

HIST-343

History of Israel
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Course Description

History of Israel will introduce you to the history of Israeli society beginning with the development of modern political Zionism in the nineteenth century Europe, going into discussion of the historical background leading to the establishment of the state of Israel and the history of Israel until present, culminating with the relationship of Israel with the Arab world.

The first part explores the circumstances leading to the development of modern and political Zionism. We will discuss the historical events in Europe that led to the Zionist ideological foundation of the state of Israel, Herzl's vision of the State for the Jews, the early immigration prior to the establishment of the state of Israel, and their contribution to the establishment of the Yishuv (the Jewish settlement) and its political agenda under the British Mandate.

The second discusses the history of Israel from its establishment in 1948 to the present day. It highlights the centrality of immigration in determining the characteristics of the society and the emergence of ethnicity and religiosity and its influence on the socio-cultural, economic and political center-periphery structure of the society.

The third part deals with the relationship of the state of Israel to the Arab world and in particular to its neighboring countries.

Required books: (available for purchase in the University Bookstore).

These books are part of the required readings for the course. These in addition to materials from books and journal will be available to you in the library, on BLACKBOARD or distributed to you class.

Shimoni, Gideon, (1995) *The Zionist Ideology*, Brandeis University, University Press of New England, Hanover & London. 1995

Bickerton, Ian. J. & Carla L. Klausner *A Concise History of the ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT*, 4th.ed., Prentice Hall. 2002

Leshem, Elaza., & Judith T. Shuval (eds.) *Immigration to Israel: Sociological Perspectives*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) AND London (UK). 1998 (Volume VIII Studies of Israeli Society, Publication Series of the Israeli Sociological Society, Series editor Ernest Krausz).

Course Requirements

Students are expected to do the reading for each class in advance and come to class prepared so they can participate and contribute to the discussion and to the understanding of the topics.

Grades will be based on the following:

1. Class attendance and participation: this in particular will be taken into account in decision on a borderline grades. (up to 10%)
2. Students are required to submit by email to the lecture on the Monday prior to each class a short summary of the main arguments or issues discussed from the reading list. Each week the students will be given the material for submission for the following class (20%).
3. End-of-term exam (70%).

Bibliography (a tentative list)

Part I: Zionism and Palestine

Goldschmidt Arthur Jr. and Davidson Lawrence (2006) *A Concise History of the Middle East* (8th ed.) Westview Press. Chapter 16, pp. 269-290

Shimoni, Gideon, (1995) *The Zionist Ideology*, Brandeis University, University Press of New England, Hanover & London. 1995

Avineri, Shlomo, (1981) *The Making of Modern Zionism: Intellectual Origins of the Jewish State*, N.Y: Basic Books. Introduction

Theodor Herzl, The State for the Jews. 1942.

Bickerton, Ian. J. & Carla L. Klausner *A Concise History of the ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT*, 4th.ed., Prentice Hall. 2002, chapter 1, 2, & 3, pp. 17-99.

Part II: Israeli Society, Rebirth, Arab Nationalism, and the Quest for Peace

Bickerton, Ian. J. & Carla L. Klausner *A Concise History of the ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT*, 4th.ed., Prentice Hall. 2002, chapter 4, pp. 100- 115

Goldschmidt Arthur Jr. and Davidson Lawrence (2006) *A Concise History of the Middle East* (8th ed.) Westview Press. Chapter 17 & 18 pp. 291-366

Immigration

Shuval Judith T. & Leshem, Elaza., (1998) "The Sociology of Migration in Israel: A Critical View" in Leshem, Elaza., & Judith T. Shuval (eds.) *Immigration to Israel: Sociological Perspectives*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK), 1998. (Volume VIII, Studies of Israeli Society, Publication Series of the Israeli Sociological Society, Series editor Ernest Krausz). Chap.1, pp. 3-50.

Sergio DellaPergola "The Global Context of Immigration to Israel" (1998) in Leshem, Elaza., & Judith T. Shuval (eds.) *Immigration to Israel: Sociological Perspectives*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK). Chap. 2, pp. 51-94.

Mechanisms of Integration and ethnic identities

Majid Al-Haj (1998) "Soviet Immigration as Viewed by Jews and Arabs: Divided Attitudes in a Divided Country", in Leshem, Elaza., & Judith T. Shuval (eds.) *Immigration to Israel: Sociological Perspectives*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK). Chap. 9, pp. 211-229.

Kaplan Steven and Haim Rosen, (1998) "Ethiopian Immigrants to Israel: Between Preservation of Culture and Invention of Tradition" in Leshem, Elaza., & Judith T. Shuval (eds.) *Immigration to Israel: Sociological Perspectives*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK). Chap. 18 pp. 407-422.

Klaff, Vivian Z., (1981) "Residence and Integration in Israel: A Mosaic of Segregated Groups", in Krausz Ernest (ed.) *Migration, Ethnicity and Community*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK). Pp. 53-73.

Smootha Sammy and Yohanan Peres, (1981) "The Dynamics of Ethnic Inequalities: The Case of Israel", in Krausz Ernest (ed.) *Migration, Ethnicity and Community*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK). Pp. 165-182.

Yiftachel Oren and Erez Tzfadia, () "Between Periphery and 'Third Space': Identity of Mizrachim in Israel's Development Towns", in pp.

Ethnicity and the Labor force

Spilerman Seymour and Jack Habib, (1981) "Development Towns in Israel: The Role of Community in Creating Ethnic Disparities in Labor Force Characteristics", in **Krausz Ernest (ed.) Migration, Ethnicity and community, VOL. I, Studies of Israeli Society**, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK). Pp. 199-230

Te Arab community In Israel

Nasser Ilham, (2006) "Palestinians in Israel: Social and Educational Conditions in the 1990's", in Zittrain Eisenberg Laura et al, (eds.) Traditions and transitions in Israel Studies, Books on Israel, Vol. VI, SUNY series in Israeli Studies, Chapter 5

Women in Israel

Azmon Yael and Dafna N. Izraeli (1993) "Introduction: Women in Israel – A sociological Overview", in Azmon Yael and Ernest Krausz (eds.) *Women in Israel: Studies of Israeli Society*, Vol. VI, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK), pp.1-24

Shokeid Moshe, (1993) "Ethnic Identity and the Position of Women Among Arabs in an Israeli Town", in Azmon Yael and Ernest Krausz (eds.) *Women in Israel: Studies of Israeli Society*, Vol. VI, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK), pp. 423-442

Hartman Harriet, (1993) "Economic and Familial Roles OF Women in Israel", in Azmon Yael and Ernest Krausz (eds.) *Women in Israel: Studies of Israeli Society*, Vol. VI Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA) & London (UK), pp. 135-146

Yuval-Davis Nira, "Front and rear: The sexual division of labor in the Israeli Army", *Feminist Studies*: Vol. 11, NO. 3. pp. 649-675.

Ram Uri, (2006) "The State of the Nation: Contemporary Challenges to Zionism in Israel", in Kemp Adriana et al. (eds.) *Israelis in Conflict: Hegemonies, Identities and Challenges*, Sussex Academic Press, Chapter 15, pp. 305-320

Judaism and Democracy

Gavison Ruth, (2003) "Democracy and Judaism – Between Conceptual Analysis and Public Discourse" in David, Joseph E. (ed.) *The State of Israel: Between Judaism and Democracy*, The Israel Democracy Institute. Pp. 360-370.

Smootha Sami, (2003) "The Nation Before the State", in David, Joseph E. (ed.) *The State of Israel: Between Judaism and Democracy*, The Israel Democracy Institute. Pp. 371-378.

Part III: The Peace Process: Its progress and its Collapse

Bickerton, Ian. J. & Carla L. Klausner *A Concise History of the ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT*, 4th.ed., Prentice Hall. 2002, chapters 8-13. pp. 184-360

The Gulf War and the War on Terrorism

Goldschmidt Arthur Jr. and Davidson Lawrence (2006) *A Concise History of the Middle East* (8th ed.) Westview Press. Chapter 20 & 21, pp. 397-448

Jamal, Amal J., (2006) "Power-Relations, Recognition, and Dialogue: The Dynamics of Israeli-Palestinian Peace", in Zittrain Eisenberg Laura et al, (eds.) *Traditions and transitions in Israel Studies, Vol. VI, SUNY series in Israeli Studies, Chapter 11*

Shafir Gershon and Yoav Peled (200) "Peace and Profits: The Globalization of Israeli Business and the Peace Process", in Shafir Gershon and Yoav Peled (eds.) *The New Israel: Peacemaking and Liberalization*, Westview. Chap. 10, pp. 243-264.

Additional books that are required for the course.

Al-Haj, Majid (1995), *Education, Empowerment and Control: The Case of the Arabs in Israel*, SUNY Press.

Ben-Rafael, Eliezer with Sternberg Yitzak (eds.), *Identity, Culture and lobalization*, Brill, 2001.