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INTRODUCTION TO MODERN JEWISH HISTORY

This course will trace the history of the Jews since the 17th century. Particular attention will be paid to the fact that this is the history of a minority group whose life (political, social, religious) unfolds in relationship to a majority society. The course will account for the geographical sweep of Jewish history by being divided into four units: Europe (two units); Middle East, North Africa (one unit); America (one unit).

The course will meet three times a week. Mondays and Wednesdays will normally be used for lectures. Fridays will be devoted either to an additional lecture or to a discussion of readings and documents. It is essential that students bring the document collection Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, The Jew in the Modern World to those classes designated as discussions.

This course intends to teach writing skills as well as knowledge of modern Jewish history. There will be three 5 page papers (one for each of the first three units of the course) and a final 8 page paper. Students are encouraged to re-write papers. Rewrites will be due one week after the paper has been returned. The rewrite must be accompanied by the original paper and the instructor's comments.

Required Reading:

- S. Ettinger, "The Modern Period," in H.H. Ben-Sasson ed., A History of the Jewish People (Harvard) 727-1096
- Paul Mendes-Flohr & Jehuda Reinharz, The Jew in the Modern World: A Documentary History (Oxford)
- Frances Malino & David Sorkin, From East and West: Jews in a Changing Europe, 1750-1870 (Blackwell)
- Michael Marrus, The Holocaust in History (New England)
- Nathan Glazer, American Judaism (Chicago)
- Amos Elon, The Israelis (Penguin)
- Michael Meyer, The Origins of the Modern Jew (Wayne State)
- Bernard Lewis, The Jews of Islam (Princeton)
- Theodore Herzl, The Jewish State (Dover)
- Albert Memmi, Pillar of Salt (Beacon)

Jan. 20 The History of the Jews: Why and How?

Unit I European Jewry, 1648-1870: The First Stage of Transformation

- 22 European Jewry, 1648: Multiple Points of Departure
 - Ettinger, 727-740; 777-787
 - Menkis, "Patriarchs & Patricians" in From East & West, 11-45
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 16

- 25 The Autonomous Community
Ettinger, 750-759
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 20-24
- 27 Emancipation in Western & Central Europe
Ettinger, 741-749, 59-63
Malino, "The Right to be Equal" in From East & West, 85-106
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 27-36, 103-107
- 29 Discussion
- Feb. 1 Emancipation Continued
Ettinger, 800-813
Sorkin, "Preacher, Teacher, Publicist," in From East & West, 107-125
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 112-124, 127-139
- 3 Cultural & Religious Change
Meyer, Origins of the Modern Jew
Black, "Anglicization of Orthodoxy," in From East & West, 295-325
Ettinger, 834-40
- 5 Discussion
- 8 State, Society and the Jews in Eastern Europe
Ettinger, 764-776, 813-824
- 10 Jewish Culture in Eastern Europe
Ettinger, 840-846
Bartal, "Mordechai Aaron Gunzburg" in From East & West, 126-147
Katz, "Towards a Biography of the Hatam Sofer" in From East & West, 223-26
- 12 Discussion
- 15 Social Change
Ettinger, 825-833
Endelman, "The Chequered Career of Jew King," 151-181
Loewenstein, "Jewish Upper Crust," 182-201
Hertz, "Work, Love and Jewishness," in From East and West, 202-220
- 17 Emancipation Politics
Ettinger, 847-852
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 38-43 (Mendelssohn), 130-131 (Paulus-Riesser)
- 19 Discussion
- 22 No class
- 24 First Essay Due

Unit II European Jewry, 1870-1945; The Second Stage of Transformation

- Feb. 24 Jews in Mass Society: Mass Migration, Urbanization & Social Structure
Ettinger, 853-69
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 333-337; 529 (table), 532 (table)
Burns, "Majority Faith," in From East & West, 57-82

- 26 Mass Politics and the Rise of Antisemitism
Ettinger, 870-890
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 271-299, 328-333
- March 1 The Revolution in Politics
Ettinger, 891-914
Herzl, The Jewish State
- 3 Cultural Reorientations
Ettinger, 927-939
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 227-229 (Bernstein); 245-247 (Rosenzweig), 247-249 (Belz)
- 5 No class
- 15 World War I: The Costs of War and Peace
Ettinger, 939-948
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 349, 458
- 17 Interbellum Europe
Ettinger, 949-988
- 19 Discussion
- 22 Weimar & Hitler's Rise to Power
Ettinger, 1017-1039
- 24 The Final Solution
Michael Marrus, The Holocaust in History
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 484-520
- 26 Discussion
- 29 Second Essay Due
European Postscript: 1945-1992

Unit III North Africa, the Middle East and the State of Israel

- March 31 The Jews of Islam
Lewis, 107-153
- April 2 The Encounter with Europe
Lewis, 154-191
Rodrigue, "Abraham de Camondo of Istanbul," in From East and West, 46-56
- 5 The Maghreb
Memmi, Pillar of Salt
- 7 The Middle East
- 9 Discussion
- 12 The Old Yishuv & the New
Ettinger, 915-926
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 421 (Bilu), 445 (Hapoel Hazair), 453 (Hashomer Hazair)
Elon, Founders and Sons, 1-186

- 14 The British Mandate
 - Ettinger, 989-1016
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 458-461
- 16 Discussion
- 19 The State of Israel
 - Ettinger, 1040-1062
 - Elon, 189-335
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 466-481
- 21 Israel, the Middle East and World Jewry
 - Ettinger, 1075-1096
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 466-481
- 23 Discussion
- 26 Third Essay Due

Unit IV The Jews of America

- April 26 Foundations
 - Glazer, 1-59
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 357-373
- 28 The Great Migration
 - Glazer, 60-78
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 374-392
- 30 Discussion
- May 3 From War to War
 - Glazer, 79-105
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 396-413
- 5 1945-1967
 - Glazer, 106-186
 - Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 414-417
 - Ettinger, 1063-1074
- 7 Discussion

Final Essay due May 14th