

Immigration 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 (4-5 pages) due over the course of the semester and a final exam. **When we watch a movie, please arrive 15 minutes early and plan to stay late.**

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| Class attendance and participation | | 15% |
| 2 Short papers | (2X 20%) | 40% |
| Final exam | | 45% |

Introduction

Class 1: Jan 20: Immigration as a historical and sociological phenomenon

Class 2: Jan 25: Immigration in the Zionist ideology

Herzl Th., Haifa, 1923, Old New Land (Altneuland), pp. 53-70.

Ottoman Rule – the beginning of Zionist immigration

Class 3: Jan. 27: The First Aliya - I

Aaronsohn A., "Building the Land: Stages in First Aliya Colonization (1882-1904), The Jerusalem cathedra 1984; 236-279.

Class 4: Feb. 1: First Aliya - II

Druyan N., "The immigration and Integration of Yemenite Jews in the First Aliya", *The Jerusalem Cathedra* 3, 1983; 193-211.

Shilo M., "The Immigration Policy of the Zionist Institutions 1882-1914", *Middle Eastern Studies* 30 (3), 1994; 597-617.

Class 5: Feb. 3: The Second Aliya I

Alroey G., *Journey to Early-Twentieth-Century Palestine as a Jewish Immigrant Experience* *Jewish Social Studies*, 9 (2), 2003; pp. 28-64

Ruppin Arthur, "The Selection of the Fittest", [1919], in: *Three Decades of Palestine. Speeches and Papers on the Upbuilding of the Jewish National Home*", pp. 66-80.

Class 6: Feb. 8: The Second Aliya II

Gorlizki Y., "Class and nation in the Jewish settlement of Palestine: the case of Merhavia, 1910-30", *Journal of Historical Geography* 26(4), 2000; 572-588.

Immigration under the British Mandate

Class 7: Feb. 10: Immigration under British Mandate – policy

Mossek M., *Palestine Immigration Policy under Sir Herbert Samuel*, ch. 1-2, pp. 1-35.

Class 8: Feb. 15: Third and Fourth Aliya

Near H., *Expansion and Consolidation, 1918-1923, The Kibbutz Movement. A History*, pp. 58-96.

Helman A., "European Jews in the Levant Heat: Climate and Culture in 1920s and 1930s Tel-Aviv", *Journal of Israeli History* 22(1), 2003; 71-90.

Immigration in the shade of Nazism

Class 9: Feb. 17: The Fifth Aliya – I

Sela-Shefi R., “Integration through Distinction: German-Jewish Palestine”, *Journal of Historical Sociology* 19(1), 2006; 34-59.

Class 10: Feb. 22: The Fifth Aliya – II

Amkraut B., *Between Home and Homeland. Youth Aliyah from Nazi Germany*, ch. 2, pp. 32-59.

Class 11: Feb. 24: WWII and illegal immigration -

*** Midterm papers ***

Ofer D., *Escaping the Holocaust. Illegal Immigration to the Land of Israel 1933-1944*, ch. 2, 4, pp. 23-41, 69-88.

Class 12: Mar. 1: Extension of illegal immigration 1945-1958.

Ofer D., “Survivors as Immigrants: the Case of Israel and the Cyprus Detainees”, *Modern Judaism* 16(1), 1996; 1-23.

Yablonka H., “Holocaust Survivors in the Israeli Army during the 1948 War. Documents and Memory”, *Israel Affairs* 12(3), 2006; 462-482.

Class 13: Mar. 3: we watch **Kedma**, Amos Gitai.

Immigration to the State of Israel

Class 14: Mar. 15: First steps

Hacohen D., *Immigration in Turmoil. Mass Immigration to Israel and Its Repercussions in the 1950s and After*, ch. 1, pp. 12-57.

Class 15: Mar. 17: Mass immigration

Lissak M., “The Demographic-Social Revolution in the 1950s – the Absorption of the Great Aliyah” *The Journal of Israeli History* 22(2), 2003; 1-31.

Class 16: Mar. 22: “Operation Magic Carpet” and “Operation Ezra and Nehemiah”

Gat M., *The Jewish Exodus from Iraq 1948-1951*, ch. 3, 4, pp. 32-78.

Class 17: Mar. 24: Tension and Schisms

Tsur Y., “Carnival Fears: Moroccan Immigrants and the Ethnic Problem in the Young State of Israel”, *Journal of Israeli History* 18(1), 1997; 73-104.

Bernstein D., “Immigration transit camps. The formation of dependent relations in Israeli Society”, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 4(1), 1981; 2-43.

Class 18: Mar. 29: We watch the movie **Salach Shabati, Ephraim Kishon, 1964.**

The post 1967 period: Ideological and Economic Immigrants

Class 19: Mar. 31: Russian immigration in the 1970s

Adler S., “Israel’s Absorption Policies since the 1970s”, *Russian Jews on three continents: migration and resettlement*, pp, 135-144.

Class 20: Apr. 5: Ethiopian immigration

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.

Class 21: Apr. 12: Ethiopian immigration - II

Ben-Eliezer U., "Becoming a Black Jew: Cultural Racism and Anti-Racism in Contemporary Israel", *Social Identities* 10(2), 2004; 245-266.

Seeman D., "'One people, one blood': Public health, political violence and HIV in and Ethiopian-Israeli setting", *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 23, 1999; 159-195.

The era of transnational migration

Class 22: Apr. 14: The fall of the Iron Curtain: mass immigration from former USSR

Al-Haj M., "Identity Patterns among Immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel: Assimilation vs. Formation", *International Migration* 40(1), 2002; 50-69.

Lomsky-Feder E., T. Rapoport, "Homecoming, Immigration and the National Ethos: Russian-Jewish Homecomers readying Zionism", *Anthropological Quarterly* 2001; 1-14.

Class 23: Apr. 19: political organization mass immigration from Russia

Gitelman Z., "The 'Russian Revolution' In Israel", pp. 95-108.

Horowitz T., "The increasing Political Power of Immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel: From Passive Citizenship to Active Citizenship", *International Migration* 41(1), 2003; 47-73.

Class 24: Apr. 21: We watch **St. Jean**

Class 25: Apr. 26: labor migration – I

Bartram D., “Foreign Workers in Israel: History and Theory”, *The International Migration Review* 32(2), 1998; 302-325.

Sarah Willen, “Towards a Critical Phenomenology of “Illegality”: State Power, Criminalization and Abjectivity among Undocumented Migrant Workers in Tel-Aviv, Israel”, *International Migration* 45(3), 2007; 7-38.

Class 26: Apr. 28: labor migration - II

We watch **Tale Of Nicolai And The Law Of Return**

***** Final paper *****

Class 27: Dec. 3: final exam