-245)
 - British Rule in Mandate Palestine
 - Balfour Declaration (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 29)
 - London Bureau of the Zionist Organization, "Zionist Manifesto" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz 30-32)
 - Winston Churchill, "Palestine White Paper" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 32-35)

5. Competing Zionist Visions
 - Cultural Zionism: Ahad Ha-am
 - Ha-am, "The Law of the Heart" (Hertzberg, 247-255)
 - Ha-am, "Flesh and Spirit" (Hertzberg, 256-260)
 - Ha-am, "On Nationalism and Religion" (Hertzberg, 261-262)
 - Ha-am, "The Jewish State and Jewish Problem" (Hertzberg, 262-269)
 - Ha-am, "The Negation of the Diaspora" (Hertzberg, 270-277)
 - Socialist Zionism: Nahman Syrkin, A. D. Gordon
 - Syrkin, "The Jewish Problem and the Socialist-Jewish State" (Hertzberg, 329-350)
 - Gordon, "People and Labor," (Hertzberg, 372-374)
 - Religious Zionism: Yehiel Pines, Rabbi Abraham Kook
 - Pines, "Jewish Nationalism Cannot be Secular" (Hertzberg, 406-408; 411-415)
 - Pines, "Religion is the Source of Jewish Nationalism" (Hertzberg, 412-414)
 - Kook, "The Land of Israel" (Hertzberg, 416-422)
 - Kook, "The War" (Hertzberg, 422-423)
 - Kook, "The Rebirth of Israel" (Hertzberg, 424-426)

6. Pioneers and the Land
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 27-53; 103-118
 - Agricultural communities
 - Yossi Katz, *The Land Shall Not Be Sold in Perpetuity*, 1-8 (Sakai)
 - Ilan Troen, *Imagining Zion*, 3-14 (Sakai)
 - Pioneer Women of the Second Aliyah (Sakai)
 - Urban environments
 - Ilan Troen, *Imagining Zion*, 85-111 (Sakai)

7. Creating a National Culture
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 54-64; 119-152
 - Eliezer Ben Yehudah, "A Letter of Ben Yehudah" (Hertzberg, 158-165)
 - Joseph Klausner, "The National and Cultural Importance of Bezalel," *The Origins of Israel, 1882-1948*, eds. Eran Kaplan and Derek Penslar (Madison, 2011), 185-188 (Sakai)
 - Haim N. Bialik, "In the city of slaughter," "This too is the sweeping scourge...," "And it shall be when the days grow long...," and "Work song," *Selected Poems*, trans. David Aberbach (New York, 2004) (Sakai)

8. Zionism and Arabs
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 53-54
 - Judah Magnes
 - “Like All the Nations?” (Hertzberg, 440-449)
 - Martin Buber
 - “National Home and National Policy in Palestine,” *A Land of Two Peoples* (Chicago, 1983), 82-91 (Sakai)
 - Vladimir (Ze’ev) Jabotinsky
 - “Evidence Submitted to Palestine Royal Commission” (Hertzberg, 556-570)
 - “The Iron Wall” (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 41-44)
 - Baruch Kimmerling and Joel Migdal, *Palestinians*, 36-63 (Sakai)
 - Alan Dowty, “A Question That Outweighs All the Others,” *Israel Studies* 6 (2001): 34-54 (Sakai)
 - Adam Garfinkle, “On the Origin, Meaning, Use and Abuse of a Phrase,” *Middle Eastern Studies*, 27 (1991): 539-550 (Sakai)
9. Fighting Over/In Palestine
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 78-102
 - General Federation of Laborers in the Land of Israel, “Response to the Arab Riots,” *The Origins of Israel, 1882-1948*, eds. Eran Kaplan and Derek Penslar (Madison, 2011), 218-228 (Sakai)
 - The Peel Commission (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 44-46)
 - Malcolm MacDonald, “The White Paper” (1939) (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 48-53)
10. 1948
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 155-178
 - U.N. General Assembly Resolution 181 (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 61-63)
 - Ari Shavit, “Lydda, 1948” *The New Yorker* 21 October 2013 (Sakai)
 - Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness* (New York, 2004), 334-344; 352-377 (Sakai)
 - Ghassan Kanafani, “Returning to Haifa,” *Palestine’s Children* (Boulder, 2000), 149-196 (Sakai)
11. Discussion: Is Zionism a nationalist or colonialist project?
 - George Antonius, “The Arab Awakening” (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 46-48)
 - Henry Cattani, *To Whom Does Palestine Belong?* (Beirut, 1969), 5-9 (Sakai)
 - Gershon Shafir, “Zionism and Colonialism” *The Israel/Palestine Question* (2nd edition), ed. I. Pappé (London, 2007), 78-93 (Sakai)
 - Ran Aaronsohn, “Settlement in Eretz Israel—Colonialist Enterprise? ‘Critical’ Scholarship and Historical Geography,” *Israel Studies* 1 (1996): 214-229 (Sakai)
 - Gideon Shimoni, *The Zionist Ideology* (Hanover, 1995), 333-372 (Sakai)

Position Paper #1: Is Zionism a nationalist project of the Jewish people reclaiming their ancestral homeland, or a colonial project of a foreign group, and why?
12. Mid-term

Nation Building (1948-1967)

13. Israel as Democratic State
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 179-221
 - Proclamation of the State of Israel (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 72-74)
 - Eliezer Don-Yehiya, "Political Religion in a New State: Ben-Gurion's *Mamlachtiyut*," *Israel. The First Decade of Independence*, eds. Ilan Troen and Noah Lucas (Albany 1995), 171-192 (Sakai)
14. Israel as Jewish State
 - David Ben-Gurion, "Status Quo Agreement" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 58-60)
 - Isaac Olshan, "Jewish Religion and Israeli Democracy," (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 92-95)
 - Law of Return (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 102-103)
 - Israel Supreme Court, "Brother Daniel Case" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 172-174)
 - Yeshayahu Leibowitz, "The Religious Significance of the State of Israel," *Judaism, Human Values, and the Jewish State* (Cambridge, 1992), 215-220 (Sakai)
 - "A Jewish and Democratic State," *The Jewish Political Tradition*, eds. Michael Walzer, et al. (New Haven, 2000), 501-509 (Sakai)
 - Menachem Mautner, *Law and the Culture of Israel* (Oxford, 2011), 44-53
 - Relations between Israel and Diaspora Jews
 - Ben-Gurion and Blaustein Agreement (1950) (Sakai)
 - Walter Eytan, "Israel and the Jewish Diaspora" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 152-156)
15. Immigration and the Other Jews
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 222-247
 - Giora Josephthal, "The Absorption of Immigrants" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 103-106)
 - Emmanuel Marx, "The Development Town" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 158-163)
 - David Ben-Gurion, "Wadi Salib" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 164-167)
 - Leo Ben-Dor, "The Black Panthers" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 234-237)
 - Joseph Massad, "Zionism's Internal Others: Israel and the Oriental Jews," *Journal of Palestine Studies* 25 (1996): 53-68 (Sakai)

Showing of film *Sallah Shabati*
16. Israeli Society in the 1950s and 1960s
 - Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 248-291
 - Nahum Goldman, "German Reparations" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 106-109)
 - David Ben-Gurion, "The Capture of Adolf Eichmann" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 167-168)
 - Yaacov Herzog, "The Background to the Sinai Campaign" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 145-151)

17. Israeli Arabs/Palestinians
Itamar Rabinovich, "From 'Israeli Arabs' to Israel's Palestinian Citizens," (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 183-187)
Majid Al-Haj, "The Status of the Palestinians in Israel. A Double Periphery in an Ethno-National State," *Critical Issues in Israeli Society*, ed. Alan Dowty (London 2004), 109-126 (Sakai)
Eli Rekhess, "The Evolvement of an Arab–Palestinian National Minority in Israel," *Israel Studies* 12 (2007): 1-28 (Sakai)
Mordechai Nisan, "The Druze in Israel: Questions of Identity, Citizenship, and Patriotism," *Middle East Journal* 64 (2010): 575-596 (Sakai)
Mahmoud Darwish, "Identity Card" and "I Am From There" (Sakai)
Sayed Kashua, "The Stories That I Don't Dare Tell" and "The Court," *Native* (New York, 2016), 223-226; 259-262 (Sakai)
18. Discussion: Is Israel a democratic society?
U. N. General Assembly Resolution 3379 (Anti-Zionism) (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 349-350)
Chaim Herzog, "Speech to the General Assembly on the Anti-Zionist Resolution" (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 350-352)
Sammy Smootha, "Ethnic Democracy: Israel as an Archetype," *Israel Studies* 2 (1998) 198-241 (Sakai)
Asad Ghanem, et al., "Questioning 'Ethnic Democracy': A Response to Sammy Smootha," *Israel Studies* 3 (1998): 253-267 (Sakai)
Alan Dowty, "Is Israel Democratic? Substance and Semantics in the Ethnic Democracy Debate," *Israel Studies* 4 (1999): 1-15 (Sakai)
Ruth Gavison, "Jewish and Democratic? A Rejoinder to the 'Ethnic Democracy' Debate," *Israel Studies* 4 (1999): 44-72 (Sakai)
Oren Yiftachel, "Ethnocracy and Its Discontents: Minorities, Protests, and the Israeli Polity" *Critical Inquiry* 26 (2000): 725-756 (Sakai)

Position Paper #2: Israel describes itself as a Jewish and democratic state. Is such a dual identity possible? What type of state is Israel (e.g., democracy, ethnic democracy, ethnocracy, theocracy)?

Contemporary Israel: Israel's People and the Elusive Peace

19. Major Shifts in Contemporary Israeli Society: Law and the Economy
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 403-411
Israel Law Review, "United Mizrahi Bank v. Migdal Cooperative Village" (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 453-456)
Ehud Eiran, "Revolution and Counterrevolution: The Israel Supreme Court from the 1980s Onward" (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 484-487)
"Change in Level of Consumer Price Indices, 1973-2005" (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 580)
Ben-Zion Zilberfarb, "From Socialism to Free Market," *Israel Affairs* 11 (2005): 12–22 (Sakai)
Eliezer Ben-Raphael, "Kibbutz Survival at Risk," *Israel Studies* 16 (2011): 81-108 (Sakai)
Michael Shalev, "The Economic Background to the Social Protest of Summer 2011," *Taub Center Policy Papers* 2012.08 (2012) (Sakai)

20. New Immigrants
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 454-460
Dvora Hacothen, 2002. "Mass Immigration and the Demographic Revolution in Israel," *Israel Affairs* 8 (2002): 177-190 (Sakai)
Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union
Jewish Immigration to Israel from the Soviet Union (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 579)
Ann Isakova, "A Russian Immigrant Looks at Israeli (or Jewish?) Culture," (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 468-471)
Theodore Friedgut, "Immigrants from the FSU," *Israeli Identities in Transition*, ed. Anita Shapira (Westport, 2004), 185-213 (Sakai)
Immigrants from Ethiopia
Micha Feldman, "The Ethiopian Emigration" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 421-422)
Steven Kaplan and Hagar Salamon, "Ethiopian Jews in Israel," *Jews in Israel*, eds. Uzi Rebhun and Chaim Waxman (Hanover, 2004), 118-148 (Sakai)
21. Orthodoxy and the State: Politics, Law, and the Military
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 391-399
Asher Cohen, "Changes in the Orthodox Camp," *Critical Issues in Israeli Society*, ed. Alan Dowty (Westport, 2004), 71-94 (Sakai)
Yehuda Ben-Meir, "The Ideology of the National Religious Party" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 301-305)
Aryeh Dayan, "Aryeh Deri's Speech of April 23, 1997" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 459-462)
Neeman Commission, "Report on the Conversion Law" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 463-467)
Elana Maryles Sztokman, "A Not So Perfect Union," *The War on Women in Israel* (Naperville, 2014), 185-209 (Sakai)
Steven Mazie, "Military Service," *Israel's Higher Law* (Lanham, 2006), 189-209 (Sakai)
Ruth Levush, "Israel: Supreme Court Decision Invalidating the Law on Haredi Military Draft Postponement," *The Law Library of Congress* (2012) (Sakai)
22. Women, Gender, and Sexuality
Hanna Herzog, "Israel's Road to Feminism" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 287-296)
Calvin Goldscheider, "Inequality and Changing Gender Roles," *Israeli Society in the 21st Century* (Waltham, 2015), 134-153 (Sakai)
Tamar El-Or, "Paradoxes and Social Boundaries: Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Women and their World," *Israeli Women's Studies*, ed. Esther Fuchs (New Brunswick, 2005), 133-149 (Sakai)
Lee Walzer, *Between Sodom and Eden* (New York, 2000), 13-33 (Sakai)
23. 1967
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 295-325
Yitzhak Rabin, "The Last Stages of the Crisis" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 212-214)
Zayd al-Rifa'i, "The Nasser-Hussein Reconciliation" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 215-217)
Shabtai Tevet, "Administering the West Bank" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 220-225)
Government of Israel, "Land for Peace Principle" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 238-239)
Arab Summit Conference, "The Khartoum Resolutions" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 241-242)
U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 242-243)

24. Israel and the Arab States
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 326-339; 357-390
Ezer Weizman, "The War of Attrition" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 247-251)
Mordechai Gazit, "The Yom Kippur War" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 269-276)
Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin, "Speeches in the Knesset" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 363-372)
"Camp David Accords" (1978) (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 376-383)
"Peace Treaty Between Israel and Egypt" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 383-386)
Ariel Sharon, "The War in Lebanon" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 399-402)
Kahan Commission, "Report on the 1982 War on Lebanon" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 402-408)
Motti Askhenazi, "The Protest Movements in the Aftermath of the Yom Kippur War" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 284-286)
25. Territories and Settlements
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 340-346; 399-403
Gush Emunim, "Opinion Paper" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 305-308)
Ahron Bregman, "A Note on Occupation," *Cursed Victory* (London, 2014), xxxiii-xxxvii (Sakai)
Elisha Efrat, *The West Bank and Gaza Strip* (London, 2006), 9-123 (Sakai)
Raj'a Shehade, *Occupation Diaries* (London, 2012), xx-xx
26. Israel and Palestinians: From Rabat to Camp David
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 411-449
Palestine Liberation Organization, "National Charter" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz 243-247)
League of Arab States, "Rabat Resolution" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 342-344)
Hamas, "The Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 430-436)
Oslo and After
"Oslo Accords" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 490-494)
"Oslo II Accords" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 502-506)
"Peace Treaty Between Jordan and Israel" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 494-497)
Palestinian Authority, "Amendment to the Palestine National Charter" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 506-507)
Hamas, "Opposition to Any Accommodation with Israel" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 497-500)
Shamgar Commission, "Report on Yitzhak Rabin's Assassination" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 456-459)
"Wye River Memorandum" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 507-514)
Camp David and After
Martin Indyk, "Evolution of Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations" (Rabinovich and Reinhartz, 521-523)
Robert Malley and Hussein Agha, "Camp David: The Tragedy of Errors," *New York Review of Books* 9 August 2001 (Sakai)
Dennis Ross and Gidi Grinstein, "Camp David: An Exchange," *New York Review of Books* 20 September 2001 (Sakai)

27. Discussion: How best to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
Anita Shapira, *Israel*, 460-467
League of Arab States, "Arab Peace Initiative" (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 532-533)
Bill Clinton, "Proposal for Israeli-Palestine Peace (Clinton Parameters)" (Rabinovich and Reinharz, 518-521)
Alan Dowty, *Israel/Palestine* (Cambridge, 2005), 169-215 (Sakai)
Mathias Mossberg, "One Land–Two States?" *One Land–Two States*, eds. Mark LeVine and Mathias Mossberg (Berkeley, 2014), 1-28 (Sakai)

Position Paper #3: What proposal would you make to resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians?

28. Conclusion
Yehuda Amichai, "Jerusalem, 1967," "Jews in the Land of Israel," "In the Old City," "Tourists," *The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai*, trans. Robert Alter (New York, 2015) (Sakai)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You must complete all requirements to pass the course.

1. Class attendance and participation (40 points)

Regular class attendance is expected. You are expected to have read the material assigned for each class and contribute to class discussions with questions, comments, and observations.

In order to facilitate discussion, please bring primary texts, usually found in the Hertzberg or Rabinovich and Reinhartz volumes, with you to class.

Please observe the following guidelines of classroom etiquette:

- Please turn off/silence phones.
- Entering and exiting the room during class time can be disruptive. Please try to be on-time and, unless absolutely necessary, refrain from leaving (e.g., to go to the bathroom, get water) until the class session is finished.
- I would prefer that you not eat during class (drinking is fine). I recognize that your schedule may conflict with normal lunch times, but try to avoid bringing entire meals into class.
- I would prefer that you not use laptops/tablets in class. If you choose to do so, your use is restricted to taking notes and consulting assigned readings. Use of such devices for other purposes, such as reading email or visiting social media sites, is not permitted, and will result in revocation of computer privileges and deduction of points.
- Video and/or audio recording of class sessions is prohibited.

I will be communicating with the class using your campus e-mail address. Please be sure to check it regularly.

Israel in the news

Each Monday we will devote about 5 minutes to a review of current events in Israel. You should come to class prepared to make a brief announcement (about one minute) explaining the basic aspects of the event or topic. Here are a few resources that you can use (you are welcome to use other sources as well).

- Haaretz (www.haaretz.com; note that some material is restricted to subscribers)
- Times of Israel (www.timesofisrael.com)
- Jerusalem Post (www.jpost.com)
- Ynet (www.ynetnews.com)

Film showing

We will gather for a showing of the film *Sallah Shabati* (1963). Time and location TBA

2. Exams (250 points)

Mid-term Exam (100 points): TBA

Final Exam (150 points): TBA

3. Position papers (60 points)

In a concise paper (one page, single-spaced), respond to the questions posed in the syllabus. Your papers are due by noon on the day of discussion. You may also wish to bring a copy of your paper to class to consult during the discussion.

4. Research Paper (200 points)

Complete a research project on some aspect of Zionism or Israel. The research project affords you the opportunity study a particular aspect of the course in greater depth. You should engage this project as an on-going assignment that you develop over the course of the semester. This is meant to be an analytical paper, not a report. Your paper should ideally be trying to answer a particular question or address a specific topic.

All work should be submitted by 12:00 noon on the appropriate day, and should be uploaded to the assignments section on Sakai, and should be formatted as a Word document (.doc/docx); PDF files are also acceptable.

Research assistance: Here are a few ways for you to conduct research that will allow you to access academic materials suitable for your project.

- Use resources available through Honnold Library and its website (e.g., JSTOR)
- “Jellyfish: Online Resource Center for Israel Studies” (Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University)
 - <http://israelresources.brandeis.libguides.com/content.php?pid=25580&sid=184435>
- Contact Holly Gardiner, Honnold library’s specialist in religious studies.

Stage 1: Project Proposal: due TBA (10 points)

Submit a brief paper (one to two pages, single spaced) identifying the general area or topic on which you intend to work and some of the issues you intend to examine.

Stage 2: Annotated Bibliography: due TBA (15 points)

Prepare an annotated bibliography (i.e., full citation with a brief paragraph describing the contents and its importance for your research), including at least five relevant sources beyond those listed in the syllabus. At least one of the entries must be a monograph (i.e., book with a single author) and one a scholarly article (i.e., from an academic journal or collected essays). Please include a brief description (three to four sentences) of your project.

Stage 3: Final paper: due TBA (175 points)

The final research paper should be approximately 12-15 page paper (double spaced) in length.

Please observe the following conventions when submitting your work:

- Use one-inch margins.
- Use Times Roman, 12-point font.
- Include page numbers.
- Citations may appear as footnotes, endnotes, or parenthetical form. Be consistent.
- Include a bibliography using an appropriate style.

Guidelines for writing the paper:

1. Present a clear argument or point of view that seeks not only to describe but to persuade based on an explanation of the evidence.
2. Be focused. You may want to provide some general or background information, but the majority of the paper should focus on the particular topic.
3. This is an *academic* paper that should reflect an understanding of *academic* discussions. While the internet contains many sites that provide basic information, good analysis usually takes place in journal articles, books, and other scholarly writings.
4. Watch the mechanics. Proofread your paper for grammar, spelling, and style.