

University of California, San Diego

HIEU 171/271

Jewish Politics in Eastern Europe

Spring 2010

4 units

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HSS 6024

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Class meets Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in HSS 6008 for three hours.

My office hours: Wednesdays 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Requirements

Students should do the reading and come to class ready for intense discussion and debate. The last half hour of each class session will be an open time for students to discuss the progress of their essays with the instructor.

Undergraduate students enrolled in 171 should write a twenty-page paper, due on Monday, May 31. Graduate students should write a twenty-five page paper. Details about the essays will be discussed regularly in class.

Note on the syllabus the deadlines for the paper abstract, bibliography, outline, and five-page rough draft. No electronic submissions please.

WebCT will be used only for posting the final versions of the essays. Please place a paper copy in my mailbox on May 31.

For expert assistance on bibliography, see Mr. Elliot Kanter in the Library, ekanter@ucsd.edu.

Points toward final grade: final essay 60; class participation 10; abstract 5; bibliography 5; outline 5; rough draft 15.

Books

All of the books have been placed on Reserve and are also available for sale at Groundworks Bookstore. You may find that some of the books have been scanned by Google or by the University of California e-copy system.

Lucy Dawidowicz, *The Golden Tradition*, Syracuse University Press, 0-81560423-8

Yuri Slezkine, *The Jewish Century*, Princeton University Press 978 069 112 7606

Israel Bartal, *Jews of Eastern Europe*, University of Pennsylvania Press 978 0812219074

Gershon David Hundert *Jews in Poland-Lithuania*, University of California Press 978 052024 9943

Ken Frieden, ed., *Classic Yiddish Stories*, Syracuse University Press, 978 0815607601

Yaffa Eliach, *There Once Was a World*, Hachette book group, 978 0316 232 395

Zvi Gitelman, *Century of Ambivalence*, Indiana University Press, 978 0 253 21418-8

Course Schedule

March 31 Introduction to the course

April 7 A Provocative Model for This Past

Read Slezkine, Chapters One and Two

April 14 The Polish-Lithuanian World of the Eighteenth Century

Read Hundert, Chapters One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Ten, and Afterword
Davidowicz, Introduction 5–81

Abstract due. Provide a title for your essay and a one paragraph summary of the scope of your project.

April 21 The World of the Pale of Settlement

Read Bartal, Chapters One, Two, Three, Five, and Six
Gitelman, Chapter One

April 28 The Politics of Religion

Read Hundert, Chapters Six, Seven, Eight, and Nine
Bartal, Chapter Four, Seven, and Eight

Eliach, Chapters Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six

Recommended: Dawidowicz, Part One

Outline and bibliography due. List at least four monographs and articles, if insufficient monographs. Include possible primary sources if available. Use the Internet to obtain traditional scholarly material, but do not use Internet sources that are not scholarly publications.

May 5 Learning Social History From Yiddish Literature

Read Ken Frieden, 57–88; 147–274.

May 12 An Anthropological Gaze at Eishyshok

Read Eliach, Parts Three and Four

Rough draft of first five pages of essay due. This draft should have complete footnotes and be proofread. Provide a detailed outline of the remaining pages of the essay.

May 19 Bundists, Socialists, and Zionists

Read Bartal, Chapters Nine, Ten, and Twelve
Slezkine, Chapter Four
Dawidowicz, Parts Nine and Ten

May 26 The Russian Revolution and Beyond

Read Slezkine Chapter Three
Gitelman, Chapters Two and three
Dawidowicz, Part Eleven

May 31 Post your final essay on the WebCT

June 2 Discussion of Student Essays

Read all of the student essays in preparation for discussion in class. You will be paired up with a student commentator working on a similar topic. Breakfast served in class.

Thank you for participating in this class and enjoy your summer.