

Syllabus for JUS 377 – Professor Shlomo Aronson

Lecture topics and reading assignments

Week between 8-21/8-25-06

Introduction, course methodology, terminology, requirements

Required readings ahead of the classes and during the week:

Sachar, Howard, A History of Israel: from the Rise of Zionism to Our Time, Knopf, New York, second edition in paperback, 2003, pp. 3-63.

Avineri, Shlomo, The Making of Modern Zionism: Intellectual Origins of the Jewish State, Basic Books, New York, 1981 or a new printing pp. 3-13, 23-87.

Week between 8-28/9-1-06

Comparative history of national movements and revolutions: The United States, India and Israel. Zionism as a renaissance movement in modern times.

Readings:

Sachar: pp. 65-160.

Avineri: pp. 88-112.

Week between 9-6/9-11-06

"So precious little time..." from the Balfour Declaration to Hitler's rise to power to the Arab-Revolt of 1937-1939, the British "White Paper" on Palestine of May 1939 and the Holocaust.

Readings:

Sachar: 163-243.

Recommended: Shlomo Aronson: Hitler, The Allies and the Jews, Cambridge University Press, New York, paperback edition June 2006, pp. 3-50.

Week between 9-13/9-18-06

The road to independence, Arab intervention, the creation of the Arab refugee problem, and the transformation of the Yishuv to a state.

Readings:

Sachar: 247-349.

Recommended: Lewis, Bernard, Semites and Anti-Semites, an inquiry into conflict and prejudice, W.W.W. Norton, New York and London, 1986, 25-163.

Week between 9-20/9-25-06

The Israeli Social-Democracy in David Ben-Gurion's Era: Israel quadruples its population, and goes to war in 1956.

Readings:

Sachar: 354-510.

Shlomo Aronson: "David Ben-Gurion and the British Constitutional Model," in Israel Studies, Vol. 3, No. 2, Fall 1998, pp. 193-214.

Week between 9-27/10-4-06 (no class on Yom Kippur, 10-2-06)

Years of growth and change, the crisis of the political system in the early 60s', the belated impact of the Holocaust, and the road to the Six Day War.

Readings:

Sachar: 515-611.

Shlomo Aronson: The Politics and Strategy of Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East, Opacity, Theory, and Reality, 1960-1991, paperback, State University of New York Press, Albany, 1992, pp. 1-112. Alternatively, Shlomo Aronson, Israel's Nuclear Programme, the Six Day War and its Ramifications, paperback, King's College, London, 2002.

Week between 10-6/10-11-06

The Six Day War and its immediate results: the paradoxes of an "enlightened occupation" and the birth of the settlement movement. Failure of initial peace efforts.

Readings:

Sachar: 615-735.

Recommended: Shlomo Aronson: Conflict and Bargaining in the Middle East, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore and London, 1978, pp. 82-134 (to be Xeroxed if necessary).

Week between 10-13/10-18-06

From the Yom Kippur War of 1973 to Peace with Egypt in 1979 – the first Begin government and its domestic significance.

Readings:

Sachar: 740-856.

Recommended: Aronson: The Politics and Strategy... 113-165.

Week between 10-20/10-25-06

The Second Begin administration: Iraq's nuclear reactor, enhanced settlement effort, the war in Lebanon and its ramifications.

Readings:

Sachar: 861-930.

Recommended: Aronson, Politics and Strategy: 167-230.

Week between 10-27/11-6/06

The twisted road to the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords of Oslo 1993 and its ensuing failure.

Readings:

Sachar: 934-1018.

Hirschfeld, Yair, "The Failure of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, 1993-2000," in Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 42 2005, pp. 719-736.

Week between 11-8/11-15-06

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Week between 11-17/11-22-06

The rise of Islamic fundamentalism and its ramifications, the Iraq War and Ariel Sharon's Likud government.

Readings:

Lewis, Bernard, Semites and Anti-Semites, 236-259.

---- What Went Wrong? Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response, Poenix paperback, New York, 2002.

Week between 11-27/12-4-06

The realignment of the Israeli political map: the disengagement from Gaza in 2005 and its domestic ramifications to the 2006 general elections.

Readings:

Michael Galchinsky, The Jewish Settlements in the West Bank, International

Law and Israeli Jurisprudence, Israel Studies, Vol. 9, No. 3, Fall 2004.

Ephraim Yuchtman-Yaar, Continuity and Change in Israeli Society: The

Test of the Melting Pot, Israel Studies, Vol. 10, No. 2, Summer, 2005.

Neuman, David, From Hitnachalut (settlement) to Hitnatkut (disengagement):

Impact of Gush Emunim and the Settlement Movement on Israeli Politics and

Society, Israel Studies, Vol. 10, No. 3, Fall 2005.

Last meeting on 12-6-06 – summing up.

Readings:

Aronson, Shlomo, "The Post-Zionist Discourse and Critique of Israel: A Traditional Zionist Perspective," in: Israel Studies 8 (2003), pp 105-129.

Final Exam: 12-15-06

