



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

THE KIBBUTZ: BEGINNINGS GLORY THE END? - 33794

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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

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Course/Module description:

This course deals with issues arising in research on the kibbutz from its roots in the European Zionist movement, through settlement in the Land of Israel before 1948, during the first years of the State of Israel, until contemporary times. The course will deal with kibbutz economy, relations between the kibbutz and the state, and social developments within the various types of kibbutzim. We shall explore the existing historiography on the kibbutz, together with the vast cultural products that reflect the collective memory and consciousness about the kibbutz.

Course/Module aims:

The course aims to engage students from diverse academic backgrounds with the history of the kibbutz movement in Israel. The course will encourage critical thinking about kibbutz ideology, culture and developmental patterns in light of these issues in general Israeli society.

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

Compare and contrast the ideals of the kibbutz movement with the outcomes on the ground.

Evaluate long-term trends in kibbutz life.

Think critically about connections between kibbutz history and the general development of Israeli society and its national narrative.

Assess the manifestations of kibbutz life arising from literature and films dealing with kibbutz.

Construct original written analyses using multi-disciplinary approaches.

Integrate materials from the assigned readings, together with material collected in class, to support the original analyses.

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and discussion

Course/Module Content:

Ideological Roots.

Experiments in the Land of Israel.

Building a New Jewish Society.

The Gender Structure of Kibbutz: Economics, Society, Education.

The Kibbutz as a Part of the Establishment of the State of Israel.

The Political Fragmentation of the 1950s.

The Second Crisis: between Ideology and Economics.

Imagery in Literature and on the Screen.

The Kibbutz as a Part of the Global Cooperative Movement.

The Kibbutz in Light of Recent Changes.

Required Reading:

הנרי ניר, "ראשית הקיבוץ: שני העשורים הראשונים", מתוך: הקיבוץ: מאה השנים הראשונות. אביבה חלמיש וצבי צמרת, עורכים. ירושלים: יד יצחק בן צבי, 2010. עמ' 11-24.

Elkana Margalit, "Social and Intellectual Origins of the Hashomer Hatzair Youth Movement, 1913-1920," *The Journal of Contemporary History*, 4, no. 2 (1969): 25-46.

צבי שילוני. "גורמים אקראיים בייסודה של דגניה: הפוגרום, בית הוויכוח והחומס." נוף מולדתו: מחקרים בגיאוגרפיה של ארץ-ישראל ובתולדותיה מוגשים ליהושע בן-אריה. ירושלים: מאגנס, תש"ס, 1999. עמ' 408 - 437.

Henry Near, *The Kibbutz Movement: A History*, vol. 1, pp. 1-41, 53-96, 131-165. London, 1997.

Israel Oppenheim, 'Hechalutz in Poland between the Two World Wars,' *Essential Papers on Zionism*, edited by Jehuda Reinharz and Anita Shapria, NYU Press, 1996, pp. 288-293.

Yossi Katz, "The Religious Kibbutz Movement and its Credo, 1935-1948", *Middle*

Eastern Studies 31/2 (1995), 253-280.

אסף ענברי. הביתה. תל אביב: משכל, 2009.

Shalom Lilker. *Kibbutz Judaism: A New Tradition in the Making*. N.Y. 1982.
pp. 87-106, 121-141.

מוקי צור, "תרבות הקיבוץ בין מסירה ליצירה," מתוך: אביבה חלמיש וצבי צמרת, עורכים. הקיבוץ: מאה השנים הראשונות. ירושלים: יד יצחק בן צבי, 2010, עמ' 225 - 238.

Amiah Lieblich. *Kibbutz Makom: Report from an Israeli Kibbutz*. New York: Pantheon, 1981.

Henry Near, "What Troubled Them? Women of Kibbutz and Moshav in the Mandatory Period," in: *Jewish Women in Pre-State Israel*. Edited by Ruth Kark, et als. New Hampshire: UPNE, 2008. pp. 122-130.

Henry Near, *The Kibbutz Movement. A History*, vol. I, pp. 299-335; vol. II, pp. 10-31, 65-74.

Henry Near, "The Crisis in the Kibbutz Movement, 1949-1961", in *Israel: The First Decade*, edited by Ilan Troen, pp. 243-259.

Eliezer Ben-Rafael, "The Kibbutz in the 1950's: A Transformation of Identity", in *Israel: The First Decade*, pp. 265-269.

אליעזר בן-רפאל ומנחם טופל, "קיבוץ שונה ומשתנה," מתוך: חלמיש וצמרת, הקיבוץ: מאה השנים הראשונות, עמ' 329 - 344.

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 50 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 50 %

Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

The course is open to 3rd year B.A. students, subject to approval by the instructor.