



Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism
The Israel Studies International MA Program
Spring Semester 2013

Israeli History "From Below"
**The Role of Children & Youth, Immigrants, Minorities and
Professionals in the Shaping of a New Society 1948-1977**

Thursday 13:00 – 16:30
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Course Description and Objectives :

This research seminar sheds light on the unheard voices of Israeli history. Individuals and groups that acted behind the scenes and shaped the Israeli cultural and social mosaic between 1948 – 1970s. At the center stage of the course, stand people with distinct class, cultural, ethnic, religion and generational characteristics. Throughout the course these people will serve as the voices of the new Israeli society, and their actions, challenges and struggles will provide an in depth understanding of Israel's social history. Amongst the groups and individuals that will be examined we can mention: immigrants, children and youth, Arab citizens, professionals from various fields that served as mediators between the state and its marginalized groups (educators, community activists and nurses). Junctions in Israel's civic and constitutional history will be analyzed through the lens of these groups, such as – the struggle on the nature of the immigrants education, the Wadi Salib Riots, the students struggle against corruption, Al-Ard movement and the struggle for Arab rights of association, the first settlement actions in the Golan Heights and Gush-Etzion after 1967, grassroots political activism, in the radical left and right – Mazpen and the Jewish Defense League in Israel, the Israeli Black Panthers, the events and background the Land Day and more.

Course Structure:

Each course meeting will include a **lecture**, and archive/library **exercise** and a **discussion** based on students' findings

Total # of Credits: 4

Teaching Method:

The course will be conducted through a combination of formal lectures, small study groups and class discussion. The lectures will be based on weekly reading assignments. In addition to these readings, students will read and analyze primary sources, films, documentary movies, and personal memoirs of individuals and groups that consist of Israel's "History from Below". These additional sources, will be analyzed by students and presented in class, setting the ground for class discussions, in addition to the scholarly works on each course item.

Course Requirements

Compulsory attendance **YES** ; Pre-requisites: open for MA students only

Structure of Final Course Grade

1. Active Participation (including weekly class presentations according to weekly theme)	40%
2. Research Paper	60%

Note:

- Work handed in late, will not be graded!
- Penalties and course policies should be clearly articulated (i.e. students will have their final grade lowered an entire grade level if they miss more than 2 class meetings unexcused)

Course Schedule Layout:

Week 1

Introduction : History from Below, Subaltern Studies/life communities, flash and blood persons , Social History – Mapping the Terms (Social History : history from below/voices/subaltern/minorities/gender ; social education, history of education, civil society, History of youth, the autobiographical turn); Suggesting Some Theories, and Contextualizing it in the Israeli Context

Workshop

Preliminary Encounter with the Relevant Methodology

- Oral history/testimonies
- Personal memoirs
- cinematic sources (documentary + fiction)
- Written Media ("Social Sections and readers letters)

Reading:

Macraill, Donald M & Taylor, Avram (2004). *Social Theory and Social History*. Ch. Introduction ; 1; 4 (100-117)

The 1950s

Week 2

Center and Periphery - Old Timers and New Comers

The massive Wave of Immigration and the Inter-Relations between Old Timers and New Comers

Reading :

- Hacoen Dvora. (2002) Mass Immigration and the Demographic Revolution in Israel', *Israel Affaires* 8:1-2 Pp.177-19.
- Tali Tadmor-Shimony, (2011)Immigrant and Veteran Teachers of the 1948 Generation as Socialization Agents of the New State," *Israel Studies* 16:3 pp. 23-42.
- Lehman-Wilzig, Sam (1990). Stiff-necked people, bottle-necked system: the Evolution and roots of the Israeli public protest.

Workshop:

- Statistics
- Hadassah Newsletter
- Oral Testimonies

Week 3

Center and Periphery - Youth and Young Adults, the Nations' Future or Indoctrinated Masses?

- The shaping of an Israeli citizen
- Israel's youth between national idealism and individualistic aspirations

Reading:

- Kabalo, Paula. (2009). Pioneering Discourse and the Shaping of an Israeli Citizen in the 1950s. *Jewish Social Studies: History, Culture, Society* 15:2. Pp. 82-110
- Picard, Avi. (2009). Soft Religiosity: the Identity of North African Youths in Israel in the 1950s . *The Journal for the Study of Sephardic & Mizrahi Jewry*. Pp. 131-167

Workshop:

- Noa at 17 [film]
- Youth letters to DBG [translated from Hebrew]

Week 4

Arab Minority in a Jewish State: The Military Regime ; The Shaping of Arab Educational System ; The Kafr Qasim Trauma and its short term implications

Reading:

- Migdal, Joel & Kimmerling Baruch (2001). 'The Odd Man Out: Arabs in Israel'. In: Migdal (ed). *Through the lens of Israel: Explorations in State and Society*'.
- Rekhess, Ellie (2007). 'The Evolvment of an Arab–Palestinian National Minority in Israel'. *Israel Studies* 12:3, pp. 1-28
- Robinson Shira, Local Struggle, National Struggle: Palestinian Responses to the Kafr Qasim Massacre and Its Aftermath, 1956-66 , *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 35, No. 3

- Cohen, Hillel (2010). *Good Arabs: The Israeli Security Agencies and the Israeli Arabs, 1948-1967*. Ch. 5

Workshop:

Gale data base

London Times

UN reports

Museum in Kafr Qasim – visual sources and oral history

Week 5

Anonymous Women in the Front : Women's Equal rights Law ;The Gender aspects of the Austerity Policy; When traditional societies meet secularism and modernity – the special experience of immigrant women

Reading:

- Rozin, Orit. (2011). *The Rise of the Individual in the 1950s Israel: a Challenge to collectivism* . part 1: 'At Home and on the Street'
- Niza Berkowitz. (1997), Motherhood as a National Mission: The Construction of Womanhood in the Legal Discourse in Israel, *Women's Studies international Forum*, 20:5-6, Pp.506-619.
- Tali Tadmor-Shimony (2010). The Female Solider Teacher: Army, Education and a New State', *Israel Affair*, 16:2 Pp. 297-313

Workshop:

- Women's Equal rights Law (from Berkowitz)
- Written Media – Women Sections
- Women in Beer Seva – Personal Evidence

1960s

Week 6

Broadening Educational Opportunities – the Comprehensive Schools, the 'Spiral' System and its Impact on Center-Periphery Relations and Images

Reading :

- Avner Molco (2011). Productivization , Economic and the Transformation of Israeli Education, 1948-1965', *Israel Studies* 16: 3 pp. 123-148.
- Yossi Yonah and Ishak Saporta, (2006)The Wavering Luck of Girls, Gender and Pre- Vocational Education in Israel, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, 2;3,Pp.72-101

Workshop:

- Turn left at the end of the world
- Statistics
- Articles by contemporaries

Week 7

The Development Towns – Image and Reality – the New Industrial Workers and the Shaping of a Local Leadership.

Reading:

- Troen, Ilan. (2003). *Imagining Zion: Dreams, Designs and Realities in a Century of Jewish of Jewish Settlement (Ch. 9: from new towns to development Towns)* pp. 184-207
- Meir Esther- Gilzenstein, (2000) *Class, Ethnicity, and the Rise of immigrant Leadership; Berr- Sheva in the Early 1950s*, *Israel Studies*, 5: 2 pp. 78-106

Workshop:

- Spielberg virtual library : Documentaries on Development Towns

Week 8

The Evolution of an Arab-Israeli Citizen: First Attempts of an Independent Political Action, the Al Ard Case and more

Reading:

- Lahav, Pnina (1997). *Judgement in Jerusalem: Chief Justice Simon Agranat and the Zionist Century*. Ch. 11: Arab Representation in the Jewish State
- Zureik, Elia T (1979). *The Palestinians in Israel: A Study in Internal Colonialism*. Ch. 7: The Politicization of Israeli Arabs

Workshop:

Al-Ard in the written media

Al-Ard court rulings

Gale data base

Jiryis, Sabri (1969). *The Arabs in Israel 1948-1966*

Week 9

The Growth of Israel's Civic Activism– Youth and Young Adults in Protest and Critical Movements

- The Case of Shurat Hamitnadvim in the Higher Court
- Mazpen and Siach
- The first settlements beyond the green line : Hebron, Gush Etzion and the Golan heights

Reading :

- Kabalo, Paula (2008). 'Mediating Between Citizens and a New State: the History of Shurat Hamitnadvim' . *Israel Studies* 13:2 pp. 97-121
- Sprinzak, Ehud (1999). *Brother against Brother ch. 4*
- Ohana, David (2002). 'Kfar Etzion: the Community of Memory and the Myth of Return'. *Israel Studies* 7:2, pp. 145-174
- Feige, Michael (2009). *Settling in the Hearts*. Ch.8: Gush Etzion and the Decline of Secular Zionist Mythology

Workshop:

Film: Late Summer Blues

Article: Amnon Rubinstein (July, 1970). 'And Now in Israel a Fluttering of Doves'. *The New York Times Magazine*.

Documentary – Gush Etzion and Golan Heights

1970s

Week 10

The Mizrahi Revolt

Israeli Black Panthers Confronting Public Opinion

Reading:

- Bernstein Deborah, *The Black Panthers of Israel 1971-1972 :contradictions and protest in the process of nation-building*
- Chetrit Sami, *Intra-Jewish conflict in Israel :White Jews, black Jews.* Ch. 1 & 3

Workshop:

- Film: (במאי: ניסים מוסק) שמעת על הפנתרים Have you Heard about the Panthers?
- Article: Lea Ben-Dor (May, 1971). 'a Dream of Panthers'. Jerusalem Post Weekend Magazine
- Written Media

Week 11

Reform and Integration in Israel's Educational System

Reading:

- Nura Resh and Yechezkel Dar, 'The Rise and fall of School Integration in Israel: Research and Policy Analysis', *British Educational Research Journal* VI. 38 No. 6(2012) 929-951.

Workshop:

- Elad Peled (1971). The Case of Israel, *Proceeding of the Academy of Political Science* 33:2. Pp146-156.
- Statistic

Week12

The Land Day: Arabs in Israel Draw the Lines

Reading :

- Ghanem, As'ad (2001). *The Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel, 1948-2000.* Ch.7: Local Politics
- Stendel, Ori (1996). *The Arabs in Israel.* Ch. 3: The Political Arena
- Smooha, Sammy (1980). *The Orientation and Politicization of the Arab Minority in Israel.* Conclusions.
- Ben-Dor, Gabriel (1980). 'Electoral Politics and Ethnic Polarization: Israeli Arabs in the 1977 Elections'. In: Arian (ed). *The Elections in Israel, 1977*

Workshop:

Guest lecturer / Documentary

Week 13

The Israeli Feminist Movement – Why Now?

Reading:

Yael Yishai (2005). 'Between the Flag and Banner' In; *Israeli's Women Studies: A Reader*

Workshop:

Marcia Freedman(1999). 'Theorizing Israeli Feminism, 1970-2000,' In; Kalpan & Rich (ed). *Jewish Feminism in Israel: Some Contemporary Perspectives* pp. 1-16.

1977

Week 14

Watershed Line – Redefining the Border Lines Between Center and Periphery – the Rise of New Elites?

Reading:

Arian Asher (1980). 'The Israeli Electorate, 1977'. In: Arian (ed). *The Elections in Israel, 1977*

Shapiro (1980). 'The End of a Dominant Party System'. In: Arian (ed). *The Elections in Israel, 1977*

Vaits, Yehi'am (2005). 'The Road to "Upheaval": A Capsulate History of the Herut Movement'. *Israel Studies*, 10:3, pp. 54-86

- Updated political science article on the mahapach

Workshop:

Documentaries and 1977 election campaign