



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Israel and the European powers: a historical workshop - 58377*

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*HU Credits: 4*

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

*Responsible Department: International Relations*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

The course examines the political aspects of a period of Israeli-European relations. We emphasize both bilateral relations between Israel and the leading European states such as France, Britain, and Germany, and relations between Israel and the multinational frameworks of the European Community and European Union. The course not only examines the Israeli perspective but helps students understand the European view of Israel and political issues on the agenda. The course covers a broad period of history—starting from pre-state Zionist diplomacy, the early years of the state (1950s and 60s), changes after the Six-Day War, the rise of the Palestinian question, and ending with the Oslo Agreement and its collapse, and Israel's relations with Europe today. It explores such questions as: What was Europe's relative weight in Israeli diplomacy at the time? How did non-material factors such as values, common heritage, and negative memories of the past help to shape Israeli-European relations? How did the developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict influence the relationship and how did Europe's view of Israel change during this period? What was the role of Israeli and European public opinion in shaping the relationship? and How important was the identity of the ruling parties for the relationship?

The course consists of frontal lectures and group assignments.

Course/Module aims:

especially the major European powers. To understand the approaches used by Israel diplomats in dealing with these countries. To understand the European view of Israel.

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

By the end of the course students will be able: to understand the challenges confronting Israel's foreign policy during the early decades of the state and how these were dealt with. The main emphasis will be on understanding Israel's foreign policy approach and its unique characteristics in Europe.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

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### Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction: Israel and Europe — The analytic framework for examining these relations.
2. The Zionist diplomacy of Herzl and the path to the Balfour Declaration.
3. Love turns to hate — Zionism and Great Britain.
4. Friendship turns to patronage — Israel-France relations, 1945-1967.
5. A special relationship — Israel and Germany.
6. Israel and Eastern Europe.
7. Israel and the European Community.

Lessons 8-16: Analysis of documents in class.

Lessons 17-25: Student presentations.

Lesson 26: Summary.

### Required Reading:

\*שעיהו פרידמן, שאלת ארץ ישראל בשנים 1914-1918: מערכת היחסים שבין בריטניה, הציונות והערבים, ירושלים: הוצאת מאגנס, 1987, פרקים: 7, 17.

\*Elizabeth Monroe, *Britain's Moment in the Middle East, 1914-1971* London: Chatto & Windus, Ch. 2-3.

\*Zach Levey, "Britain and Israel, 1950-1967: The Strategic Dimension", in Zach Levey and Elie Podeh (eds.), *Britain and the Middle East: From Imperial Power to Junior Partner*, Brighton; Sussex Academic Press, 2008, pp. 90-107.

\*בר זוהר, מיכאל, גשר על הים התיכון, (תל אביב: עם הספר, 1965), עמ' 175-202.

\*Gadi Heimann, "From Friendship to Patronage: France-Israel Relations, 1958-1967", *Diplomacy & Statecraft* Vol. 21 (2010), pp. 240-58.

צילה הרשקו, בין פאריס לירושלים: צרפת, הציונות והקמת מדינת ישראל, 1945-1949, (תל-אביב: משרד הביטחון), פרקים 4, 6.

\*תום שגב, המיליון השביעי: הישראליים והשוואה, ירושלים: כתר, 1991, חלק ד'.

\*Howard M. Sachar, *Israel and Europe: An Appraisal in History*, New York; Vintage Books, 2000, Ch. 6.

Michael Brecher, *Decisions in Israel's Foreign Policy*, London: Oxford University Press, 1974, Ch. 3.

\*יוסף גוברין, יחסי ישראל-ברה"מ: מעת חידושם בשנת 1953 עד ניתוקם בשנת 1967, (ירושלים: מאגנס, 1990), חלק ב', עמ' 148-61.

\*Howard M. Sachar, *Israel and Europe: An Appraisal in History*, New York; Vintage Books, 2000, Ch. 7.

בנימין פינקוס, "יחסים מיוחדים": ברית המועצות ובעלות בריתה ויחסיהן עם העם היהודי, הציונות ומדינת ישראל, 1939-1959, שדה-בוקר: מכון בן גוריון, 2007, פרק 3.

יוסף הלר, ישראל והמלחמה הקרה: ממלחמת העצמאות למלחמת ששת הימים, שדה-בוקר: מכון בן גוריון, 2010, פרקים 2, 3, 7.

\*Sharon Pardo and Joel Peters, *Uneasy Neighborhood: Israel and the European*

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Union, Lnham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010, Ch. 1.

אבנר יניב, "הקהילה האירופית וישראל", בתוך בנימין נויברגר (עורך), דיפלומטיה בצל עימות: סוגיות נבחרות ביחסי החוץ של ישראל, 1978-1948, תל אביב: האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, 1984, עמ' 528-543.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 75 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 25 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: