

Proseminar in Modern European History
European Jewish History: 1648-1945

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Requirements for the course: a five-page book review and an oral report;
a twenty-page review paper.

Introduction: The Study of Modern Jewish History (September 8)

Salo Baron, "Ghetto and Emancipation," Menorah Journal (1928)

Gerson G. Cohen, "The Blessings of Assimilation in Jewish History," (1966) in Steve Israel and Seth Forman eds. Great Jewish Speeches Throughout History (Northvale, NJ, 1994) 183-191.

Michael Meyer, "Where does the Modern Period of Jewish History Begin?" (1975) in idem., Judaism within Modernity: Essays on Jewish History and Religion (Detroit, 2001) 21-31.

Jonathan Frankel, "Assimilation and the Jews in nineteenth-century Europe: towards a new historiography?" in Frankel & Zipperstein ed. Assimilation & Community in European Jewry, 1815-81 (1992) 1-37

Todd Endelmann, "The Legitimization of the Diaspora experience in recent Jewish historiography," Modern Judaism 11,2 (1991) 195-209

I. Early Modern Europe: The Decline of the autonomous Community

Week 2 The Autonomous community & Hasidism (September 15)

Jacob Katz, Tradition & Crisis (New York, 1992)

Shmuel Ettinger, "The Hasidic Movement -- Reality and Ideals," in Gershon Hundert ed., Essential Papers on Hasidism: Origins to Present (New York, 1991) 226-243.

Murray Rosman, "Miedzyboz and Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov," in Gershon Hundert ed., Essential Papers on Hasidism, 209-225

Reading for Oral Report

Todd Endelman, The Jews of Georgian England, 1714-1830 (Philadelphia, 1979)

Joseph Weiss, Studies in Eastern European Jewish Mysticism (Oxford, 1985)

Samuel Dresner, The Zaddik (New York, 1965)

Moshe Rosman, Founder of Hasidism: A quest for the Historical Ba'al Shem Tov (Berkeley, 1996)

Gershon Hundert ed., Essential Papers on Hasidism (New York, 1991)

M.J. Rosman, The Lords' Jews: Magnate-Jewish Relations in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth during the Eighteenth Century (Cambridge, MA 1990)

Week 3 Mercantilism, Haskalah & Port Jews (September 22)

Jonathan Israel, European Jewry in the Age of Mercantilism, 1550-1750 (Oxford, 1991) 1-69; 87-206; 237-274

David Sorkin, "The Port Jew: Notes Towards a Social Type," *Journal of Jewish Studies* Vol. L no. 1 (Spring, 1999) 87-97
Shmuel Feiner "Toward a Historical Definition of the Haskalah," in Feiner and Sorkin eds., *New Perspectives on the Haskalah* (London, 2000) 184-219.

Reading for Oral Report

Arthur Hertzberg, *The French Enlightenment and the Jews* (New York, 1968)
Adam Sutcliffe, *Judaism and Enlightenment* (Cambridge, 2003)
Azriel Shohat, *Im Hilufei Tekufot* (Jerusalem, 1960)
S. Ettinger, "The Beginnings of the Change in the Attitude of European Society Towards the Jews," *Scripta Hierosolymitana* 7 (1961) 193-219
David Katz, *Philosemitism and the Readmission of the Jews to England* (Oxford)
D. Sorkin, *The Berlin Haskalah and German Religious Thought* (London, 2000)
Lois Dubin, *The Port Jews of Habsburg Trieste: Absolutist Politics and Enlightenment Culture* (Stanford, 1999)
Shmuel Feiner, *Haskalah and History: The Emergence of a Modern Jewish Historical Consciousness* (London, 2001)
idem., *The Jewish Enlightenment* (Philadelphia, 2003)
David Ruderman, *Jewish Enlightenment in an English Key: Anglo-Jewry's Construction of Modern Jewish Thought* (Princeton, 2000)
R. Po-chia Hsia and Harmut Lehmann, *In and Out of the Ghetto: Jewish-Gentile Relations in Late Medieval and Early Modern Germany* (Cambridge, 1995).
Miriam Bodian, *Hebrews of the Portuguese Nation: Conversos and Community in Early Modern Amsterdam* (Bloomington, 1997)
Daniel M. Swetschinski, *Reluctant Cosmopolitans: The Portuguese Jews of Seventeenth-Century Amsterdam* (London, 2000)
Elisheva Carlebach, *Divided Souls: Converts from Judaism in Germany, 1500-1750* (New Haven, 2001)
idem., "European Jewry in the Early Modern Period," in Martin Goodman ed., *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies* (Oxford, 2002) 363-375

II. The First Stage of Transformation

Week 4 Emancipation (September 29)

Jacob Katz, *Out of the Ghetto* (New York) 1-56, 161-75
Jacob Katz, "The Term Jewish Emancipation: Its Origins and Historical Impact," in Alexander Altmann ed., *Studies in 19th-Century Jewish Intellectual History* (Cambridge, MA, 1964); reprinted in Katz, *Emancipation and Assimilation: Studies in Modern Jewish History* (Westmead, 1972)
Reinhard Rürup, "Jewish Emancipation and Bourgeois Society," *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* 14 (1969) 67-91
Salo W. Baron, "Newer Approaches to Jewish Emancipation," *Diogenes* 29 (Spring 1960) 56-81.
David Sorkin, *The Transformation of German Jewry* (New York, 1987) ch. 1 p. 13-40
John Klier, "The Concept of 'Jewish Emancipation' in a Russian Context," in Olga Crisp & Linda Edmondson eds., *Civil Rights in Imperial Russia* (Oxford, 1989) 121-44.
Hans Rogger, "The Question of Jewish Emancipation: Russia in the Mirror of Europe," in Rogger, *Jewish Policies and Right-Wing Politics in Imperial Russia* (1986) 1-24
David Sorkin, "Port Jews and the Three Regions of Emancipation," *Jewish Culture and History* 4 (2001) 31-46

Reading for Oral Report

Simon Schwarzfuchs, *Napoleon, the Jews and the Sanhedrin* (London, 1979)
 Tama ed., *Transactions of the Parisian Sanhedrim* (Lanham, Md., 1985)
 Dagmar Herzog, *Intimacy and Exclusion: Religious Politics in Pre-Revolutionary Baden* (Princeton 1996)
 Pierre Birnbaum and Ira Katznelson eds., *Paths of Emancipation: Jews, States, and Citizenship* (Princeton, 1995)
 M.C.N. Salbstein, *The Emancipation of the Jews of Britain* (Rutherford, NJ, 1982)
 Shulamit Magnus, *Jewish Emancipation in a German City: Cologne, 1798-1871* (Stanford, 1997)
 Arnold Springer, "Enlightened Absolutism and Jewish Reform: Prussia, Austria, and Russia," *California Slavic Studies* 11 (1980) 237-67
 David Rechter, "Western and Central European Jewry in the Modern Period: 1750-1933," *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies*, 376-395

Week 5 Eastern Europe (Oct. 6)

Michael Stanislawski, *Tsar Nicholas I and the Jews: The Transformation of Jewish Society in Russia, 1825-1855* (Jewish Publication Society, 1983) 1-154.
 Michael Stanislawski, "Eastern European Jewry in the Modern Period: 1750-1939," *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies*, 396-411
 Benjamin Nathans, *Beyond the Pale: The Jewish Encounter with Late Imperial Russia* (Berkeley, 2002) 21-79

Reading for Oral Report

Artur Eisenbach, *The Emancipation of the Jews in Poland, 1780-1870* (Oxford, 1991)
 Steven Zipperstein, *The Jews of Odessa* (Stanford, 1985)
 John Klier, *Russia Gathers her Jews; The Origins of the "Jewish" Question in Russia* (Dekalb, 1986)
 Dovid Fishman, *Russia's First Modern Jews: The Jews of Shklov* (New York, 1995)
 Michael Aronson, "The Prospects for the Emancipation of Russian Jewry during the 1880s," *Slavonic and East European Review* 55:3 (1977) 348-69
 Marcin Wodzinski, *Haskalah and Hasidism in the Kingdom of Poland: A History of Conflict* (Oxford, 2005)

Week 6 Social Change (Oct. 13)

Jacob Katz, *Out of the Ghetto* (Schocken) 176-219
 Steven Lowenstein, "The Pace of Modernization of German Jewry in the Nineteenth Century," *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* 21 (1976) 41-56
 Phyllis Cohen Albert, "Israelite and Jew: how did nineteenth-century French Jews understand assimilation," in J. Frankel & S. Zipperstein ed. *Assimilation and Community: The Jews in Nineteenth-Century Europe* (Cambridge) 88-109
 David Sorkin, *The Transformation of German Jewry*, 107-123
 Israel Finestein, "Jewish Emancipationists in Victorian England: self-imposed limits to assimilation", in Frankel & Zipperstein ed. *Assimilation & Community* 38-56
 Phyllis Cohen Albert, "Ethnicity and Solidarity in Nineteenth-Century France," in Jehuda Reinharz & Daniel Swetschinski eds., *Mystics, Philosophers and Politicians: Essays in Jewish Intellectual History in Honor of Alexander Altmann* (Duke, 1982) 249-74

Reading for oral Report

Avraham Barkai, "German Jews at the Start of Industrialization" in Mosse, Paucker, Rürup ed. *Revolution and Evolution: 1848 in German-Jewish History* (Tubingen, 1981) 123-149
 David Sorkin, "Emancipation and Assimilation: Two Concepts and Their Application to German-Jewish History," *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* 35 (1990) 17-33

Bill Williams, *The Making of Manchester Jewry, 1740-1875* (Manchester, 1985)
Paula Hyman, *The Emancipation of the Jews of Alsace* (New Haven, 1991)
Steven Lowenstein, *The Mechanics of Change: Essays in the Social History of German Jewry* (Atlanta, 1992)
Niall Ferguson, *The House of Rothschild* 2 vols. (New York, 1998)

Week 7 Ideological & Religious Change (Oct. 20)

Michael Meyer, *Response to Modernity: A History of the Reform Movement in Judaism* (New York, 1988) vii-180
David Sorkin, *The Transformation*, 41-104
Moshe Samet, "The Beginnings of Orthodoxy," *Modern Judaism* (October, 1988) 249-269
Mordechai Breuer, "Emancipation and the Rabbis," *Niv HaMidrashia*
Michael Meyer, "The German Model of Reform and Russian Jewry" in idem., *Judaism within Modernity: Essays on Jewish History and Religion* (Detroit, 2001) 278-303
Steven Lowenstein, "The 1840s and the Creation of the German-Jewish Religious Reform Movement," in idem., *The Mechanics of Change: Essays in the Social History of German Jewry* (Atlanta, 1992) 85-131.

Reading for Oral Report

Robert Liberles, *Religious conflict in Social Context: The Resurgence of Orthodox Judaism in Frankfurt am Main* (Westport, Conn, 1985)
Jay Berkovitz, *The Shaping of Jewish Identity in 19th-Century France* (Wayne State, 1979)
Jacob Katz ed., *Toward Modernity: The European Jewish Model* (Transactions, 1987)
Phyllis Cohen Albert, *The Modernization of French Jewry: Consistory and Community in the Nineteenth Century* (Hanover, NH, 1977)
Susannah Heschel, *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus* (Chicago, 1998)
David Ellenson, *Rabbi Esriel Hildesheimer and the creation of a modern Jewish orthodoxy* (Tuscaloosa, 1990)

III. The Second Stage of Transformation

Week 8 Mass Migration (Oct. 27)

Hans Rogger, "Government Policy on Jewish Emigration," in Rogger, 176-187
Arcadius Kahan, "The Impact of Industrialization in Tsarist Russia on the Socio-Economic Condition of the Jewish People," in Kahan, *Essays in Jewish Social and Economic History* (Chicago, 1986) 1-69
Jack Wertheimer, *Unwelcome Strangers: East European Jews in Imperial Germany* (New York, 1987) 11-22, 77-102
Marsha Rozenblit, *The Jews of Vienna* (SUNY, 1983) 13-47
Lloyd Gartner, *The Jewish Immigrant in England* (Detroit, 1960) 24-99, 270-282
Paula Hyman, *From Dreyfus to Vichy; The Remaking of French Jewry* (New York, 1979) 63-114.
David Feldman, *Englishmen and Jews: Social Relations and Political Culture, 1840-1914* (New Haven 1994) ????? Drop Gartner????

Reading for Oral Report

David Cesarani ed. *The Making of Modern Anglo-Jewry* (London, 1990)
Steven Beller, *Vienna and the Jews, 1867-1938* (Cambridge)
Nancy Green, *The Pletzl of Paris: Jewish Immigrant Workers in the "Belle Epoque"* (New York, 1986)
Nancy Green ed., *Jewish Workers in the Modern Diaspora* (Berkeley, 1998)
Eugene Black, *The Social Politics of Anglo-Jewry, 1880-1920* (New York, 1988)

Steven Aschheim, *Brothers and Strangers: The East European Jew in German and German Jewish Consciousness, 1800-1923* (Madison, 1982)
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Week 9 Antisemitism (Nov 3)

Shulamit Volkov, "Antisemitism as a Cultural Code," *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* 23 (1987) 25-45

T.van Rahden, "Words and action: Rethinking the Social History of German Antisemitism, Breslau, 1870-1914," *German History* 18 (3) 2000, 413-438.

Peter Pulzer, *The Rise of Political Anti-Semitism in Germany and Austria* (London, 1988) 27-183

Hans Rogger, "The Jewish Policy of Late Tsarism", "The Beilis Case" & "Russian Ministers and the Jewish Question" in Rogger, *Jewish Policies and Right-Wing Politics*, 25-112

Zeev Sternhell, "Roots of Popular Antisemitism in the Third Republic," in Frances Malino and Bernard Wasserstein eds., *The Jews in Modern France* (1985) 103-134.

Mary Louise Roberts, *Disruptive Acts: The New Woman in Fin-de-Siècle France* (2002) ch. 5 "Caught in the Act," 131-164

Reading for Oral Report

Paul Massing, *Rehearsal for Destruction* (1949)

R.F. Byrnes, *Antisemitism in Modern France* (1950)

Jacob Katz, *From Prejudice to Destruction* (Harvard, 1980)

Uriel Tal, *Christians and Jews in Germany* (Cornell, 1975)

I Michael Aronson, *Troubled Waters: The Origins of the 1881 Anti-Jewish Pogroms in Russia* (Pittsburgh, 1990)

Stephen M. Berk, *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-82* (Westport, Conn., 1985)

Heinz-Dietrich Loewe, *The Tsars and the Jews* (Chur, Switzerland, 1993)

John D. Klier & Shlomo Lambroza eds., *Pogroms: Anti-Jewish Violence in Modern Russian History* (Cambridge, 1992).

Pierre Birnbaum, *Antisemitism in France: A Political History from Leon Blum to the Present* (Oxford, 1992)

Sander Gilman, *Jewish Self-Hatred: Anti-semitism and the Hidden Language of the Jews* (Baltimore, 1986)

Helmut Walser Smith, *The Butcher's tale: murder and anti-Semitism in a German town* (New York, 2002)

Stephen Wilson, *Ideology and Experience: antisemitism in France at the time of the Dreyfus Affair* (Rutherford, NJ, 1982)

Dietz Bering, *The Stigma of Names: Antisemitism in German Daily Life, 1812-1933* (Cambridge, 1992)

Week 10 New Politics 1 (Nov 10)

Calvin Goldscheider & Alan Zuckerman, *The Transformation of the Jews* (Chicago, 1984) "The Rise and Development of Jewish Political Movements in Europe" 116-135

Carl Schorschke, "Politics in a New Key: An Austrian Trio," in idem., *Fin de Siècle Vienna: Politics and Culture* (New York, 1981) 116-180.

Jonathan Frankel, "Crisis as a Factor in Modern Jewish Politics," in Jehuda Reinharz ed. *Living with Antisemitism; Modern Jewish Responses*, (Hanover, 1987) 42-58

Arnold Paucker, "The Jewish Defense Against Antisemitism in Germany, 1893-1933," in Reinharz, *Living with Antisemitism*, 104-132

Steven Beller, *Herzl* (London, 1991)

Oral Report

- Ismar Schorsch, Jewish Reactions to German Antisemitism (Columbia)
- Michael Marrus, The Politics of Assimilation (Oxford, 1980)
- Jehuda Reinharz, Fatherland or Promised Land (Michigan, 1975)
- David Vital, The Origins of Zionism (Oxford, 1975)
- Jacob Borut, "The Rise of Jewish Agitation in Germany, 1890-95: A Pre-History of the Centralverein," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook (1991)
- idem., "Jewish Politics and Generational Change in Wilhelmine Germany," in Mark Roseman ed., Generations in Conflict: Youth Revolt and Generation Formation in Germany, 1770-1968 (Cambridge, 1995)
- Marjorie Lamberti, Jewish Activism in Imperial Germany: The Struggle for Civil Equality (New Haven, 1978)
- Jacob Toury, "Troubled Beginnings: The Emergence of the *Österreichische-Israelitische Union*," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook (1985) 457-75; "Years of Strife: The Contest of the *Österreichische-Israelitische Union* for the Leadership of Austrian Jewry," (1988)
- Michael Graetz, Jews in nineteenth-century France: from the French Revolution to the Alliance israélite universelle (Stanford, 1996)
- Mitch Hart, Social Science and the Politics of Modern Jewish Identity (Stanford, 2000)
- Jonathan Frankel, The Damascus Affair: "ritual murder," politics and the Jews in 1840 (Cambridge, 1997)
- Gershon Bacon, The Politics of Tradition: Agudat Yisrael in Poland, 1916-1939 (Jerusalem, 1996)
- David Kertzer, The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara (New York, 1997)

Week 11 New Politics 2 (Nov 17)

- Eli Lederhendler, "Modernity without emancipation or assimilation? The case of Russian Jewry," in Frankel & Zipperstein ed. *Assimilation & Community*, 324-343
- Ezra Mendelsohn, *On Modern Jewish Politics*, 3-63, 127-40.
- Jonathan Frankel, *Prophecy and Politics* (CUP, 1981), 171-257.
- Alexander Orbach, "The Jewish People's Group and Jewish Politics in Tsarist Russia, 1906-1914," *Modern Judaism* 10 (1990) 1-15

Oral Report

- Ezra Mendelsohn, *Class Struggle in the Pale* (Cambridge, 1970)
- M. J. Tobias, *The Jewish Bund in Russia from its origins to 1905* (Stanford, 1972)
- Simon Dubnow, *Nationalism and History; Essays on Old and New Judaism* (New York, 1970)
- Michael Stanislawski, *Zionism and the Fin- de Siècle: Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism from Nordau to Jabotinsky* (Berkeley, 2001)
- Michael Berkowitz, *Zionist Culture and West European Jewry Before the First World War* (Cambridge, 1993)
- Christoph Gassenschmidt, *Jewish Liberal Politics in Tsarist Russia, 1900-1914* (New York, 1995)

Week 12 Gender (Dec 1)

- Paula Hyman, *Gender and Assimilation in Modern Jewish History* (Seattle, 1995)
- Marion Kaplan, "Gender and Jewish History in Imperial Germany," in Frankel & Zipperstein ed., *Assimilation & Community*, 199-224
- Chava Weissler, *Voices of the Matriarchs: Listening to the Prayers of Early Modern Jewish Women* (Boston, 1998) 3-85

Oral Report

Natalie Davis, *Women on the Margins* (Cambridge, MA, 1995)
 Marion A. Kaplan, *The Jewish Feminist Movement in Germany: The Campaign of the Jüdischer Frauenbund, 1904-38* (Westport, Conn, 1979)
 Marion A. Kaplan, *The Making of the Jewish Middle Class: Women, Family and Identity in Imperial Germany* (New York, 1994)
 Michael Galchinsky, *The Origin of the Modern Jewish Woman Writer: Romance and Reform in Victorian England* (Detroit, 1996)
 Carole Balin, *To Reveal our Hearts: Jewish Women Writers in Tsarist Russia* (Detroit, 2000)
 ChaeRan Y. Freeze, *Jewish Marriage and Divorce in Imperial Russia* (Hanover, 2002)
 Irish Parush, *Reading Jewish Women: Marginality and Marginalization in Nineteenth-Century Eastern European Jewish Society* (Hanover, NH, 2004)
 Pauline Wengeroff, *Rememberings: The World of a Russian-Jewish Woman in the Nineteenth Century* (Bethesda, Md., 2000)
 Jewish Women in Eastern Europe (Polin, vol. 18)

IV. Mass Society

Week 13 WWI & Inter-War Europe (Dec 8)

Ezra Mendelsohn, *The Jews of East Central Europe Between the World Wars* (Indiana, 1983) 1-128
 Peter Pulzer, *Jews and the German State* (Blackwell, 1992) 1-27, 194-323

Oral Report

David H. Weinberg, *A Community on Trial: The Jews of Paris in the 1930s* (Chicago, 1977)
 Stephen Poppel, *Zionism in Germany, 1897-1933* (JPS, 1976)
 Donald Niewyck, *The Jews in Weimar Germany* (Baton Rouge, LA 1980)
 Joel Colton, *Leon Blum: Humanist in Politics* (New York, 1966)
 Zvi Gitelman, *Jewish Nationality and Soviet Politics: The Jewish Sections of the CPSU, 1917-30* (Princeton, 1972)
 Michael Brenner, *The Renaissance of Jewish Culture in Weimar Germany* (New Haven, 1996)
 Pierre Birnbaum, *Jews of the Republic: A Political History of State Jews in France from Gambetta to Vichy* (Stanford, 1996)

Week 14 Nazism and the Holocaust (Dec 15)

Michael Marrus, *The Holocaust in History*
 Saul Friedlander, "The Holocaust," in *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies*, 412-444
 Christopher Browning, *Nazi Policy, Jewish Workers, German Killers* (Cambridge, 2000) 116-42

Oral Report

Raul Hilberg, *The Destruction of the European Jews* 2nd ed. (New York, 1973)
 Isaiah Trunk, *Judenrat: The Jewish Councils in Eastern Europe under Nazi Occupation* (New York, 1972)
 Walter Laqueur, *The Terrible Secret* (Harmondsworth, 1980)
 Saul Friedlander, *Nazi Germany and the Jews* (New York, 1997)
 Henry Friedlander, *The Origins of Nazi Genocide: From Euthanasia to the Final Solution* (Chapel Hill, 1995)
 Ulrich Herbert ed., *National Socialist Extermination Policies: Contemporary German Perspectives and Controversies* (New York, 2000)