

University of California at San Diego

## ***Jewish Modernity from 1648 to 1948***

HITO 105

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Class meets Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 to 11:50

Office hours: Wednesdays 1:30---3:00 and by appointment

Please do not send me e-mail messages. Instead, catch me before or after class and speak to me in person. In an emergency you should contact the Judaic Studies Office.

**Course description.** Topics include the political emancipation of the Jews of Europe; the emergence of Reform, Conservative, and modern Orthodox Judaism, Hassidism, modern anti-Semitism, Jewish socialism, Zionism, the Holocaust, the American Jewish story, and the founding of the State of Israel.

**Requirements.** Students should come to class regularly. If 95% of the class is present on any given day, that day's power point lecture outline will be posted on our site.

Students are required to post four mini-essays on the course web site. One of these postings should be devoted to your Historical Personality and the other three can be an answer to the question of the day or a response to another student's question.

Please come to class the day your Personality will be discussed and be prepared to talk for no more than three minutes about your Person. Please do not simply narrate their life story, but rather concentrate on *how they changed the course of Jewish history*. You may use the personalities noted in the syllabus or choose your own figure who lived during the relevant epoch.

There will be an in-class examination on February 17th, and an in-class examination on the last day of class, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Both examinations will consist of

essays and identifications. Finally, students must write a three page essay devoted to the topic of how your Historical Personality changed the course of Jewish history. **Sources for the essay may not be from the Internet**, and you should plan to use at least one book for your essay that is not an assigned book.

The four postings are worth 20 points; the first exam is worth 20 points; the second exam is worth 30 points, and the essay is worth 30 points. Due dates: postings, at any point during the quarter; first exam Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>; second exam March 17<sup>th</sup>; essay, March 17<sup>th</sup>. **LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND NO MAKE UPS WILL BE GIVEN UNLESS YOU HAVE A DIRE EMERGENCY AND HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION BEFORE YOU MISS THE DATE.**

The reader for our class will be Ms. Susanne Hillman. You may contact her at [shillman@ucsd.edu](mailto:shillman@ucsd.edu).

**Books.** The books have been ordered with Groundworks and are also on Reserve.

Howard Sachar, *History of the Jews in the Modern World*

I.B. Singer, *Satan in Goray*

Lucy Dawidowicz, *The Golden Tradition*

Arthur Hertzberg, *The Zionist Idea*

Israel Joshua Singer, *The Family Carnovsky*

**Class Web Site.** Lectures may or not appear on the site, depending upon attendance. Look for the discussion questions for each lecture, and for the Historical Personality section. The address is <http://webct.ucsd.edu>. Contact the Academic Computing Office at 4-4061 or 4-2113 if you have any problems using the site.

## **Class Schedule.**

January 9                      *Introduction to the Course.*

January 11.                      *The Jewish Body Politic in 1648*

Read Sachar, Chapter One; LD, 6-13

Personalities: Gluckel of Hameln, Marcus Meisel, Jacob von Treuenberg, Daniel Rodriguez, Joel of Rosheim

January 13                      *The Court Jews*

Read Sachar, 18-25

Watch clip of film *Jud Suss*

Personalities: Joseph Oppenheimer, Samuel Oppenheimer, Esther Leibmann, Jost Leibmann

January 16

NO CLASS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

January 18

*History in Fiction*

Read: I.B. Singer, *Satan in Goray*, entire book

January 20

*True and False Messiahs*

No reading.

Personalities: Bogdan Chmielnicki, Isaac ben Solomon Luria, Solomon Molcho, Shabbatei Zevi, Natahn of Gaza, Jacob Frank, Gershom Scholem

January 23

*The Jewish Enlightenment, or the Haskalah*

Read: Sachar, 25-33; LD 14-38; 145-153

Personalities: Jacob Emden, Baruch Spinoza, Uriel de Costa, Solomon Maimon, Moses Mendelssohn

January 25

*Hassidism, A Judaism of the Heart*

Read: LD, 100-110

Personalities: Baal Shem Tov, Leib Melamed, Dov Baer, Maggid of Mezeritch, Martin Buber, the Maid of Ludomir, Moses Nachmanides

January 27

*The Earliest Zionists*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Seven, LD, 49-69; 200-206; Hertzberg, 108-123

Personalities: Moses Hess, Yehudah Alkalai, Zvi Kalischer, Peretz Smolenskin, Leo Pinsker

January 30

*The American Story*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Nine

Personalities: Pieter Stuyvesant, Isaac Moses, Aaron Lopez, Friedrich Salomon, Levi Strauss, Isaac Mayer Wise.

February 1 *Emancipation in France, England and Prussia*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Three and 127-137

Personalities: David Friedlaender, Manasseh ben Israel, Napoleon Bonaparte, Solomon de Medina, Christian Wilhelm Dohm

February 3 *Life Under the Czars in Russian and Beyond*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Four; LD 160-168

Personalities: Catherine the Great; Czar Alexander I; Czar Nicholas; Alexander Herzen; Sergei Uvarov; Max Lilienthal

February 6 *The Rothschilds and their Jewish Critics*

Read Sachar, 73-119

Personalities: Amschel, Gute, James, Nathan, and Carl Rothschild; Karl Marx, Heinrich Heine, Ludwig Boerne

February 8 *The Jewish Enlightenment in the East*

Read: Sachar, 175-192; LD, 38-49 and 113-142

Personalities: Solomon Rapoport; Joseph Perl; Nathan Krochmal; Micah Levinsohn; Abraham Mapu

February 10

Class will not be held. If you can, attend the *Jewish Film Festival* to watch a recent Israeli documentary on divorce in Jewish law, and receive extra credit for your attendance. Details will be announced in class.

February 13 *Pogroms in Russia*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Eleven; LD 248-56

Personalities: Konstantin Pobedonostsev; Czar Alexander II; Hessia Helfman; Horace de Guenzburg; Judah Leib Gordon

February 15

*Immigrants Build Communities in the United States*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Twelve

Personalities: Charles Netter; Jacob Schiff; Moritz de Hirsch; Abraham Cahan; Isaac Zucker; Edward Osterman, Judah Magnes

February 17

*First Examination in class*

Please bring a blue book to class.

February 20

NO CLASS PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 22

*Antisemitism from Lueger to the Dreyfus Affair*

Read: Sachar, Chapters Thirteen and Fourteen

Personalities: Karl Lueger, Alfred Dreyfus, Emile Zola, Karl von Eotvos; Tomas Masaryk; August Rohling; Edouard Drumont; Hubert Henry; Georges Picquart; Friedrich Nietzsche; Adolf Stoecker.

February 24

*Theodor Herzl and Other Zionists*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Fifteen; Hertzberg, 178-246.

Watch clip from *Daniel Deronda*

Personalities: Eliezer Ben Yehuda; Moshe Lilienblum, Leo Pinsker, Max Nordau, Ahad Ha Am [Asher Ginsberg]; Haim Nachmann Bialik; Micha Berdichevski; Ber Borochoy, Aaron David Gordon

February 27

*Bundists and the Non-Jewish Jews*

Watch clip from *Rosa Luxemburg*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Sixteen, LD 232-242;

Personalities: Pavel Axelrod; Chaim Zhitlowsky; Abraham Liessin; Vladimir Medem; Simon Dubnow; Rosa Luxemburg

March 1

*World War One and the Revolution in Russia*

Read: Sachar, 314-322 and Chapter Eighteen, and I.J. Singer novel, Book One

Personalities: Leon Trotsky, Emma Goldmann; I.J. Singer; Hermann Cohen; Walter Rathenau; Simon Petliura; Czar Nicholas II; Alexander Kerenksy; Vladimir Lenin; Nicholas Bukharin; Isaac Babel

March 3 *Palestine Under the Mandate*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Fourteen; Hertzberg, 450-466, 556-589.

Watch clip from *Lawrence of Arabia*

Personalities: Djemal Pasha; Henry Morgenthau; Emir Feisal; T.E. Lawrence; Edmund Allenby; Herbert Samuel; Lloyd George; Mark Sykes; Vladmir Jabotinsky; Aaron Aaronsohn

March 6 *Jewish Politics in New York City and Beyond*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Twenty

Personalities: Abraham Cahan, Anzia Yezierska, Rose Schneiderman, Felix Frankfurter, Louis Brandeis; Samuel Gompers; Henry Ford; Samuel Bronfman; Oscar Hammerstein; Kaufman Kohler

March 8 *Race Madness under Nazi Rule*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Twenty five; Singer novel Book Two

Personalities: Adolf Hitler, Joseph Goebbels, Rabbi Leo Baeck; Gottfried Feder; Franz von Papen; Julius Streicher; Adolf Eichmann; Herschel Grynszpan

March 10 *The State of Israel is Founded in 1948*

Read: Sachar, Chapter Twenty Nine

Personalities: David Ben Gurion, Chaim Weizmann, Golda Meier; Clement Atlee; Ernest Bevin; Menachem Begin; Abd al-Husseini

March 13 *The Lost Worlds of European Jewry*

Watch clips from *Image Before My Eyes* and discuss film with Ms. Susanne Hillman.

March 15 *Roundtable Workshop on the Jewish Future*

No reading.

March 17 *Second Examination*

Please bring a blue book to class.