

MODERN JEWISH HISTORY  
 History 130B – Fall 2006  
 Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30-1:50, HH 143

**Instructor**

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**Schedule of Topics and Readings**

**Week 1**

9/26: Introduction to Jewish history  
 9/28: Jews on the eve of modern times  
Readings:  
 Gartner, 1-60

**Week 2**

10/3: Enlightenment and emancipation  
 10/5: Assimilation and the Reform movement  
Readings:  
 Gartner, 61-161  
 Mendes-Flohr & Reinharz, *The Jew in the Modern World*, 27-43, 156-165, 173-181

**Week 3**

10/10: Eastern European Jews in transition  
 10/12: Jews of the Middle East and North Africa  
Readings:  
 Gartner, 162-212  
 Valensi, "Multicultural Visions: The Cultural Tapestry of the Jews of North Africa," pp. 888-921  
 Stillman, *The Jews of Arab Lands in Modern Times*, 3-46  
 Rodrigue, *Images of Sephardi and Eastern Jewries in Transition*, 71-93

**Week 4**

10/17: Racism, antisemitism and the modern Jew  
 10/19: Zionism, Socialism and Jewish politics  
Readings:  
 Gartner, 213-258  
 Simon, 165-179  
 Theodor Herzl, *The Jewish State*, 1896  
 Leon Pinsker, *Auto-Emancipation*, 1882

Ahad Ha'am, *Jewish State and Jewish Problem*  
 Mendes-Flohr & Reinharz, *The Jew in the Modern World*, 268-284

### **Week 5**

10/24: Midterm Exam

10/26: Western Migrations

Readings:

Gartner, 258-266

Cahan, Read novel

### **Week 6**

10/31: Jewish immigrants in America

11/2: Jewish communities after World War I

Readings:

Cahan, complete novel

Memmi, begin novel

Gartner, 267-304

### **Week 7**

November 7: Jews under colonial rule

November 9: Emerging new states in the Middle East and North Africa

Readings:

Memmi, complete novel

Stillman, 47-64

Valensi, "Multicultural Visions: The Cultural Tapestry of the Jews of North Africa," 921-927

### **Week 8**

November 14: Jews in Poland (Film: *Image before my Eyes*)

November 16: Jews in Nazi Germany

Readings:

Kaplan, 3-118

Gartner, 304-346

### **Week 9:**

November 21: The Holocaust

Readings:

Gartner, 347-376

Kaplan, 119-237

### **Week 10**

November 28: Jewish communities after World War II

November 30: Jewish identity at the end of the 20th century

Readings:

Gartner, 376-437

**Course books available at the UCI Bookstore:**

1. Lloyd P. Gartner, *History of the Jews in Modern Times*
2. Abraham Cahan, *Rise of David Levinsky*
3. Albert Memmi, *Pillar of Salt*
4. Marion A. Kaplan, *Between Dignity and Despair*

**On-line Readings**

Other weekly readings are available online, at the Antpac Reserves website under this course, or at website links on the syllabus.

**Policies for the Class**

1. The last day for adding or dropping the course, or changing your grade option is Friday, October 6. Only exceptional circumstances will be considered for adding or dropping the class after October 6, and the grade option will not be changed under any circumstance after that date. Please note that all school and major requirements must be taken for letter grades.
2. Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the Disability Services Center at 949/824-7494 as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.
3. Please review the guidelines on academic honesty:  
[http://www.senate.uci.edu/9\\_IrvineManual/3ASMAppendices/Appendix08.html](http://www.senate.uci.edu/9_IrvineManual/3ASMAppendices/Appendix08.html)
4. Exams must be taken at the designated times. Any arrangements for taking an exam at a different time, or make-up exams must be approved and arranged in advance with your instructor and TA.

**Requirements and Grading**

1. Complete all the weekly reading assignments before Tuesday class meetings or section. Beginning week 2, you will be expected to write a one-page reaction to the readings for that week, discussing what in your opinion are the most important points. These papers are not graded, but are required and due in section. Attendance and participation in class and section discussions and writing exercises counts 15% of your grade.

2. One paper, double-spaced, (about 7-9 pages, or 2000 words) on Cahan's *The Rise of David Levinsky* and Memmi's, *Pillar of Salt*, due November 21 (25%).
4. Midterm on Tuesday, October 24 (25%).
5. A final exam on Friday, December 8, 10:30-12:30 P.M. (35%).