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Women in Israeli Society

Course Requirements:

Students must attend all lectures and come prepared (reading assignments) to participate actively in class discussions. There will be two short papers due over the course of the semester and a final exam.

Class attendance and participation	20%
Midterm paper	30%
Final paper	50%

Readings:

Israeli Women's Studies. A Reader, Esther Fuchs (ed.), Rutgers University Press, 2005.

The feminization of the Jew and the Masculinity of the New Jew

Class 1: Mon. Jan. 25: introduction

Tamar Mayer, "From Zero to Hero: Masculinity in Jewish Nationalism", Israeli Women's Studies. A Reader, pp. 97-116.

David Biale, "Zionism as an Erotic Revolution", Eros and the Jews. From Biblical Israel to Contemporary America, ch. 8, pp. 176-203.

Holocaust and Women: feminine Victimhood, Heroines and the Voice of Israel

Women Writers in the First and Second Generation

Class 2: Mon. Feb. 1: Judith Baumel, "Rachel Laments Her Children" – Representation of Women in Israeli Holocaust Memorials", Israel Studies, 1 (1996); 100-126.

Judith Baumel, "The Jewish Heroine During the Holocaust", Crisis and Reaction: the Hero in Jewish History, M. Mor (ed.), pp. 217-228.

Ronit Lentin, "Breaking the Conspiracy of Silence", *Israel and the Daughters of the Shoah. Reoccupying the Territories of Silence*, pp. 69-115.

We watch the movie **Pizza in Auschwitz**

Veteran and immigrant women in the 1950s as social Agents.

Images of Yemenite, Moroccan and Iranian Women

Class 3: Mon. Feb. 8: Esther Meir-Glitzenstein, "The West in the East: Patterns of Cultural Change as a Personal Kibbutz Experience", *Gender, Place and Memory in the Modern Jewish Experience. Re-Placing Ourselves*, pp. 212-239.

Dahen-Kalev H., "You're So Pretty – You Don't Look Moroccan", *Israel Studies* 6(1), (2001); 1-14.

Khazoom A., "Orientalism at the Gates: Immigration, the East/West Divide, and Elite Iraqi Jewish Women in Israel in the 1950s", *Signs* 32 (2006); 197–220.

We Watch **The Queen Paziflokha**

The Idea of "Motherhood" and Fertility within Israeli Society

Class 4: Mon. Feb. 15: Stoler-Liss S., "Mothers Birth the Nation: The Social Construction of Zionist Motherhood in Wartime in Israeli Parent's Manuals", *Nashim*, 6 (2003); 104-118.

Meira Weiss, *The Chosen Body: the Politics of the Body in Israeli society*, part of ch. 2, pp. 27-47.

Yael Hashiloni-Doley, "Between Mothers, Fetuses and Society: Reproductive Genetics in the Israeli-Jewish Context", *Nashim*, 12 (2006); 129-150.

Berkovitch N., "Motherhood as a national mission: the construction of womanhood in the legal discourse in Israel", *Women's Studies International Forum*, 20 (5), 1997; 605-619.

Women and the Army

Class 5: Mon. Feb. 22: Izraeli D., "Gendering military service in the Israel Defense Forces", *Israel Social Science Research*, 12(1), 1997; 129-166.

Orna Sasson-Levy, "Gender Performance in a Changing Military": Women Soldiers in 'Masculin' Roles", *Israeli Women's Studies. A Reader*, pp. 265-278.

Robbins Joyce, Uri Ben-Eliezer, "New Roles or "New Times"? Gender Inequality and Militarism in Israel's Nation-in-Arms", *Social Politics* 7(2), (2000); 309-342.

The Haredi Women

Class 6: Mon. March 1: Nira Yuval-Davis, "Bearers of the Collective: Women and Religious Legislation in Israel", *Women's Studies. A Reader*, pp. 121-132.

Tamar El-Or, "Paradoxes and Social Boundaries: Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Women and their World", *Israeli Women's Studies. A Reader*, pp. 133-149.

Tamar El-Or, *Next Year I will know more. Literacy and Identity among Young Orthodox Women in Israel*, Wayne State University Press, 2002. (chapter to be announced).

Class 7: Mon. March 15: Tsila Ratner, "Discourses of Negotiation: The Writing of Orthodox Women in Israel", *Israeli History*, 21 (1-2), (2002); 139-168.

We watch the movie **Purified**

The Rise of Feminist Movement in Israel

Class 8: Mon. March 22: Marcia Freedman, "Theorizing Israeli Feminism, 1970-2000", *Jewish Feminism in Israel. Some Contemporary Perspectives*, pp. 1-16.

Leah Shakdiel, "Women of the Wall: Radical Feminism as an Opportunity for a New Discourse in Israel", *Journal of Israeli History*, 21 (1-2), (2002); 126-163.

Izraeli D., Taborey E., "The Political Context of Feminist attitudes in Israel", *Gender and Society* 2(4), 1988; 463-481.

Henriette Dahan-Kalev, "Mizrahi Feminism: The Unheard Voice", *Jewish Feminism in Israel. Some Contemporary Perspectives*, pp. 96-112.

Women and Politics

Class 9: Mon. March 29: Hanna Herzog, Gendering Politics. *Women in Israel*, ch. 6, 9, pp. 149-184, 207-236.

Ayala Emmett, "Citizens of the State and Political Women, pp. 247-264.

Michael Feige, "Do not Weep Rachel: Fundamentalism, commemoration and Gender in a West Bank Settlement", *Journal of Israeli History*, (2002); 119-138.

Sara Helman, Tamar Rapoport, "Women in Black: Challenging Israel's Gender and Socio-Political Orders" *The British Journal of Sociology*, 48 (4) (1997); 681-700.

We watch **To die in Jerusalem**

Ethiopian women and the recent immigrant experience

Class 10: Mon. April 6: Westheimer R., Kaplan S., *Surviving Salvation. The Ethiopian Jewish Family in Transition*, ch. 1, pp. 13-33.

Kaplan S., C. Rosen, "Ethiopian immigrants in Israel: between preservation of culture and invention of tradition", *Jewish Journal of Sociology* 35(1), 1993; 35-48.

Shalva Weil, "Ethiopian Jewish Women: Trends and Transformations in the Context of Transnational Change," *Nashim*, 7, (2004); 73-86.

Inbal Cicurel, Rachel Sharaby, "Women in the Menstruation Huts, Variations in Preserving Purification Customs among Ethiopian Immigrants", *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 23 (2), (2007); 69-84.

Russian women and the recent immigrant experience

Class 11: April 12: Larissa Remennick, "Women with a Russian Accent in Israel: On the Gender Aspects of Immigration", *European Journal of Women's Studies* 6 (1999); 441-461.

Dafna Lemish, "The Whore and the Other. Israeli Images of Female Immigrants from the Former USSR", *Gender and Society*, 14 (2000); 333-349.

We watch **St. Jean**

Palestinian Women

Class 12: Mon. April 19: Manar Hasan, “Growing Up Female and Palestinian in Israel”, *Israeli Women’s Studies. A Reader*, pp. 181-189.

Erdreich L., “Strategies against Patriarchy: Sexualized Political Activism of Palestinian Israeli Women on Campus”, *Israel Studies* 11(1), 2006; 35-58.

Khawla abu Baker, “”Career Women” or “Working Women”? Change versus Stability for young Palestinians”, *Israel Studies*, (2002); 85-109.

Manar Hasan, “The Politics of Honor: Patriarchy, the State and the Murder of Women in the Name of the Family Honor”, *Israel Studies*, (2006); 1-37.

Simona Sharoni, “Gender, Military Occupation and Violence against Women”, *Israeli Women’s Studies. A Reader*, pp. 231-246.

Sex industry in Israel

Class 13: Mon. April 26: Donna Hughes, The ‘Natasha’ Trade: The Transnational Shadow Market of Trafficking in Women, *Journal of International Affairs*, 53, 2, 2000.

J. Cwikel, K. Ilan, Women brothel workers and occupational health risks, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* 2003;**57**, pp. 809-815.

We watch **Women for Sale**

Class 14: Mon. May 3: presentations