



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Sociology of Family - Families in Israel a Sociological Perspective - 53121*

*Last update 25-02-2019*

*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: Sociology & Anthropology*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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9:00-10:00*

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Teaching Staff:

Dr. Talia Sagiv

Course/Module description:

The course focuses on the family, and on changes in family structure, while examining a range of sociological issues such as ethnicity, culture gender and class.

Course/Module aims:

To familiarize the students with the main issues in this field of research

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

Students will be able to write a text about families, integrating various sociological perspectives

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures and discussions

Course/Module Content:

The family from multiple perspectives: Gender, ethnicity, class and nationality

Required Reading:

Jallianoja, R. & Widmer, E.D. (2011). *Families and Kinship in Contemporary Europe*. Palgrave-Macmillan. Pp 3- 28.

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Gray P.B. & Kermyt G.A. 2010. *Fatherhood*, Harvard university press

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Binger J.J. 2010. *Parent-Child Relations*. Merrill, Columbus Ohio

Levin Irene and Sussman B. Marvin (eds) 1997. *Stepfamilies: History, Research and Policy*. The Haworth Press, Inc.

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Maddox, Brenda. 1967. *The Half Parent: Living with other people's children*. London : A. Deutsch

*Parenthood in a Time of Transition: Tensions between Legal, Biological, and Social Conceptions of Parenthood*

Chodorow, Nancy. 1978. *The Reproduction of Mothering: Psychoanalysis and the Sociology of Gender*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Howell, Signe. 2009. *Adoption of the Unrelated Child: Some Challenges to the Anthropological Study of Kinship*. *Annu. Rev. Anthropol.* 2009. 38:149-66

Jeremiah, E. (2006). *Motherhood to Mothering and beyond: Maternity in recent feminist thought*. *Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering*, 8(1-2) 21-33.

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Additional Reading Material:

Berkowitch, N. 1997. *Motherhood as a national mission: the construction of Womanhood in the legal discourse in Israel*. *Women's Studies International*

Friedan, Betty. 1992. [1963]. *The Feminine Mystique*. London: Penguin.

Gallagher, J. 2015 *MPs say yes to three-person babies*. *BBC News*.  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-31069173> accessed 22 July 2016

Daniluk, J. C., & Hurtig-Mitchell, J. (2003). *Themes of hope and healing: Infertile couples' experiences of adoption*. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 81(4), 389-399.

Course/Module evaluation:

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

Written assignments  
The reading materials include both academic texts and fiction.