

DiametricaLand—The Enigma of Modern Israel.

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September 16: Samson's Option & Solomon's Judgment
Gaza Crisis and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

September 23: Sacred & Secular

Documentary Film: *In Between* (Director: David Ofek)

Peri, Yoram, et al. 2012. The 'Religionization' of Israeli Society. *Israel Studies Review* 27 (1):1-30.

September 30: Hope & Fear

Reading of Shavit's *My Promised Land*

Bar-Tal, Daniel. 2013. *Intractable Conflicts: Socio-Psychological Foundations and Dynamics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

October 7: Civil & Military

Reading of Yizhar's *Khirbet Khizeh*

Rosman-Stollman, Elisheva, Aharon Kampinsky, and Stuart Cohen. 2014. *Civil-Military Relations in Israel: Essays in Honor of Stuart A. Cohen*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

October 21: Blood & Land

Documentary Film: *Ameer Got His Gun* (Directors: Naomi Levvari and Saar Yogev)

Ben-Porat, Guy, and Bryan S. Turner, eds. 2011. *The Contradictions of Israeli Citizenship: Land, Religion, and State*. New York: Routledge.

November 4: Conventions & Conscience

The assassination of Rabin

Ezrahi, Yaron. 1997. *Rubber Bullets: Power and Conscience in Modern Israel*. 1st ed. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

November 11: Individualism & Solidarism

Before and after the 2011 "social justice" protests

Reading of Keret's *Missing Kissinger*

Rosenhek, Zeev, and Michael Shalev. 2013. "The Political Economy of Israel's 'Social Justice' Protests: A Class and Generational Analysis." *Contemporary Social Science* 9 (1):31-48.

November 18: Homeland & Diaspora

Documentary Film: *Not in My Name* (Director: Igal Hecht)

Butler-Smith, Alice A. 2009. "Diaspora Nationality Vs Diaspora Nationalism: American Jewish Identity and Zionism after the Jewish State." *Israel Affairs* 15 (2):159 - 179.

November 25: Modernity & Tradition

Start-up nation and amulets

Documentary Film: *The Israeli Code* (Director: Ayelet Dekel)

Hartman, David. 2000. *Israelis and the Jewish Tradition: An Ancient People Debating Its Future*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

December 2: Evolution & Revolution

The boundaries of social imagination

Reading of Shamma's *Arabesques*

Hochberg, Gil Z. 2007. *In Spite of Partition: Jews, Arabs, and the Limits of Separatist Imagination*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

December 9: Utopia & Dystopia

Documentary Film: *Life as a Rumor* (Director: Assi Dayan)

Ohana, David. 2012. *The Origins of Israeli Mythology: Neither Canaanites nor Crusaders*. New York: Cambridge University Press.