

COURSE SYLLABI ABOUT JEWISH HISTORY & CULTURE IN ISRAEL & THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

SYLLABI LIST (in progress)

We believe nuanced, academically sound teaching—both of the present and the past—remains perhaps the single best way to improve the quality of campus discussions about the Arab-Israeli conflict. Knowledge of history and culture can encourage understanding of and respect for both peoples.

Pierre Anteil (History—University of Ottawa—Canada):

History of the Jews in Canada

Histoire des Juifs au Canada

Contemporary History of the Jews in a Comparative Perspective

Yael Aronoff (International Relations & Jewish Studies—Michigan State University):

The Dilemmas of Asymmetric Wars

Alan Benjamin (Jewish Studies—Pennsylvania State University):

Jewish Civilization

Jewish Communities: Identity, Survival, & Transformation in Unexpected Places

The Israeli Kibbutz

Sarah Bunin Benor (Contemporary Jewish Studies—Hebrew Union College):

American Jewish Language and Identity

Identity, Community, and Service: Jews and Other Americans

Introduction to Judaism

Jewish Languages Past and Present

Jewish Social Research: Trends and Analysis

Introduction to Yiddish Language and Culture

Lindsay J. Benstead (Political Science) & Mark O. Hatfield (School of Government—Portland State University):

Introduction to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Peace Process

Russell Berman (Comparative Literature & German—Stanford University):

Zionism and the Novel

David Biale (History—University of California, Davis):

The History of Modern Israel

History of the Holocaust

The Memory of the Holocaust

David R. Blumenthal (Judaic Studies—Emory University):

Jewish Prayer and Liturgy

Modern Jewish Thought: Abraham Joshua Heschel & Mordecai M. Kaplan

Psalms: Text and Countertext

Akedot—Penitential Poems

The Jewish Mystical Tradition

The Zohar

David Brusin (Foreign Languages & Literature—University of Wisconsin Milwaukee):

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures

The Book of Genesis: Where It All Begins

- Ibtissam Bouachrine (Spanish & Portuguese—Smith College):
The Construction of Moroccan Jewish Women
- Harry Coverston (Philosophy—University of Central Florida):
Moses, Jesus, Mohammed
- Carla Damiano (German), Jesse Kauffman (History), & Martin Shichtman (English—Eastern Michigan University):
Culture and the Holocaust
- Geoffrey W. Dennis (Jewish & Israel Studies—University of North Texas):
Israeli Identities, Israeli Society—An Interdisciplinary Social Study
Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism, Myth, and Magic
The Hebrew Bible as Literature
- Hasia R. Diner (Hebrew and Judaic Studies & History—New York University):
American Jewish History
New York and the Jews
American Jews in the Postwar Period
Jewish Migrations in the Modern Era
- Hasia R. Diner & Marion Kaplan (Hebrew and Judaic Studies—New York University):
Jewish Women in Europe and America: Historical Problems
- Donna Robinson Divine (Jewish Studies & Government—Smith College):
Government and Politics of Israel
Islam and Middle East Politics
The Arab-Israeli Dispute
- Donna Robinson Divine (Jewish Studies & Government) & Suleiman A. Mourad
(Religion—Smith College):
The Shaping of Muslim Identities
- Samuel Edelman (Jewish Studies & Zionism) & Haim Shaked (International Studies—University of Miami):
Zionism
Israel: The Making of a State
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History of the Holocaust
Jews in the Modern World
- Amir Eschel (German Studies & Comparative Literature) and Vered Karti Shemtov
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Masterpieces of Hebrew Literature from the Bible to the Present
- Rachel Fish (Israel Studies—Brandeis University):
The Arab-Israeli Conflict
Internal Issues Within Israeli Society
External Issues Within Israeli Society
- Leslie Fishbein (American Studies & Jewish Studies—Rutgers University):
Race, Culture, and Politics: Blacks and Jews in America
(Women & Autobiography)—Jewish-American Women: Contested Lives
- Samuel Fleischacker (Philosophy—University of Illinois at Chicago):
Philosophical Issues in the Israel-Palestine Conflict
- Morrie Fred (Anthropology—University of Chicago):
Israel in Film and Ethnography

- David Freidenreich (Jewish Studies—Colby College):
 Israeli Popular Music
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- Jay Geller (Divinity School—Vanderbilt University):
 Jewish Animals
 The Holocaust: Its Meanings and Implications
- Chad Alan Goldberg (Sociology—University of Wisconsin-Madison):
 The Jews, States, and Citizenship: A Sociological Perspective
- Eric Goldman (Continuing Education—Fairleigh Dickinson University):
 Israel on Film
- Henry Greenspan (Residential College—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):
 Listening to Holocaust Survivors
- Rachel S. Harris (Comparative Literature & Jewish Studies—University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign):
 War and Peace in Israeli Literature
 The Arab in Israeli Literature
 Jewish Storytelling: Short Stories from Around the World
 Love and Sex in Hebrew Literature
- Kathryn Hellerstein (Germanic Languages & Jewish Studies—University of Pennsylvania):
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 Nazi Germany
- Bethamie Horowitz (Education & Jewish Studies—New York University):
 Israel Education in Flux
- Azzan Yadin-Israel (Jewish Studies—Rutgers University)
 Jewish Society and Culture I
- Elisa von Joeden-Forgey (Holocaust and Genocide Studies—Richard Stockton University):
 Approaches to Auschwitz
 The Holocaust in Film and Literature
 Perspectives on Genocide
 The History of Genocide
- Rebecca Lesses (Jewish Studies—Ithaca College):
 Judaism in the Greco-Roman World
 Judaism
 Hebrew Scriptures
- Peter Lintl (Political Science—Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen—Germany):
 Separated, yet Intertwined: Politics, Societies, and Cleavages in Israel & Palestine
- Howard Nathan Lupovitch (Jewish Studies—Wayne State University):
 Jews and the City
 Jewish History from the Bible to 1492
 Jewish History from 1492 to the Present
- Linda Maizels (Jewish Community Relations Council):
 Israel in the Eyes of the West: Parallel Narratives of the Israeli-Arab Conflict
 History of Antisemitism
 American Jews and Judaism from WWII to the Present

- Barbara Mann (Jewish Literature—Jewish Theological Seminary)
The Culture of Memory
- Millicent Marcus (Italian Language & Literature) and Maurice Samuels (French—Yale University):
Representing the Holocaust
- Tony Michels (History—University of Wisconsin—Madison):
Modern Political History of the Jews: Socialism, Liberalism, Nationalism
- Deborah Dash Moore (History & Judaic Studies—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):
History of American Jews
The Liberating Lens: Jewish Photographers Picture the Modern World
- Agnes Mueller (German & Comparative Literature—University of South Carolina):
German-Jewish Relations in Recent German Fiction
Jews and Anti-Semitism in Contemporary German Literature and Film
- David N. Myers (History—University of California, Berkeley)
Antisemitism: What is It?
- Jody Myers (Religious Studies—California State University, Northridge):
Israel's History and Peoples
- Cary Nelson (English—University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign):
Holocaust Poetry
- Ashley A. Passmore (International Studies—Texas A&M University):
Multicultural Israel on Film
Modern Israel
The Arab-Israeli Conflict Through Film
- Colin Pearce (Political Science—Clemson University):
The Modern Israeli State: Religion, Politics, Democracy
- Derek Penslar (History—University of Toronto—Canada; University of Oxford—Britain):
Israel: State, Society, Identity
- Alexis Pogorelskin (History—University of Minnesota Duluth):
History of the Holocaust
- Riv-Ellen Prell (American Studies—University of Minnesota):
Jewish Women in the United States
- Gil Rabak (Jewish Studies—Oberlin College):
The Emergence of Modern Jewish Politics, 1848-1948
Jewish-Gentile Relations in Urban America
The Jewish People in America
Introduction to Modern Israel
Neighbors and Strangers: The Relations Between Jews and Blacks in the US
Introduction to Modern Yiddish Culture
- Shay Rabineau (Judaic Studies—Binghamton University):
Walking the Holy Land: Religious Pilgrimage and Modern Hiking in Israel/Palestine
- Carol Ritter (Holocaust & Genocide Studies—Richard Stockton University):
The Holocaust and the American Experience
Religion and Genocide
Genocide Prevention

- The History of Genocide
- Alvin S. Rosenfeld (English & Jewish Studies—Indiana University):
 Understanding Antisemitism
 Literature of the Holocaust
- Shahar Sadeh (Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies—Columbia University):
 Environment and Sustainability in Israel—Between the Local and the Regional
- Jonathan D. Sarna (Near Eastern and Judaic Studies—Brandeis University):
 American Judaism
 It Couldn't Happen Here: Three American Anti-Semitic Episodes
 Judaism Confronts America
- Brent E. Sasley (Political Science—University of Texas at Arlington):
 Politics and Foreign Policy of Israel
 International Relations of the Middle East
 Introduction to Middle East Politics
- Paul Scham (Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies—University of Maryland):
 Fundamental Questions of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict
 Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Through Opposing Histories
- Josh Shanes (Jewish Studies—College of Charleston):
- Vered Karti Shemtov (Hebrew & Comparative Literature—Stanford University):
 Reflections on the Other: The Jew and the Arab in Literature and Film
- Martin Shichtman (English—Eastern Michigan University):
 Jewish-American Literature
 Imagining the Holy Land
 Fantasies of the Holy Land
- Lihong Song (Religious Studies—Nanjing University—China):
 Anti-Semitism: Past and Present
 Readings in Israeli Society and Cultures
- Kenneth Stern (Rosenberg Foundation):
 Antisemitism
- Norman A. Stillman (History—University of Oklahoma):
 The Holocaust
 The Jews Under Islam
 Christians and Jews Under Islam
 Mideast Minorities in Modern Times
 Medieval Jewish History
 Spain Under Islam
 Jerusalem: History of a Holy City/Contested City
- Mira Sucharov (Political Science—Carleton University—Canada):
 Israeli-Palestinian Relations
- Zbyněk Tarant (Near Eastern Studies—University of West Bohemia—Czech Republic):
 Introduction to Israel Studies
- Ilan Troen (Israel Studies—Brandeis University):
 Conflict and Consensus in Israeli History, Society, and Politics
 History of Israel
- Mervin F. Verbit (Sociology—Touro College):
 The American Jewish Community

- Contemporary Israeli Society
 Felicia Waldman (Hebrew Studies—University of Bucharest):
 Israeli Literature
 Harold Waller (Political Science—McGill University—Canada):
 Israeli Politics
 Kenneth Waltzer (Social Relations & Policy—Michigan State University):
 Focus on Modern Jewish Experience: American Jewry and Israeli Jewry
 Jews and Anti-Semitism
 The Social Relations of the Nazi Concentration Camps
 Beth S. Wenger (History—University of Pennsylvania):
 The American Jewish Experience
 Jews in the Modern World: History of Civilization III
 Rereading the Holocaust
 Sonja Wentling (History—Concordia College):
 The Arab-Israeli Conflict
 Reuven (Ruv) Ziegler (Law—University of Reading—Britain):
 Israel/Palestine: International Law and Human Rights Issues
 Steven Zipperstein (Jewish Culture & History—Stanford University):
 Zionism
 Jews and the Russian Revolution
 Laurie Zoloth (Religious Studies—Northwestern University):

PEDAGOGICAL ESSAYS AND RESOURCES

- Donna Robinson Divine (Jewish Studies & Government—Smith College):
 The Arab-Israeli Conflict: How to Teach All Sides Without Taking Sides
 Paul Scham (Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies—University of Maryland):
 Israeli and Palestinian Traditional Narratives of Their History
 Rachel S. Harris (Comparative Literature & Jewish Studies—University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign):
 Timeline of Hebrew Authors and Zionist History
 Parallel Timelines for Europe, the East, and the Jewish World
 Cary Nelson (English—University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign):
 Teaching Holocaust Poetry

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