

particular focus on the extraordinary artistic life of the prisoners, with three goals: to deepen students' understanding of the camp within the broader context of war and genocide; to equip students with knowledge of the history and rich culture of the Jewish inmates of Terezin/Theresienstadt, most of whom came from communities across Central Europe; and to address broad historical themes such as war and genocide, totalitarianism, and collective trauma and memory. The course includes a study of theatre in the camp, readings of newly discovered plays and cabarets written at Terezin/Theresienstadt, and explorations of theatre's function in the life of the prisoners based on survivor testimony from 1945 until today.

### Language and Foreign Studies

In the early twentieth century bold pioneers determined that Hebrew, not Yiddish, would become the language of the emerging Jewish state. Learn the Hebrew that modern Israelis speak and master grammar as well as vocabulary. This is particularly useful to those planning to visit Israel.

### **HEBR-117 Hebrew, Elementary Modern II**

M/TH 9:55-11:10 a.m.

M/TH 8:30-9:45 a.m.

### **HEBR-217.001 Hebrew, Intermediate Modern II**

M/TH 2:10-3:25 p.m., Prerequisite: HEBR 117 or equivalent

### **HEBR-317.001 Hebrew, Advanced Modern II**

M/TH 12:45-2:00 p.m., Prerequisite: HEBR 217 or equivalent

### **Additional independent study, independent reading, and internships available.**

Prerequisite: Standing as Jewish Studies major or minor and permission of Professor Nadell.

### **JWST-390/590 Independent Reading (1-6 Credits)**

### **JWST-392 Cooperative Education (3-9 Credits)**

### **JWST-481/482 Senior Thesis (3 Credits)**

**Intern in Metropolitan Washington D.C.** Prerequisite: Standing as Jewish Studies major or minor and permission of Professor Nadell.

### **JWST-491 Internship (1-6 Credits)**

An opportunity to earn university credit while contributing services to a local Jewish organization such as the Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah Washington Action Office, Jewish Historical Society, Jewish Community Center, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

For a complete list of internships available to Jewish Studies majors and minors visit: <http://www.american.edu/academic.depts/cas/js/internships.html>



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## Spring 2010 Courses



## Jewish Studies

### **JWST-210 *Voices of Modern Jewish Literature***

M/W 6:45-8:00 p.m.

*David Solomon, Professional Lecturer, Jewish Studies*

Explores a variety of literary works analyzing the historical experience of modern Jewish communities in Europe, as well as the United States and Israel, emphasizing how migration, racism, industrialization, and political change affected these Jews and their Judaism.

### **JWST-320.001/HIST-344.003/644.003 *Topics in Jewish Culture: Museums & Memory: Israel & U.S.***

W 2:10-4:50 p.m.

*Nina Spiegel, Schusterman Teaching Fellow in Jewish Studies*

This seminar focuses on how museums interpret history and shape public and collective memory. Exploring topics in the modern Jewish experience, the course analyzes the process and politics of cultural creation. Themes will include nationalism, immigration, and conflict as they appear in museums in both America and Israel.

### **JWST-320.002/HIST-344.002/644.002 *Topics in Jewish Culture: American Jewish Popular Culture***

T/F 11:20 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

*Nina Spiegel, Schusterman Teaching Fellow in Jewish Studies*

This course examines the history of American Jewish popular culture in the twentieth century through the prisms of film and TV; food and leisure; music, theater, art and dance. The class analyzes the interplay between American and Jewish cultures, exploring topics such as urbanization, immigration, suburbanization, and globalization.

## History

### **HIST-245 *Modern Jewish Civilization***

M/TH 9:55-11:10 a.m.

*Pamela Nadell, Director of Jewish Studies Program*

Surveys Jewish responses to the challenges of modernity. Examines the creation of new Jewish communities in America and Israel, shifts in Jewish political status, and innovations in Jewish religious and intellectual history such as Zionism and Hasidism.

### **HIST-319/619 *Holocaust***

T/F 11:20 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

*Maddalena Marinari, Lecturer, Department of History*

Traces the history of antisemitism and the development of racism that led to the Holocaust. Examines the historical development of the Final Solution. Considers the perpetrators and the victims, as well as international reactions.

## School of International Service

### **SIS-365 *Arab-Israeli Relations***

T/F 9:55-11:10 a.m.

*Boaz Atzili, Assistant Professor of International Relations*

W 8:10-10:40 p.m.

*Yehuda Lukacs*

A survey of Arab-Israeli relations from their origins to the present. Includes an account of Zionism and Palestinian nationalism, the history of the British mandate, the Arab-Israeli wars, the involvement of external powers, and the quest for peace.

### **SIS 419.011/SOCY 396.003/696.002/GOVT 432.003 *Israeli Politics***

M/TH 12:45-2:00 p.m.

*Maurice Roumani, Abensohn Visiting Professor Israel Studies*

This course provides an overview of current issues and topics affecting Israeli politics. The course will consider Israeli political systems in the context of major political developments.

## Sociology

### **SOCY- 340/640/SIS 319.003/619.023 *Israeli Society***

TH 5:30-8:00 p.m.

*Russell Stone, Director of Center for Israel Studies*

This course explores the emergence of Israeli society and its changes over time. It reviews Israel's ideological and political foundations, the centrality of immigration, the emergence of Arab minorities and Jewish ethnic divisions, and assesses political, economic, religious, and family patterns within the broader Jewish and Palestinian communities. Usually offered every spring.

### **SOCY 396.002/696.001/SIS 319.018/619.018 *Minorities in the Middle East and North Africa***

M/TH 11:20 a.m.-12:35p.m.

*Maurice Roumani, Abensohn Visiting Professor Israel Studies*

This course focuses on the ethnic, religious, national, linguistic, and political minorities in the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, including minority groups within Islam. The course will discuss the background and situation of various minorities in the area, and their roles in the politics and social structures of the societies in which they live, as well as their movement and Diaspora status in the world.

## Honors

### **HNRS 300.002H *Voices of Terezin: The Arts as Spiritual Resistance***

W 2:10-4:50 p.m.

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This course examines the experiences and testimonies of the Jewish inmates of the Terezin/Thereisenstadt concentration camp during and after the Holocaust, with a

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