

Jews in the Modern World
Stanford University
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For general background reading: See the articles on "Judaism" in Macmillan's Encyclopedia of Religion.

A course reader will be made available at the first meeting of class; otherwise all books can be purchased at the Stanford Bookstore. Requirements: In-class midterm exam; a final take-home exam; 8-10-page book review of a book on some aspect of modern Jewish history and not on the course syllabus. Book review titles must be approved by Professor Zipperstein, and appointments will be set to discuss them.

Required books:

Lloyd Gartner, *History of the Jews in Modern Times*
Paul Mendes Flohr and Jehuda Reinharz, *The Jews in the Modern World*
Judith R. Baskin, *Jewish Women in Historical Perspective*
Derek Penslar, *Shylock's Children*
Steven Zipperstein, *The Jews of Odessa*
Michael Marrus, *The Holocaust in History*
Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*

1. First class session – discussion of syllabus, requirements, etc. (4/5)
2. "Traditional Judaism, Orthodox Judaism"
Gartner, pp. 2-60; Chava Weissler, "Prayers in Yiddish and the Religious World of Ashkenazic Women," in Baskin, pp. 159-81; Gershom Scholem, "The Star of David: History of a Symbol," Course Reader. (4/10)
3. Absolutism, Mercantilism, Messianism, and Enlightenment
Penslar, *Shylock's Children*, pp. 11-123 (4/12)
4. Moses Mendelssohn
Gartner, pp. 128-61; David Sorkin, *The Transformation of German Jewry, 1780-1840*, pp. 107-72, Course Reader; Michael Meyer, "The Origins of the Modern Jew," Course Reader. (4/17)
4. Hasidism and its Enemies: The Culture of East European Jewry (4/19)
Arthur Green, pp. 23-62, Course Reader
5. The Russian Government and the Jews
Gartner, pp. 162-212; Michael Stanislawski, *Tsar Nicholas I and the Jews*, pp. 3-48, Course Reader (4/24)
6. Jewish Life in the Russian Pale of Settlement (4/26)
Zipperstein, *The Jews of Odessa*, 1-40, 96-150.
7. Jewish Life in Western and Central Europe – France, England, and Germany
Michael Burns, "Majority Faith: Dreyfus Before the Affair," Malino and Sorkin, eds., *From East to West*, pp. 57-82, Course Reader; Penslar, *Shylock's Children*, pp. 124-end. (5/1)

8. Reform and Orthodox Judaism

Marion Kaplan, "Tradition and Transition: Jewish Women in Imperial Germany," in Baskin, pp. 202-21; Mendes-Flohr, pp. 161-206; David Ellenson, *After Emancipation: Jewish Religious Responses to Modernity*, pp. 99-189, Course Reader. (5/3)

9. Midterm (5/8)

10. Palestine, and the Ottoman Empire

Anita Shapira, *Land and Power*, pp. 83-126, Course Reader; Mendes-Flohr, pp. 532-85. (5/10)

11. Jews in America, 1880-1920s

Hyman, "Gender and the Immigrant Experience in the United States," Baskin, pp. 222-43; Hutchins Hapgood, "The Spirit of the Ghetto," pp. 1-70, Course Reader. (5/15)

12. Antisemitism

Mendes Flohr, pp. 268-99; Pulzer, *The Rise of Political Anti-Semitism in Germany and Austria*, pp. 1-70, Course Reader; Franz Kafka, "The Metamorphosis," Course Reader (5/17)

13. Post-Liberal Ideologies in Russian Jewry

Gartner, pp. 213-66; Hans Rogger, *Jewish Policies and Right-Wing Politics in Imperial Russia*, pp. 25-39 Course Reader; Lucy Dawidowicz, *The Golden Tradition*, pp. 405-48, Course Reader; Lloyd Gartner, "Jewish Migrants en Route From Europe to North America," Moses Rischin, ed., *The Jews of North America*, pp. 25-43, Course Reader (5/22)

14. Jews in Poland and the Soviet Union in the 1920s and '30s

Gartner, pp. 267-318; Lucy Dawidowicz, *From That Time and Place*, pp. 51-119, Course Reader. (5/24)

Film: "Image Before My Eyes," time and place to be announced.

15. The Holocaust

Marrus, *The Holocaust in History*, entire bk. (5/29)

16. In-class discussion of Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, entire bk. (5/31)

Review for final examination over dinner at Professor Zipperstein's home, 1078 Pine St., Menlo Park. (6/5)