

Life in Israel  
SISJE 490  
2 credits –Fall 2011

Professor Naomi Sokoloff (naosok@uw.edu)  
Grader: Hadar Khazzam-Horovitz (hadarkh@uw.edu)

This C/NC course explores aspects of contemporary life in Israel through film and popular culture. Taught in English. Open to all UW students; no prerequisites.

The class will meet Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:30 p.m. (see specific dates, below) at the UW Hillel building, 4745 17<sup>th</sup> NE.

Students are required to write five short response papers or writing assignments, one for each evening event. Papers are to be no longer than two pages double spaced (500 words). You should hand-in your papers electronically in the course dropbox.

In addition, students will submit one three-four page essay at the end of the term. Topic: View a film from the recommended list on this website and write a review.

Check the course website for announcements, recommended readings, and recommended films that may enrich your understanding of life in Israel: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/workspace/naosok/23515/>

\*Any student who wishes to write in Hebrew rather than English should contact the instructor about registering for HEBR 490 (Independent Study).

\*\*Students who registered for "Life in Israel" (SISJE 490) in Winter 2011 may enroll in this course again for credit. The films and content will be different in Fall 2011.

### Fall 2011

| Date  | Topic                                | Film              |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10/5  | Trauma and healing in Eilat          | "Dolphin Boy"     |
| 10/19 | Religious and secular Jews in Israel | "Ushpizin"        |
| 11/2  | History of Tel Aviv                  | "Tel Aviv-Yafo"   |
| 11/16 | Holocaust survivors in Israel        | "Newland"         |
| 11/30 | Russian immigrants                   | "Yanna's Friends" |

### Winter 2013

| Date | Topic                     | Film                     |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1/9  | Hebrew University         | "Footnote"               |
| 1/23 | Prisoners of war          | "Hatufim" and "Homeland" |
| 2/6  | Corruption and the army   | "Late Summer Blues"      |
| 2/20 | Immigration and ethnicity | "Sallah Shabbati"        |
| 3/13 | GLBTQ - Transgender youth | "Melting Away"           |

## Winter 2014

| Date | Topic                              | Film                             |
|------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1/15 | IDF/the 1960s and 1970s            | "The Troupe"                     |
| 1/29 | TBA                                | Guest speaker                    |
| 2/12 | LGBT                               | "Yossi and Jagger"               |
| 2/19 | Religion                           | "Fill the Void"                  |
| 3/12 | Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel | "Arab Labor" – Season 4 Episodes |