

Course Name and Number:

**Spiritual Trends Western European Jewry Mod Time**

04-301-80

04-302-80

**Type of course :Lecture**

**Year of Studies:** 2015-2016 **Semester:** Fall & Spring **Hours/credits**: 2

**Course Description:**

The course examines the emergence of Jewish religious trends in the modern period, with an emphasis on traditionalist responses – the unique subgroups that developed in the 19th century as a result of the interplay of various geographic, social, political and intellectual factors. How these forces adjusted to the new realities of Zionism, the destruction of European Jewry, and the birth and development of the State of Israel in the 20th century.

**Semester One**

**Syllabus / Bibliography**

**I.** Introduction

**Jacob Katz, ”Orthodoxy in Historical Perspective", *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* II (Bloomington Minnesota, 1986), 3-17.**

**Samuel Heilman "The Many Faces of Orthodoxy (part I)," *Modern Judaism* 2 (1982), 23-82.**

**Moshe Samet "The Beginnings of Orthodoxy," *Modern Judaism* VIII (1988), 249-269.**

**II.** Traditional Society

**Jacob Katz, *Tradition and Crisis* [translator Bernard Dov Cooperman] (New York, 1993), 3-4, 10-18, 20-30, 65-87, 113-124.**

**III.** The “Forerunners of Orthodoxy”

**IV.** The Modern Era

**Michael A. Meyer, “Where Does the Modern Period in Jewish History Begin?” *Judaism* 24, 329-338.**

**V.** Tradition Faces Early Modernity

**Jacob Katz, “Rabbi Raphael Cohen, Moses Mendelssohn’s Opponent,” in his *Divine Law in Human Hands* (Jerusalem, 1998), 191-215.**

**VI.** Orthodoxy as a Response to Reform

**Michael A. Meyer, *Response to Modernity* (New York and Oxford, 1988), 53-61.**

**Judith Bleich, “The Emergence of an Orthodox Press in Nineteenth Century Germany," *Jewish Social Studies* 42 (1980), 323-344.**

**VII.** R. Samson Raphael Hirsch and *Torah im Derekh Eretz*

**Robert Liberles, *Religious Conflict in a Social Context* (Westport and London, 1985), 113-136.**

**VIII.** Separatist Orthodoxy

**Saemy S. Japhet, "The Secession From the Frankfurt Community under Samson Raphael Hirsch," *Historia Judaica* X (1948),**

**IX.** The Hatam Sofer and *Hadash Assur Min ha-Torah*

**Jacob Katz, “Towards a Biography of the Hatam Sofer,” *Divine Law in Human Hands*, 403-443.**

**X.** The Hungarian Jewish Congress

**Nathaniel Katzburg, “The Jewish Congress of 1869,” in Randolph Braham (ed.), *Hungarian Jewish Studies* II (New York, 1969), 6-29.**

**XI.** Hungarian Ultra-Orthodoxy

**Michael Silber, “The Emergence of Ultra-Orthodoxy: The Invention of a Tradition,” in J. Wertheimer (ed.), *The Uses of Tradition* (New York and Jerusalem, 1992), 23-84.**

**Semester 2:**

**I.** Hasidism and the Crisis of Traditional Society

**- Shmuel Ettinger, The Hassidic Movement : Reality and Ideals," in H.H. Ben-Sasson and Shmuel Ettinger (eds.), *Jewish Society Through the Ages* (New York, 1971), 251-266. (Judaica Reading Room - D709 Jew 1969) (Also in Gershon Hundert (ed.), *Essential Readings in Hassidism* (New York, 1990), 226-242. (Stacks A670.9 ESS 1991)**

**II.** Hasidim and Mitnagdim

**Mordecai L. Wilensky, "The Hostile Phase," in Bela K. Kiraly ed. *Tolerance and Movements of Religious Dissent in Eastern Europe* (London, 1975), 89-113.(Also in *Essential Readings in Hassidism*, 244-266.)**

**III.** R. Hayyim Volozhin and his Yeshiva

**Norman Lamm, *Torah Lishma* (New York, 1989),3-31, 274-293.(Stacks - A509.2 VOL(LAM) t)**

**IV.** The Rise of the Mussar Movement

**Immanuel Etkes, "Rabbi Israel Salanter and His Psychology of Mussar," in Arthur Green (ed.), *Jewish Spirituality* vol. II (New York, 1987), 206-242.(Stacks - A609 Jew 1986)**

**V.** Mussar and the Lithuanian Yeshivot

**David E. Fishman, "Musar and Modernity: The Case of Navaredok," *Modern Judaism* 8 (1988), 41-59.**

**VI.** Proto-Zionism and Hovevei Zion

**Jacob Katz, “The Forerunners of Zionism,” *Jerusalem Quarterly* VII (Spring, 1978), 10-21 [reprinted in idem, *Jewish Emancipation and Self-Emancipation* (Philadelphia, 1986), 104-15.**

**VII.** The Mizrahi Movement

**Ehud Luz, *Parallels Meet* (Philadelphia, 1988), 227-256.**

**VIII.** Agudat Yisrael and Early Anti-Zionism

**Gershon Bacon, *The Politics of Tradition* (1996), 29-37, 45-69.**

**IX.** Rav Kook and the Old Yishuv

**Zvi Yaron, *The Philosophy of Rabbi Kook* (Jerusalem, 1991), 197-244.**

**X.** The Religious Kibbutz Movement

**Aryei Fishman, "The Religious Kibbutz Movement: The Pursuit of a Complete Life within an Orthodox Framework," *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* II, 97-111.**

**XI.** The American Orthodox Synagogue and The American Rabbinate

**Adam S. Ferziger, “The Lookstein Legacy: An American Orthodox Rabbinical Dynasty?” *Jewish History* 13,1 (Spring 1999), 127-150.**

**XII.** The American Orthodox Individual and Ritual Practice

**Samuel C. Heilman and Steven M. Cohen and, "Ritual Variation among Modern Orthodox Jews in the United States," *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* II (1982),**

**XIII.** The State of Israel, Politics and Orthodoxy - The NRP and Agudah

**Eliezer Don-Yichya, "Jewish Orthodoxy, Zionism and the State of Israel," *Jerusalem Quarterly* 31 (1984), 10-30**

**XIV.** Gush Emunim

**Gideon Aran, "From Religious Zionism to Zionist Religion: the Roots of Gush Emunim*," Studies in Contemporary Jewry* II (1986), 116-143.**

**XV.** Yeshivot Hesder

**Aaron Lichtenstein, "The Ideology of Hesder," *Tradition* 17 (1981),**

**XVI.** The *Haredi* World

**Menachem Friedman, "Haredim Confront the Modern City*," Studies in Contemporary Jewry* II, 74-94.**

**XVII.** Neturei Karta

**Aviezer Ravitzky, "'Forcing the End': Zionism and the State of Israel as antimessianic Undertakings," *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* VII (1991), 34-67.**

**XVIII.** The Shas Party and the Transformation of Eastern (Sephardic) Jewry

**Yoav Peled, “Towards a Redefinition of Jewish Nationalism in Israel? The Enigma of ‘Shas’,” *Ethnic and Racial* *Studies* 21,4 (1998), 703-727.**

**Course requirements**

- Participation/assignment (30%).

- Final Exam each semester (70% grade).