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Jewish Studies 150  
Zionism and the State of Israel  
TuR 10:00-11:30  
Boyleston G-02

The following books should be purchased:

**JS150 Course Reader**

Mitchell Cohen, **Zion and State**  
Arthur Hertzberg, **The Zionist Idea**  
Benny Morris, **Righteous Victims**  
Amos Oz, **In The Land of Israel**  
Derek Penslar, **Israel in History**  
Howard Sacher, **A History of Israel**  
Tom Segev, **1949: The First Israelis**

Readings marked \* are in the course reader.

Course requirements:

Attendance and participation (1/6)  
Take-home midterm (1/6)  
4000-word research essay (1/3)  
Final examination (1/3)

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**9/19**

Introduction to the Course

**9/21**

Religion, Ethnicity, and Nationality  
Cohen, 17-41; \*Jacob Katz, "The Forerunners of Zionism;" Hertzberg, 103-39

**9/26 and 9/28**

Sentimental Zionism  
Sachar, 3-35; Hertzberg, 143-98, 400-15; Ahad Ha-Am, "The Wrong Way,"  
[www.geocities.com/Vienna/6640/zion/wrongway.html](http://www.geocities.com/Vienna/6640/zion/wrongway.html)

### **10/3**

Political Zionism I: The Age of Theodor Herzl

Sachar, 36-64; Hertzberg, 204-230, 256-60, 262-77; Penslar, Ch. 3

### **10/5**

Political Zionism II: The Age of Chaim Weizmann

Morris, 67-120; Sacher, 116-37; Hertzberg, 515-23, 535-44; World Zionist Organization Statement on Palestine to the Paris Peace Conference,

[www.jewishviruallibrary.org/jsource/History/zoparis.html](http://www.jewishviruallibrary.org/jsource/History/zoparis.html)

### **10/10**

Constructive Zionism I: The Origins of Labor Zionism

Sachar, 65-88; Cohen, 85-104; Hertzberg, 369-86; Arthur Ruppin, "The Picture in 1907," [www.geocities.com/Vienna/6640/zion/1907.html](http://www.geocities.com/Vienna/6640/zion/1907.html);" \**The Plough Woman*, 47-61

### **10/12**

Constructive Zionism II: The Labor Zionist Economy in Interwar Palestine

Sachar, 138-62, 188-94; Cohen, 105-33; Hertzberg, 418-431; \*Deborah Bernstein, *Pioneers and Homemakers: Jewish Women in Pre-State Israel*, 211-233; Penslar, Ch. 8; \*Arthur Ruppin, "Selection of the Fittest," \**The Plough Woman*, 97-99, 109-15, 157-59

### **10/17**

Constructive Zionism III: The Bourgeois Sector in Interwar Palestine and the Creation of a New Hebrew Culture

(Film: *Palestine, Land of Promise*)

\*Recommendations of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission; \*chapter on Tel Aviv in B. M.

Ediden, *Rebuilding Palestine*(1939), 158-69; \*David Ben-Gurion on Yishuv's maritime capacity in *The Jewish Frontier* (1945), 274-79; \*Proposals for public celebrations of Tu B'shevat and Purim in

Shavit and Sitton, *Staging and Stagers in Modern Jewish Palestine*, \*Avraham Shlonsky, "Toil;"

\*Nathan Alterman, "Song of the Valley," \*Haim Hazzaz, "The Sermon"

### **10/19**

Palestinian Nationalism and Zionist Responses

Morris, 121-60; Penslar, Ch. 6; \*Emir Abdullah memorandum to Palestine Royal Commission,

March 1937; \*Arab Higher Committee memorandum of 22 July 1937; \*Berl Katznelson, "The

Political Future of Palestine," in *Jews and Arabs in Palestine* (1936), 195-216; \*Chaim Kalvariski,

"Platform for Judaeo-Arab Accord" (1930); \*David Ben-Gurion, *My Talks With Arab Leaders*

(1973), 14-20, 29-35

### **10/24**

Militant Zionism I: The Age of Vladimir Jabotinsky

Cohen, 134-97, \*Vladimir Jabotinsky, "The Iron Wall;" Lehi: Anthem, "The Those Who Honour the Oath;" "The Ideology of the Lehi," [www.saveisrael.com/stern/sternsoldiers.htm](http://www.saveisrael.com/stern/sternsoldiers.htm);

[www.saveisrael.com/stern/sternsoath.htm](http://www.saveisrael.com/stern/sternsoath.htm), [www.saveisrael.com/stern/saveisraelstern.htm](http://www.saveisrael.com/stern/saveisraelstern.htm); \*Anita Shapira, "The Debate in Mapai on the Use of Violence;" \*Uri Zvi Greenberg, "With My God, the Blacksmith;" "At the Rim of the Heavens;" "On a Night of Rain in Jerusalem"

### **10/26**

Militant Zionism II: The Struggle for Statehood

Sachar, 195-248; \*David Ben-Gurion, "Outlines of Zionist Policy" (1941); \*Dina Porat, "Ben-Gurion and the Holocaust;" \*Ha-Shomer Ha-Tsair, "Four Years;" IZL, "Liberating Jerusalem," \*Uri Zvi Greenberg, "We Were Not Likened to Dogs Among the Gentiles;" \*Nathan Alterman, "In the Marketplace;" \*Amir Gilboa, "Isaac," "Moses"

### **10/31**

The 1948 War: Perceptions

Morris, 189-258; \*S. Yizhar, "The Prisoner;" \*Anton Shammas, *Arabesques*, 113-31; Nathan Alterman, "A Night of Straits," "The Silver Platter"

### **11/2**

The 1948 War: Representations

Segev, 3-42; Penslar, Ch. 2

### **11/7**

The Establishment of the State

Segev, 43-154

### **Take-home midterm handed out**

### **11/9**

The Mass Immigration

Segev, 155-262; Cohen, 201-59

### **11/14**

The Suez Crisis

Morris, 259-301

### **Take home midterm due**

### **11/17 (special meeting day and time – 10:30-12:00 – in SM202)**

The Young State of Israel: Athens or Sparta?

Sachar, 515-42, 580-614; Segev, 265-323; Penslar, Ch. 10

### **11/21**

The 1967 War and its Aftermath

Morris, 302-46, Penslar, Chap. 5

**11/23 – No class - Thanksgiving**

**11/28**

Zionism, Orthodoxy, and the Territories

Sachar, 667-740; \*Gush Emunim: “Opinion Paper,” \*Yehuda Ben-Meir, “The Ideology of the NRP;” \*Aviezer Ravitzky, **Messianism, Zionism, and Jewish Religious Radicalism**, 122-144

**11/30 – No class**

**12/5**

Statecraft and Geopolitics in the 1970's

Morris, 387-443; \*”The Anti-Zionist Resolution at the United Nations,” \*Palestine Liberation Organization, “The Palestinian National Charter, 1968”, “Political Program, 1974;” \*Eduard Said, “Zionism From the Standpoint of its Victims”

**12/7**

The Return of the Repressed: The Begin Era

Sachar, 831-842, 861-896, Oz

**12/12**

The Lebanon War and its Aftermath

Morris, 494-560; \*Martin Van Creveld, **The Sword and the Olive: A Critical History of the Israel Defense Force**, 285-322

**12/14**

The Era of *Intifada*

Morris, 561-651; “Joel Beinin, “Political Economy and Public Culture in a State of Constant Crisis”

**12/19**

Meeting postponed to January 4

**1/4 (time and place tba)**

Conclusion

Penslar, Ch. 2, 4

Sachar, 957-1020

**Final examination handed out**

**Research essay due 1/12**

**Final examination due 1/17**