Fall 2018 COURSE OFFERINGS

FYSE 124.01 CRN 13575  First Year Seminar: *What is a Nation?*  
Joshua Shanes  
T, Th 9:25-10:40am  
Jewish Studies Center, Levin Library (JSC 210)  
(Open only to first-year students)

Nations today seem to be a self-evident reality. Yet nations are in fact modern constructions, perhaps two centuries old (often much younger), that compete with other forms of community and identities for legitimacy and loyalty. Even the basic question, “What is a nation?” brings no uniform answer. Nation-states and nationalism can bond communities and stabilize states and regions, but they are also sources of violent conflict and have facilitated some of the most barbaric acts in human history. This course will explore the origins and development of nations and nationalism and consider what it means for us today, as Americans at the start of the 21st century. We will raise basic questions about identity, community (membership and boundaries), ethnicity, and the human condition.

FYSE 124.02 CRN 13577  First Year Seminar: *Party Like it’s 1899*  
Shari Rabin  
T, Th 12:15pm-1:30pm  
Jewish Studies Center, Levin Library (JSC 210)  
(Open only to first-year students)

Between 1800 and 1899 the new American nation grew, diversified, and transformed economically and politically. This led to a range of new practices and arrangements related to gender, religion, and commerce. This course will explore nineteenth-century histories of sexuality, drugs and alcohol, and spectacles — in order to understand the cultural politics of America’s first full century. Doing so will raise questions about what was “normal” and “American” in the nineteenth century and shed light on those questions in the present day.

FYSE 124.03 CRN 13579  First Year Seminar: *Children and the Holocaust*  
Ted Rosengarten  
Zucker/Goldberg Chair of Holocaust Studies  
T, Th 4:00-5:15pm  
Jewish Studies Center, Levin Library (JSC 210)  
(Open only to first-year students)

Why did Nazi Germany target Jewish children with such special ferocity? A small number escaped or were rescued and lived to write their recollections which are now surfacing. The ordeal of non-Jewish children in war-time Europe—German, Polish, Ukrainian—a story long buried in silence, is also finding a voice in film and literature today. This seminar will investigate the experiences of children who were swept up in the “Final Solution” and ask questions they might have asked about the world that produced the catastrophe whose meaning eludes us still.

HBRW 101.01 CRN 10441  Elementary Modern Hebrew  
Noa Weinberg  
MWF 10:00-10:50am and W 9:00-9:50am  
Jewish Studies Center, Levin Library (JSC 210)

An introduction of fundamental language structures with emphasis on acquisition of basic language skills: reading and listening comprehension, oral and written expression, including speaking. No prerequisite.

HBRW 201.01 CRN 10859  Intermediate Modern Hebrew  
Noa Weinberg  
MWF 11:00-11:50am and W 12:00-12:50pm  
Jewish Studies Center, Levin Library (JSC 210)

The object of this course is the development of basic proficiency through practice in the use of basic language skills emphasized in previous courses, and the acquisition of new vocabulary. Prerequisite: HBRW 102.

JWST 215.01 CRN 11729  Jewish History II: Modern to Present  
Joshua Shanes  
T, Th 12:15-1:30pm  
Jewish Studies Center, (JSC 333) NEW LOCATION!

A survey of the social, economic, religious, and political experience of the Jewish people in the modern world, emphasizing the diversity of Jewish experience and the interaction between Jews and their surrounding environments. *This course counts for the General Education History Requirement.*

JWST 230.01 CRN 11809  The Holocaust  
David Slucki  
T, Th 9:25-10:40am  
Jewish Studies Center, Arnold Hall (JSC 100)

An historical examination of the genocide carried out in Nazi Germany from 1933-1945: its causes, its specific operation, its relation to other forms of political violence, and its significance for Jewish and non-Jewish understandings of politics, history, and the nature of evil.

JWST 315.01 CRN 13258  Southern Jewish History  
Shari Rabin  
T, Th 3:05-4:20pm  
Jewish Studies Center, Levin Library (JSC 210)

This course explores the history of Jews in the southern United States from colonial times until the present. Students will learn about Jews’ economic, social, and cultural activities, using them as a case study to explore intersections between race and religion in the region. We will explore some of the key events of southern Jewish history, with a focus on how Jews have confounded, complicated, and conformed to the region’s “peculiar” norms and categories.