

Prof. H. Lavsky

History of the Yishuv and Israel, 1917-1948

191L (section 2) Undergraduate seminar

Spring 2008, Monday 2:00-4:50 p.m.

Office hours:

Monday: 11.00a.m-1.00 p.m.

Wednesday: 12.00-1.00 p.m.

The seminar deals with the developing and shaping the Jewish national Home until the foundation of the State of Israel. We will delve into major issues of immigration and settlement from political, social, economic, and cultural perspectives, considering external factors, such as the British Mandate, the Arab-Jewish conflict, and the Yishuv-Diaspora relations.

The seminar will be based on intensive individual readings of the students, and each session will be opened by students' presentations. Each student will have to submit by the end of the quarter a seminar paper of about 10-15 pages, which will be worked out under the guidance of the teacher.

Syllabus

1. March 31, 08

The changing status of Palestine post World War One

Readings:

- Horowitz, Dan and Moshe Lissak. *Origins of the Israeli Polity: Palestine under the Mandate*, Chap. 2, 16-36.
- Laqueur, Walter. *History of Zionism*.
- Sachar, Howard Morley. *History of Israel : from the rise of Zionism to our time*.

2. April 7, 08

Immigration and settlement – major trends during the 1920s

Readings:

- Carmi, Shulamit and Henry Rosenfeld. "Immigration , Urbanization and Crisis: The Process of Jewish Colonization in Palestine during the 1920's".
- Helman, Anat. "East or West? Tel Aviv in the 1920s and 1930s.
- Laqueur, Walter. *History of Zionism*, Cap. 6, 277-337.

3. April 14, 08

Political structuring – Left and Right

Readings:

- Lissak, Moshe. "Strategies of class formation: The case of the Labor movement in the Jewish community of Palestine, 1918-1948".
- Sachar, History of Israel, pp. 69-88
- Shavit, Yaakov. "Fire and Water: Ze'ev Jabotinsky and the Revisionist Movement.
- Shimoni, Gideon. *The Zionist Ideology*, Chap. 5, 166-205; Chap. 6, 236-266.
- Tzahor Ze'ev. "The Histadrut: from marginal organization to 'stat-in-the-making'.

April 21, 08 Passover holiday

4. April 28, 08 Library instruction

Immigration and settlement during the 1930s: changing trends

Readings:

- Gelber, Yoav. "The historical role of the Central European immigration to Israel".
- Laqueur, Walter. *History of Zionism*, Chap. 9, 467-504
- Reichman. "The absorptive Capacity of Palestine, 1882-1948".
- Sachar, Howard Morley. *History of Israel: from the rise of Zionism to our time*, pp. 144-162 + 188-194

5. May 5, 08

The Arab-Jewish conflict and its implications, 1921-1936

Readings:

- Gorny, Yosef. *Zionism and the Arabs 1882-1948: A study of ideology*, pp. 81-95 + 174-178 + 181-242
- Kolatt, Israel. "The Zionist movement and the Arabs."
- Sela, Avraham. "The 'Wailing Wall' riots (1929) as a watershed in the Palestine Conflict".
- Sachar, Howard Morley. *History of Israel*, pp. 163-187 (chap. 8)
- Shavit, Yaakov. "Revisionism's view of the Arab National Movement".

6. May 12, 08

The Arab revolt and the partition plan – a turning point

Readings:

- Gorny, Yosef. *Zionism and the Arabs 1882-1948: A study of ideology*, pp. 243-276.
- Laqueur, Walter. *History of Zionism*, Chap. 10., 511-562.
- Shapira, Anita. "The concept of time in the partition controversy of 1937."
- Shapira, Anita. *Land and Power: The Zionist Resort to Force, 1881-1948*, 219-276.
- Sachar, *History of Israel*, pp. 195-226 (chap. 9)

7. May 19, 08

The Yishuv as a "state in the making": Political, Social, cultural, and economic aspects.

Readings:

- Bartal, Israel. "Yishuv and Diaspora in changing perspectives".
- Even-Zohar, Itamar. "The emergence of native Hebrew culture in Palestine, 1882-1948."
- Gelber, Yoav. "The Shaping of the New Jew in Eretz Israel"

- Halpern, Ben and Jehuda Reinharz. *Zionism and the Creation of a New Society*, pp. 268-306 (chap. 10).
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- Horowitz, Dan. "Before the state: communal politics in Palestine under the Mandate".
- Horowitz, Dan and Moshe Lissak. "Ideology and politics in the Yishuv".
- Horowitz, Dan and Moshe Lissak. *Origins of the Israeli Polity: Palestine under the Mandate*, Chap. 3, 37-68; Chap. 4, 69-104.
- Kolatt, Israel. "Religion, society, and state during the period of the National Home"
- Laqueur, Walter. *History of Zionism*, chap. 9, 467-504.
- Reinharz, Jehuda. "Building a National Home under the Palestine Mandate".

May 26, 08 Memorial Day

8. June 2, 08

The End of the British Mandate and the Foundation of Israel

Readings

- Bauer, Yehuda. "The impact of the Holocaust on the establishment of the State of Israel.
- Cohen, Michael J. "Truman, the Holocaust and the Establishment of the State of Israel.
- Cohen, M. J. "The Zionist Perspective".
- Heller, Joseph. "The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine 1945-1946): The Zionist reaction reconsidered".
- Heller, The Birth of Israel, pp. 113-148 (chap. 4) + 280-293 (conclusion)
- Ilan, Amitzur, "Withdrawal without recommendations: Britain's decision to relinquish Palestine Mandate, 1947".
- Weitz, Yechiam. "Jewish refugees and Zionist policy during the Holocaust".