

# **Jerusalem in the Jewish Historical Experience**

## **HIS 171**

### **American Jewish University Campus in Israel Young Judaea Year Course**

The city of Jerusalem is a unique microcosm of the major periods, themes and struggles of Jewish history. No other city captures the scope of the Jewish past in the same way as Jerusalem and no other place reflects the growth and interaction of Judaism, Christianity and Islam as does Jerusalem.

This course will use the historical and religious sites of Jerusalem in order to introduce the students to the development of the Jewish people, their connection to the city and to the land of Israel, and the tensions in Jewish life between exile and return, isolation and acculturation. Texts used in this course include primary and secondary sources: the Tanach, Josephus, Rabbinic sources, the Gospels as well as works by major contemporary historians.

The class will meet once a week, during which time students will participate in formal classroom study, as well as, go on a *siyur* (field trip) to various sites in the city. All *siyurim* are mandatory for all students. Students who miss a *siyur* will be required to write a three-page paper summarizing the major aspects (historical and contemporary) of the site that they did not visit which will be included in the grade assessment.

#### **Assessments:**

Students will be evaluated based on attendance (15%), class participation (10%), a weekly quiz at the start of each class on the past week's material (25%) a guided reading assignment (15%) and a final exam (35%).

#### **1. Introduction**

*Overview of Ancient Jerusalem; Timeline; Jerusalem in Ancient Sources*

1. Werblowsky, R. J. Zvi. "Jerusalem, Holy City." Hammer, Reuven. The Jerusalem Anthology. Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society, 1995. p. 463-68
2. Barnavi, Eli, ed. A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People. London: Hutchinson, 1992. p. 2, 4, 6-7, 12-13

#### **2. Jerusalem's Origins through Kingdom of Israel**

##### **Siyur: Ir David**

1. Bahat, Dan. "Ancient Jerusalem: an Overview", p8-11 (SB 4)
2. Mazar, B. "Jerusalem in the Biblical Period", p1-8 (SB 8)
3. Readings from Genesis 14:14-22 & 22: 1-8; traditional midrashim (SB 14)
4. Snapshot; 928 BCE (SB 15)
5. Shanks, Hershel. "The Capital of the Kingdom of Judah", p79-103 (SB 16)

#### **3. Second Temple Jerusalem**

##### **Siyur: Kotel (Western Wall) Tunnels**

1. Barnavi, Eli ed. A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People. P28, 33 (SB 32)
2. Snapshot; 435 BCE (SB 34)
3. Bickerman, Elias. From Ezra to the Last of the Maccabees. P104-111 (SB 35)
4. Selections from I Maccabees 1-2:28 (SB 39)
5. "The Rise of the Hasmonean State" (SB 42)
6. Snapshot: 163 BCE (SB 43)
7. Millgram, "The Reign of Herod the Great", p21-27 (SB 44)

#### **4. Sectarianism and Destruction of the Second Temple**

## **Siyur: Southern Wall Excavations and Herodian Quarter**

- Millgram, “The war with Rome and the Fall of Jerusalem”, p28-35 (SB 48)
- Ben Sasson, H. “The Sects” p271-274 (SB 54)
- “Josephus on the Jewish Sects” (SB 58)
- Mishna Midot 2:1-5, Babylonian Talmud Baba Batra 60a-b, Babylonian Talmud Gittin 56a-b (SB 63-67)
- “The War of Bar Kochba” (SB 68)
- Snapshot: 67 CE, 135 CE (SB 62)

## **5. Christians in the Holy Land (Byzantine and Crusader Periods)**

### **Siyur: Christian Quarter**

1. Peters, FE. Jerusalem. P154-158 (SB 77)
2. “Byzantine Jerusalem” (SB 72)
3. Millgram. “The Rise of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem”, p62-65 (SB 83)
4. Snapshot: 1099 and 1170CE (SB 86)

## **6. Muslims in the Holy Land**

### **Siyur: Muslim Quarter**

1. Peters, FE. Jerusalem. P154-158 (SB 77)
2. “Umar Permits the Jews to Return to Jerusalem” (SB 78)
3. Millgram. “A Holy City of Islam”, p55-62 (SB 79)
4. Millgram. “Jerusalem Under the Mamelukes”, p85-91 (SB 88)
5. Snapshot: 1516 (SB 92)

## **7. The Reemerging Yishuv- Leaving the Old City**

### **Siyur: Mishkenot Sheananim, Yemin Moshe, Nachalat Shiva**

1. “The ‘Pioneering’ Jewish Neighborhoods Outside the Walls”, p50-57 (SB 95)
2. Snapshot: 1864 and 1912 (SB 99)
3. Millgram. “Jerusalem Under the British Mandate”, p137-151 (SB 101)
4. Snapshot: 1947 (SB 109)
5. Collins and LaPierre. O Jerusalem. P253-65; 465-6, 514-517 (SB 110)

## **8. Jerusalem Divided, Jerusalem Reunited**

### **Siyur: Ammunition Hill**

*Foundations and precepts of Islam; view of Jews and treatment in Jerusalem*

1. Gilbert, Martin. “A Tale of Two Cities, 1950-1967” (SB 121)
2. Snapshot: 1967 (SB 132)
3. Song: “Ammunition Hill” (SB 133)
4. Gilbert, Martin. “Jerusalem in the Twentieth Century”, p327-336 (SB 134)
5. “From Annexation to Intifada, 1980-1989” (SB 140)

## **9. Israel and the Holocaust**

### **Siyur: Yad Vashem**

1. Porat, Dina. “Israeli Society, the Holocaust and Its Survivors”
2. Stauber, Roni. “The Holocaust in Israeli Public Debate”, p1-16

## **10. Har Herzl**

### **Siyur: Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery**

## **11. Jerusalem Today**

### **Siyur: Armon Hanetziv Tayelet (Haas Promenade)**

1. Israeli, Raphael. “Armistice in Jerusalem Once Again?” (SB 147)

2. "Jerusalem, City of Vergest: Peace In Your Citadels" (SB 157)
3. Snapshot: 2004 (SB 165)
4. Yehoshua, A.B. "Jerusalem", p443-460 (SB 167)
5. Maps of Jerusalem Walls (SB 177)
6. Eldar, Akiva. "Pulling out- in Jerusalem, too", Haaretz 29 November 2004 (SB 179)

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- Jakobovits, S., 'The Essential Haredi Attitude Toward the State', pp. 172-179.
- Morris, B., 'Israel Confronts Its Past', pp. 308-318.
- Penkower, M.N., 'Is There a Post Zionism?', pp. 370-373.
- Schweid, E., 'The Goals of Zionism Today', pp. 332-342.
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