This course will trace the history of the Jews since the 17th century. Particular attention will be paid to the fact that this is the history of a minority group whose life (political, social, religious) unfolds in relationship to a majority society. The course will account for the geographical sweep of Jewish history by being divided into four units: Europe (two units); Middle East, North Africa (one unit); America (one unit).

The course will meet twice weekly, with an optional discussion section providing a third meeting. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be lectures, although the last portion of the session will often be used to discuss readings and documents and students are always encouraged to ask questions. The optional discussion section will be devoted to readings and documents. It is essential that students bring the appropriate readings to discussions, especially the document collection Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, *The Jew in the Modern World*.

This course intends to teach writing skills as well as knowledge of modern Jewish history. There will be three 5 page papers (one for each of the first three units of the course) and a final 8 page paper. There will also be a number of short writing exercises which will help students prepare to write the papers for each unit. Students are encouraged to re-write papers. Rewrites will be due one week after the paper has been returned. The rewrite must be accompanied by the original paper and the instructor's comments.

Required Reading:

Frances Malino & David Sorkin, *From East and West: Jews in a Changing Europe, 1750-1870* (Blackwell)
Michael Marrus, *The Holocaust in History* (New England)
Nathan Glazer, *American Judaism* (Chicago)
Amos Elon, *The Israelis* (Penguin)
Theodore Herzl, *The Jewish State* (Dover)
Albert Memmi, *Pillar of Salt* (Beacon)

Sept. 2 Introduction

Unit I European Jewry, 1648-1870: The First Stage of Transformation

7 European Jewry, 1648: Multiple Points of Departure
Ettinger, 727-740; 777-787
Menkis, "Patriarchs & Patricians" in From East & West, 11-45
Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 16 (Holland), 17 (Wertheimer)

9 The Autonomous Community
Ettinger 750-759
First writing exercise: one-page definition/description of the 
"autonomous community"; due Friday, September 10th 4pm

14  Emancipation in Western & Central Europe  
Ettinger, 741-749, 59-63  
Maïno, "The Right to be Equal" in From East & West, 85-106  
Mendes-Fiohr/Reinharz, 27-36, 103-107

16  No Class

21  Emancipation Continued  
Ettinger, 800-813  
Sorkin, "Preacher, Teacher, Publicist," in From East & West, 107-125  
Mendes-Fiohr/Reinharz, 112-124, 127-139

23  Cultural & Religious Change  
Meyer, Origins of the Modern Jew, 11-56  
Black, "Anglicization of Orthodoxy," in From East & West, 295-313  
Ettinger, 834-40

Second writing exercise: one-page on an individual explaining what the biography 
eteaches about history; due Friday Sept. 24 4pm

28  State, Society and the Jews in Eastern Europe  
Ettinger, 764-776, 813-824

30  Jewish Culture in Eastern Europe  
Ettinger, 840-846  
Bartal, "Mordechai Aaron Gunzburg" in From East & West, 126-147  
Katz, "Towards a Biography of the Hatam Sofer" in From East & West, 223-266

Oct.  5  Society and Politics  
Ettinger, 825-833, 847-52  
Endelman, "The Chequered Career of Jew King," 151-181  
Loewenstein, "Jewish Upper Crust," 182-201  
Mendes-Fiohr/Reinharz, 38-43 (Mendelssohn), 130-31 (Paulus-Riesser)

7  First Essay Due

Unit II European Jewry, 1870-1945; The Second Stage of Transformation

7  Jews in Mass Society: Mass Migration, Urbanization & Social Structure  
Ettinger, 853-69  
Mendes-Fiohr/Reinharz, 333-337; 529 (table), 532 (table)  
Burns, "Majority Faith," in From East & West, 57-82

12  Mass Politics and the Rise of Antisemitism  
Ettinger, 870-890  
Mendes-Fiohr/Reinharz, 271-299, 328-333

14  The Revolution in Politics  
Ettinger, 891-914  
Herzl, The Jewish State

Third writing exercise: one-page definition of mass society for European Jewry;
due Friday, October 15th 4pm

19 World War I and Interbellum Europe: The Costs of War and Peace
   Ettinger, 939-988
   Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 349, 458

21 Weimar & Hitler’s Rise to Power
   Ettinger, 1017-1039

26 The Final Solution
   Michael Marrus, The Holocaust in History, 8-54
   Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 484-503

28 The Final Solution
   Michael Marrus, The Holocaust in History, 55-202
   Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 503-520

Nov. 2 Second Essay Due

Unit III North Africa, the Middle East and the State of Israel

2 The Jews of Islam

4 The Encounter with Europe
   Rodrigue, "Abraham de Camondo of Istanbul," in From East and West, 46-56

9 The Maghreb
   Begin reading Memmi

11 The Middle East
   Continue reading Memmi

16 No lecture
   Continue reading Memmi

18 No lecture
   Finish Memmi

Fourth writing exercise: two-pages on what Pillar of Salt teaches us about
   life of Jews in Tunisia/Maghreb; due on Friday, November 19th 4 pm.

23 The Old Yishuv & the New
   Ettinger, 915-926
   Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 421 (Bilu), 445 (Hapoel Hazair), 453 (Hashomer Hazair)
   Elon, Founders and Sons, 1-186

25 The British Mandate
   Ettinger, 989-1016
   Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 458-461

30 The State of Israel
   Ettinger, 1040-1062
   Elon, 189-335
   Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 466-481
Dec. 2  Israel, the Middle East and World Jewry
       Ettinger, 1075-1096
       Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 466-481

7     Third Essay Due

Unit IV The Jews of America

7     Foundations
       Glazer, 1-59
       Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 357-373

9     The Great Migration
       Glazer, 60-78
       Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 374-392

14    From War I to the Present
       Glazer, 79-186
       Mendes-Flohr/Reinharz, 396-417
       Ettinger, 1063-1074

Final Essay due December 21st 10:00am