The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Jews of Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages - 26858

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HU Credits: *2*

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

Responsible Department: *Russian and Slavic Studies*

Academic year: *0*

Semester: *2nd Semester*

Teaching Languages: *English*

Campus: *Mt. Scopus*

Course/Module Coordinator: *Prof. Alexander Kulik*

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Teaching Staff:

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<u>*Course/Module description:*</u>
East European Jewry had evolved into the largest and most visible Jewish community in the world, yet its beginnings remain one of the most enigmatic of unsolved historical puzzles. We will revise the main sources and develop historical reconstructions for the earliest stage of Jewish presence in Eastern Europe.

<u>*Course/Module aims:*</u>

<u>*Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:*</u>
The course aims to help students to acquire skills for independent analysis of historical and philological evidence.

<u>*Attendance requirements(%):*</u>
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

<u>*Course/Module Content:*</u>
Jews and Rus' in Khazaria
Jews in Old Rus'
Jews in the Eastern Territories of the Pre-partitioned Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth
The Problem of the Origin of East European Jewry

<u>*Required Reading:*</u>
P.B. Golden, "Khazaria and Judaism," Archivum Eurasiae Medii Aevi 3 (1983), pp. 127- 156.
B. D. Weinryb, "The Beginnings of East European Jewry in Legend and Historiography", Studies and Essays in Honor of Abraham A. Neuman, Leiden, 1962, pp. 445-502.
H. Birnbaum, "On Some Evidence of Jewish Life and Anti-Jewish Sentiments in Medieval Russia," Viator 4, 1973, pp. 225-255.
O. Pritsak O., "The Pre-Ashkenazic Jews of Eastern Europe in Relation to the Khazars, the Rus' and the Lithuanians," Ukrainian-Jewish Relations in Historical Perspective, 1988, pp. 3-21.

Additional Reading Material:

 Course/Module evaluation:
 End of year written/oral examination 0 %
 Presentation 0 %
 Participation in Tutorials 10 %
 Project work 90 %
 Assignments 0 %
 Reports 0 %
 Research project 0 %
 Quizzes 0 %
 Other 0 %

Additional information: