Wisconsin Jewish History (JS 431)
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:45

Mr. August

9/2 Introduction

9/4 Early years – pioneer and territorial period
Gurda, 1-2 or Swichkow, 3-8
Discuss short essays on Fredericka Augusta Levy’s memoir “Recollections of a Pioneer Woman of La Crosse,” (online or Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin [1912], 201-15

9/9 Central European immigration
Gurda, 3-36 or
Swichkow, 8-154

9/11 Community life in the mid-19th century
Finish your reading from Gurda or Swichkow

9/16 Eastern European Jewish immigration
Gurda, 37-49; 59-65 or
Swichkow, 155-68; 326-36
Meir, 30-40

9/18 Acculturation
Gurda, 65-74; 123-30 or
Swichkow, 215-34; 336-44

9/23 Religion
Gurda 49-55; 75-86; 104-22 or
Swichkow, 215-33; 314-26;

9/25 No class – Rosh Hashanah

9/30 Socialist and Zionist currents
Gurda, 55-58; 139-40 or
Swichkow, 235-56; 345-53
Meir, 53-71

10/2 Jewish life in other Wisconsin towns and cities
Ferber, ch. 1-8

10/7 Lichtenstein film, “Chosen Towns”

10/9 Small town Jewish life
Discuss essays on Ferber
10/14  Archives class

10/16  Jewish education
       Swichkow, 257-67

10/21  Jews and non-Jews
       My article on reserve, “In the Midst of Many Peoples: A History of Jewish-Gentile Relations in Milwaukee”

10/23  The First World War and post war years
       Gurda, 91-9; 130-37 or
       Swichkow, 268-85

10/28  Anti-Semitism in the interwar years
       Gurda, 100-4; 137-39 or
       Swichkow, 302-6

10/30  World War II and the Home Front
       Gurda, 140-44
       Swichkow, 306-08

11/4   The Holocaust
       Swichkow, 293-96

11/6   Discussion of archive reports

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11/13  Israel
       Gurda, 145-153; 202-05

11/18  Wisconsin Jewry at the time of the Tercentenary
       Documents on reserve

11/20  Religion and community
       Gurda, 153-200

11/25  Assimilation and identity in the late 20th century
       Gurda, 206-54

11/27  Thanksgiving – no class

12/2   student presentations

12/4   student presentations

12/9   student presentations
12/11  Review for final exam

**Required Texts (on reserve)**

John Gurda, *One People, Many Paths: A History of Jewish Milwaukee*
Louis Swichkow and Lloyd Gartner, *The History of the Jews of Milwaukee*
Golda Meir, *My Life* (open library-pdf)
Edna Ferber, *Fannie Herself* or [www.gutenberg/ebooks/350](http://www.gutenberg/ebooks/350)
T. August, “In the Midst of Many Peoples’: A History of Jewish-Gentile Community Relations in Milwaukee”

**Assessment**

- 30%  Research project-oral presentation and final product (print, CD, video, etc.). The projects, collectively, will form an archive for future researchers and students.
- 5%  Short essay on Levy
- 10%  Review of Ferber book
- 10%  Archive report – a short description and analysis of a particular collection of the Wisconsin Jewish Archives at the Wisconsin Historical Society
- 30%  Final Exam
- 15%  Discussion – the class will be conducted seminar style so attendance and participation are important components to the final grade.