



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Safed in the Sixteenth Century - 13027

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History of Jewish People & Contemporary Jewry

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Holy Safed?

Sixteenth century Safed still enjoys an almost mythic image: a holy community, the city of the kabbalists, the cradle of some of the canonic Jewish works etc. We will try to describe this community, compare it to other Ottoman-Jewish communities, follow its rise and decline, and understand as much as possible what was life in Safed like.

Course/Module aims:

see Heb

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*an acquaintance with the research literature and primary sources;
a critical reading of the sources and modern literature.
a better understanding the dynamic realities of life in 16th c. Safed.*

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: reading primary sources and discussion

Course/Module Content:

see Heb

Required Reading:

see Heb

english reading might be suggested if requested by students

Additional Reading Material:

on request

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 40 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 20 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 40 %

Additional information:

none