

Modern Jewish History (JS220)

MWF 11:00-11:50

Mr. August

- 9/03 Introduction
- 9/05 Under Islamic Rule -Sephardim
Brenner, 69-81; 116-35
- 9/08 East European Jewish life in the early modern period -Ashkenazim
Brenner, 151-65
- 9/10 Mercantilism and the Rise of Capitalism
Brenner, 167-82
Mendes-Flohr, 8-28
- 9/12 Mendelssohn and the Age of Enlightenment
Brenner, 182-87
Mendes-Flohr, 28-49
- 9/15 Moses Mendelssohn and the Age of Enlightenment (continued)
Mendes-Flohr, 61-111
Discussion of essay on the Jewish "Question" in the 18th century
- 9/17 The French Revolution and Napoleonic Era
Brenner, 189-95
Mendes-Flohr, 49-53; 112-43; 304-11
- 9/19 Emancipation in western and central Europe
Brenner 196-200
Mendes-Flohr, 144-54
- 9/22 Jewish Identity in Western Europe
Mendes-Flohr, 249-61; 267-79
- 9/24 The Science of Judaism
Brenner, 204-7
Mendes-Flohr, 207--240
- 9/26 Religious reform
Brenner, 200-4
Mendes-Flohr, 155-206

- 9/29 Central European Jewish Emigration
Brenner, 209-21
Mendes-Flohr, 461-71
- 10/01 Socialism and the Jews
Mendes-Flohr, 261-266; 324-27
- 10/03 The Pale of Settlement
Brenner, 223-32
- 10/06 Anti-Semitism in the late Russian Empire
Brenner, 238-43
Mendes-Flohr, 372-424
- 10/08 Discussion of essay on Tevye the Dairyman**
- 10/10 The Great Migration
Brenner, 243-53
Mendes-Flohr, 472-95
- 10/13 The Dreyfus Affair and modern Anti-Semitism
Brenner, 255-62
Mendes-Flohr, 331-371
- 10/15 **Discussion of essay on The Protocols of the Elders of Zion**
- 10/17 Herzl and early Zionism
Brenner, 262-71
Mendes-Flohr, 529-81
- 10/20 Jewish Renaissance (Cultural Zionism and Jewish Learning)
Brenner, 306-8
Mendes-Flohr, 241-48; 282-84
- 10/22 Jews in the Islamic world
Brenner, 273-85
- 10/24 World War I, Balfour Declaration, and Zionism between the Wars
Brenner, 287-90, 308-17
Mendes-Flohr, 437-8; 440-46; 582-603
- 10/27 Revolutionary Russia
Mendes-Flohr, 419-36; 439; 446-48

- 10/29 Jewish Life in the US
Mendes-Flohr, 499-528
- 10/31 Film: Hollywoodism
- 11/03 Jews and US Popular Culture
Discussion of essay on Brod
- 11/05 Europe between the Wars
Brenner, 290-306
- 11/07 Nazism
Mendes-Flohr, 636-60
- 11/10 Holocaust
Brenner, 319-47
Mendes-Flohr, 660-99
- 11/12 Film: The Wannsee Conference
- 11/14 **Discussion of essays on Arendt**
- 11/17 The birth of Israel
Brenner, 349-54
Mendes-Flohr, 603-33
- 11/19 **Discussion of essays on Shavit**
- 11/21 Israel and its neighbors
Brenner, 356-59; 377-8
- 11/24 Post war United States
President Eisenhower's address of October 20, 1954 (online at "American Presidency Project," (www.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid-10093); David Bernstein, "The American Jewish Tercentenary," (online at www.bjpa.org/Publications/details.cfm?PublicationID=20330)
- 11/26 Ethnic and religious "revival" in the US
Brenner, 368-77
- 11/28 **Thanksgiving break – no class**

- 12/01 Life in Communist Europe
Brenner, 354-56, 359
- 12/03 Jewish life in post-war Europe
Brenner, 354-6; 360-64
- 12/05 The Palestinian question
Brenner, 354; 378
- 12/08 Whither Israel?
Brenner, 377-85
Discussion of essays on Beinart
- 12/10 The Diaspora today
Brenner, 364-68
- 12/12 Review for Final Exam

Required texts (available at University Bookstore)

Michael Brenner, *A Short History of the Jews*
Paul Mendes-Flohr, *The Jew in the Modern World: A Documentary History*
Harry Brod, *Superman is Jewish?*
Peter Beinart, *The Crisis of Zionism*

Online/Reserve Material

Sholem Aleichem, *Tevye the Dairyman* (online at open library – pdf)
Ari Shavit, "Lydda, 1948," *New Yorker*, 10/21/2013 or chapter on Lydda in *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*
Hannah Arendt, *Eichmann in Jerusalem: The Banality of Evil* (online -pdf)
The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (online pdf)

Assessment

Essay on Dohm and his critics	5%
Essay on Tevye the Dairyman	10%
Essay on Protocols	10%
Essay on Brod	10%
Essay on Hannah Arendt	10%
Essay on Shavit	10%
Essay on Beinart	10%
Exam	25%
Discussion	10%