

HISTORY 515: MODERN JEWISH HISTORY, 1880-PRESENT

Second Semester, 1990-91

Dr. Weinberg

BOOKS FOR PURCHASE:

Hertzberg, Arthur. The Zionist Idea (Atheneum)

Dawidowicz, Lucy. The War Against the Jews (Bantam)

Levi, Primo. Survival in Auschwitz (Collier)

Hertzberg, Arthur. The Jews in America (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster)

Reinharz and Rabinowitz, eds. Israel in the Middle East (Oxford)

+ Course-Pak available at Kinko's, 620 University Avenue.

NOTE: All books and readings will also be available on reserve in the College Library.

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
January 22nd	The Nature of Modern Jewish History: Emancipation and Modernization
January 29th	The Great Wave: The Migration of Eastern European Jewry and the Response of Western Jewry
February 5th	Alternatives to Emancipation: Jewish Socialism
February 12th	Alternatives to Emancipation: Zionism
February 19th	Political, Cultural, and Practical Zionism
February 26th	European Jewry in the Interwar Period: France and Germany
March 5th	European Jewry in the Interwar Period: Poland and Russia; The Plight of Contemporary Soviet Jewry
March 12th	The Fate of Sephardic and Oriental Jews: Jews in the Middle East and North Africa in the 19th & 20th Centuries
March 19th	The Rise of Modern Anti-Semitism: Nazism and Racial Ideology
March 26th	NO CLASSES: SPRING RECESS
April 2nd	Nazi Racial Policy: The Ideal made Real
April 9th	The Holocaust: The Final Solution Film: <u>Genocide</u>

April 16th	The Jewish Response during the Holocaust European Jewry after the Holocaust
April 23rd	The Emergence of New Centers of Jewish Life: The American Experience
April 30th	Contemporary American Jewry The Emergence of New Centers of Jewish Life: The State of Israel
May 7th	Israel as a Jewish State; Israel and the Diaspora

READINGS:

*Available in the College Library Reserve Room and in coursepak through Kinko's Copy Center, 620 University Avenue

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January 22nd:

*Jacob Lestschinsky, "Jewish Migrations, 1840-1946," in The Jews: Their History, Culture, and Religion, Volume 2, 1198-1237.

January 29th:

*Lloyd Gartner, The Jewish Immigrant in England, 1870-1914, Ch. II ("The Flow of Immigration")

*Steven Aschheim, Brothers and Strangers, Ch. 2 ("The Ambivalent Heritage").

*Zosa Szajkowski, "The Attitude of American Jews to East European Jewish Immigration (1881-1893)," in Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society, XL, 3 (March 1951), 221-260.

February 5th:

*Moshe Mishkinsky, "The Jewish Labor Movement and European Socialism," in Jewish Society Through the Ages, ed. by Ben-Sasson and Ettinger, 284-296.

*Henry Tobias, "The Bund and Lenin until 1903," Russian Review, XX, no. 3 (October 1963), 344-357; and "The Bund and the First Congress of the RSDWP: An Addendum," XXIV, no. 3 (October 1965), 393-406.

February 12th:

Arthur Hertzberg, The Zionist Idea, pp.15-72, Parts 2-5.

February 19th

Hertzberg, The Zionist Idea, Parts 6-7, 10.

February 26th:

*Donald Niewyk, The Jews in Weimar Germany, Chs. II ("The Role of the Jews in the Economic, Political, and Cultural Life of Weimar Germany"), IV ("The Jewish Response to Anti-Semitism"), V ("The Jew as German Liberal")

*David Weinberg, A Community on Trial, Ch. 9 ("Conclusion").

*Michael Marrus, "European Jewry and the Politics of Assimilation: Assessment and Reassessment," Journal of Modern History, Volume 49, #1 (March 1977), pp. 89-109.

March 5th:

*Ezra Mendelsohn, The Jews of East Central Europe Between the Wars, Introduction, Ch. I ("Poland").

*Leonard Shapiro, "The Role of the Jews in the Russian Revolutionary Movement," Slavonic and East European Review, XL (December 1961), 148-167.

*Alfred Greenbaum, "Soviet Jewry During the Lenin-Stalin Period," Soviet Studies, XVI (April 1965), 406-421; and XVII (July 1965), 84-92.

*Eli Wiesel, The Jews of Silence, Chs. V ("Celebration") & VI ("A Night of Dancing")

*Zvi Gitelman, "Soviet Jewry in Transition," Soviet Jewish Affairs, Vol. 19, no. 2 (1989), 3-13.

March 12th:

*Bernard Lewis, The Jews of Islam, Ch. 4 ("The End of the Tradition")

March 19th:

Lucy Dawidowicz, The War Against the Jews, Part I

*George Mosse, Nazi Culture, Ch. 3 ("The Foundations: Racism").

April 2nd:

Dawidowicz, Part II

April 9th:

Primo Levi, Survival in Auschwitz

April 16th:

Same as above

April 23rd:

Arthur Hertzberg, The Jews in America, Chs. 1-16.

April 30th:

Hertzberg, The Jews in America, Chs. 17-20, Conclusion

Reinharz and Rabinowitz, Israel in the Middle East, Parts I-II

May 7th:

Reinharz and Rabinowitz, Parts III-IV
 *Walter Laqueur, A History of Zionism, Ch. 5 ("The Unseen Question")
 Updated piece on Middle East (Hand-out)

EXAMS:

There will be three take-home exams in the course. The first two exams (tentatively due during the weeks of February 19th and April 2nd) will be handed out approximately a week-and-a-half beforehand and will consist of a choice of essays covering all readings and lectures up until the exam week. A take-home final handed out during the week of April 30th and due on the last day of class will consist of two essays and will cover primarily readings and lectures since the last exam. Each of the first two exams will count for 25% of your grade with the final counting for 50%.

DISCUSSION SECTIONS:

Because of the amount of material to be covered and the number of students in the class, it will not be possible to hold regular discussions during class periods. Instead, I have arranged to hold a series of informal discussion sections approximately every two weeks as noted below. Two sections will be held during each week - times and rooms to be announced during the first week of class. Though attendance at these sections will be voluntary, student participation in discussions will be taken into account especially in cases of border-line final grades.

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February 5th	Migration; Jewish Socialism
February 19th	Zionism
March 12th	European Jewry in the Interwar Period; Sephardic Jewry
April 2nd	The Rise of Modern Anti-Semitism
April 16th	The Holocaust
April 30th	American Jewry
May 7th	Israel