Syllabus

*Everyday Life in the Mandate Era - 33733*

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**HU Credits:** 2

**Degree/Cycle:** 2nd degree (Master)

**Responsible Department:** history of jewish people & contemporary jewry

**Academic year:** 0

**Semester:** 1st Semester

**Teaching Languages:** Hebrew

**Campus:** Mt. Scopus

**Course/Module Coordinator:** Anat Helman

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**Teaching Staff:**

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Course/Module description:
The course presents the history of everyday life as a field of research, and discusses its possible implementation in the study of Mandate era Palestine.

Course/Module aims:
Reconstructing and analyzing the history of everyday life in the Mandate era. After introducing the field of research and some historical studies of daily life in the USA, China, and the Soviet Union, the course explores current research on work and leisure, production and consumption, hygiene and sexuality in 1930s-1940s Palestine.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Summarize the main features of the field and criticize historical studies on the topic. Recognize tendencies of lifestyles in Mandate era Palestine, explain them in their historical context and compare them to other case-studies. In their final paper, students will recommend new venues of research in the field.

Attendance requirements(%):
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The seminar is conducted as a round-table discussion, in which all students present their conclusions of the weekly reading. At the end of the semester a short final paper is submitted, indicating possible further research.

Course/Module Content:
The field of research
Daily Life in the USA and China
Daily Life in the Soviet Union
Informal culture and language in the Yishuv
Work and strikes
Occupational identities
Consumer culture
Hygiene and public health
Sexology and sexuality
Women in the Kibbutz and the Moshav
The city’s margins
Viewing the everyday
Required Reading:
* Susan J. Matt, "The Prizes of Life Away from the Farm", in Keeping up with the Joneses: Envy in American Consumer Society, 1890-1930 (Philadelphia, 2003), pp.96-126.
* יאיר זלטנריך, "דימויים הדדיים של מורים ואיכרים במושבות הגליל בתקופת היישוב", קתדרה 114-81, (תשע"ג).
* Hizky Shoham, "'Buy Local' or 'Buy Jewish'? Separatist Consumption in Interwar Palestine", International Journal of Middle East Studies, 45/3 (2013), 469-489.
Additional Reading Material:


Jeffrey Hill, Sport, Leisure and Culture in Twentieth-Century Britain (Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave, 2002).


Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett and Jonathan Karp, (eds.), The Art of Being Jewish in Modern Times: Essays on Jews and Aesthetic Culture (Philadelphia: University of...
Pennsylvania Press, 2008)

Davena Hirsh, "We shall bring the West here [Hebrew: "נחלת היגיינה ובנין תרבות בחברה היהודית בתקופה המנדט (קריית תדה בוקר: מכון בן-גוריון ואוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב, תש"ע)."

Dorothy Bernstein, Women at the Margins: Gender and Ethnicities in Mandatory Tel Aviv (Jerusalem: Yitzhak Ben-Zvi Institute, 2008).

Tami Reznik, In the Backyard: The Backyard of Mandatory Tel-Aviv (Tel-Aviv: Em Unved, 2008).

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 80 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: