This will be the second half of a two-semester survey of Jewish civilization, from the Second Temple period (c. 500 BCE) to the present. In broad strokes, the sequence will give students a conception of a culture and history that has preserved certain continuities, but has undergone transformations as its bearers migrated, encountered other cultures, and adapted to changing circumstances.

This segment of the two-semester sequence, which can be taken independently of the first, will deal with the period from 1492 (the year of the expulsion of the Jews of Spain) to the present. It will give students a grasp of major demographic shifts, the impact of the Reformation, the emergence of new attitudes to Jews, the breakdown of traditional authority and the trend toward secularization. It will deal with the following transformative events: the rise of eastern European Jewry, the spread of Lurianic kabbalah, Hassidism, Jewish Enlightenment (Haskalah), emancipation, modern antisemitism, nineteenth-century Jewish nationalism, Jews in the Muslim world, the rise of a major new center in the United States, the Holocaust, the establishment of the State of Israel, and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Required texts:


Assignments and grading:

Participation (10%), assignment, 3-5 pp. (10%), mid-term (30%), final exam (50%).


2) Jan. 20 – The Jewish world in 1492.

   [http://cojs.org/cojswiki/Overview:_Introduction_to_Jews_in_the_Early_Modern_Period](http://cojs.org/cojswiki/Overview:_Introduction_to_Jews_in_the_Early_Modern_Period)

3) Jan. 25 – Forced conversions, expulsion from Spain, the creation of the Sephardic diaspora.

   Source: The Expulsion Edict:  
   http://www.sephardicstudies.org/decreed.html  
   http://cojs.org/cojswiki/Sephardic_Diaspora-Regional_Trends  
   Barnavi, 114-115; 120-121.

4) Jan. 27 – Jews, the written word, and the print revolution.

   Barnavi, 136-137.

   Recommended:  
   http://www.library.upenn.edu/exhibits/cajs/exhibit1996/  

5) Feb 1 – Jews in Italy and the Ottoman Empire.

   Barnavi, 130-131, 144-145, 156-7.

   http://cojs.org/cojswiki/Overview:_Jews_of_Italy  
   http://cojs.org/jews_in_the_early_modern_period/pdfs/Cum%20nimis%20absurdum%201555.pdf (Cum Nimis Absurdum)  
   Barnavi map, 127.

6) Feb. 3 – Reformation Germany and Poland-Lithuania.

   http://cojs.org/cojswiki/Overview:_Jews%2C_the_Reformation_and_the.Counter-Reformation  
   http://cojs.org/cojswiki/Overview:_Jews_in_the_Polish-Lithuanian_Commonwealth  
   Barnavi, 134-5, 142-3, 146-7.

8) Feb. 10 – The messianic Sabbatian movement.


12) Feb. 24 - Emancipation; entry into professions, political life; negative Gentile reactions.
13) March 1 - Partitions of Poland. The Pale of Settlement and Jewish life under the czars. Pogroms of 1881 in Russia and mass emigration.

Barnavi, 162-3, 196-7, 190-191.

Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz, 377-8 (Nicolas I military statutes), 381-6, 404 (Fuenn, Gordon, Maskilim, Mendele on Yiddish).

14) March 3 – Modern (secular) antisemitism and the Dreyfus Affair.

Barnavi, 186-7

15) March 8 – March 22 – Jewish immigrant experience in the United States, 1880s-WWI.

Barnavi, 204-5.

Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz, 474-6 (Abraham Cahan); 489-490 (Schiff on Galveston Project).

Segment from the film “Hester Street.”

16) March 10 - MID-TERM EXAM

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Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz, 532-4 (Bilu Manifesto, Herzl “Solution”).

Barnavi, 198-9, 202-3, 206-7, 210-11.

Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz, 582 (Balfour Declaration), 589-592 (Churchill White Paper).

Barnavi, 208-9, 220-221, 224-5.
   Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz, 512-514 (Henry Ford).

19) March 31 - Weimar Germany and the Rise of Nazism.
   Barnavi, 218-9
   Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz, 282-4 (Rosenzweig); 287-289 (Bertha Pappenheim).
   Gershom Scholem, *From Berlin to Jerusalem*, 1-35 (Blackboard).

20) April 5 – Jews in the Soviet Union.
   Barnavi, 214-5, 246-7.
   Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz 430-436 (Stalin on Jews; emancipation legislation; suppression of Jewish culture and Zionism).

   Barnavi, 226-9.
   Mendes-Flohr and Reinharz, 637-639 (from *Mein Kampf*), 640-641 (Robert Weltsch), 646-7 (Nurenberg Laws), 652-3 (Kristallnacht report).

22) April 12 – World War II and the Final Solution.
   Barnavi, 232-237.
   Wandsee Protocol (Blackboard link).

23) April 14 – Mandate Palestine: British rule, Arab resistance to Jews, Jewish resistance to the British and the drive to establish a Jewish State.
   Barnavi, 242-3.
   1939 British White Paper (Blackboard link).
24) April 19 – No regular class. Screening of Hank Greenberg film.


Barnavi, 244-245, 254-259, 266-7, 272-3..

Israel’s Declaration of Statehood (Blackboard link).


Chapter on Israeli society (Blackboard).

26) April 26 - No regular class. Screening of *Tekumah* segment.


Article on Soviet refuseniks (Blackboard).


Barnavi, 260-1, 264-5.

**FINAL EXAM:** Thursday, May 12, 2-5 pm

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