JWST68.1
Israeli Society: Structure, Institutions, Identities and Dynamics
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10A T-T
Office Hours (by appointment)

Course Description
The goal of the course is to study the Israeli society from a sociological perspective.
The course seeks to analyse structural and institutional aspects of the economy,
politics and society that have shaped the Israeli society since its inception. The focus
is on the historical dynamic transformations, strongly influenced by the changing
relations between different social groups.

Requirements:
Students are expected to attend the classes, read the required readings, and actively
participate in class discussions. Student will write four reading reports (two pages)
during the quarter and a final integrative memo (5 pages).

Grades:
40% Reports
60% Final integrative memo.

Reading Assignments
Most of the readings will be posted on Bb. Items marked with * are chapters of books
that can be purchased in the student bookstore, and will be also available at the
Library Reserve Desk.

Recommended books
   1. Kimmerling, B. (2001) The Invention and Decline of Israeliness, Berkeley:
      University of California Press.
   2. Shafir and Peled (2002) Being Israeli, Cambridge University Press:
      Cambridge.
   3. Grinberg, LL (2013) Mo(ve)ments of Resistance: Politics, Economy and
      Society in Israel/Palestine, 1931-2013, Academic Studies Press, NY.

Course Schedule and Required Readings

Week 1 - **Approaches to Israeli Society**
Eisenstadt, S.N. (1967) Israeli Society, London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Ch. 1-3.
   Pp. 1-33.
Ram, U. (1995) The Changing Agenda of Israeli Sociology, Albany: SUNY Press,
   Ch. 2-3, p. 7-46.
*Kimmerling, B. (2001) The Invention and Decline of Israeliness, Ch. 1, p. 16-55.

Week 2 - **The Institutional Framework of the Yishuv**
Horowitz and Lissak (1978) Origins of the Israeli Polity, Chicago, University of
   Chicago Press, Ch 4, pp. 68-104.
Shapiro,Y. (1976) The Formative Years of the Israeli Labour Party: The Organization
   of Power, 1919-1930, London: Sage Publications. Ch. 3, p. 47-91.
*Grinberg, LL (2013) Mo(ve)ments of Resistance, Ch. 2., p. 60-89.

Week 3 - **The Establishment of Israel**
Horowitz and Lissak (1978) <u>Origins of the Israeli Polity</u>, Ch. 8, p. 186-212.
Ben Eliezer, U. (1998) <u>The Making of Israeli Militarism</u>, Indiana Univ. Press,
 Ch. 11-12, p. 193-222.
Bernstein, D. (1981) "Immigrant Transit Camp - The Formation of dependent
    Relations in Israeli Society", <u>Ethnic and Racial Studies</u>, 11:3.

Week **4 – Crisis of Democracy**
Lustick I. (1980) <u>Arabs in the Jewish State</u> University of Texas: Austin and London,
    Ch. 6, p. 198-231.
Shalev. M. 1992. <u>Labour and the Political Economy in Israel</u>, New York: Oxford UP,
    Ch. 5, p. 186-234.
*Grinberg, L.L. (2013) <u>Mo(ve)ments of Resistance,</u> Ch. 4, p. 122-150.

Week **5 – 1977: The Ascent of Likud to Power**
*Shafir and Peled (2002) <u>Being Israeli</u>, Ch. 6, p. 159-183.
Chetrit, S. (2010) <u>Intra-Jewish Conflict in</u> Israel, Routledge: London, Ch.3, p. 81-140.
 Shapiro Y. 1991, <u>The Road to Power</u> <u>Herut Party in Israel</u>, Alabny NY: State
    University of New York Press., Ch. 8 and Epilog, pp. 151-168.

Week 6. The Economic Neo-Liberalization
*Grinberg, LL. <u>Mo(ve)ments of Resistance,</u> Ch. 6, p. 181-216.
Maman D. and Z. Rozenhek, (2009) "The Contested Institutionalization of Policy
    Paradigm Shifts: The Adoption of Inflation Targeting in Israel" <u>Socio-Economic
    Review</u>, 7 (2), 217-243.
*Kimmerling, B. (2001) <u>The Invention and Decline of Israeliness</u>, Berkeley:
    University of California Press, Ch. 3, p. 89-111.

Week 7 - Political Crisis Liberalism vs. Ethnic-nationalism
Ezrahi Y. (1997) <u>Rubber Bullets, Power and Conscience in Modern Israel</u>, New York:
    Farrar, Straus and Giroux .Ch. 9, p. 207-234.
*Kimmerling, B. (2001) <u>The Invention and Decline of Israeliness</u>, Berkeley:
    University of California Press, Ch. 4, p. 112-129.
*Shafir and Peled (2002) <u>Being Israeli</u>, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, Ch.
    8, p. 213-230.

Week 8 - Globalization Through Peace
 Ram, U. (2008) <u>The Globalization of Israel: McWorld in Tel aviv, Jihad In Jerusalem</u>,
    New York : Routledge, Ch. 2, p. 75-120.
 *Shafir and Peled (2002) <u>Being Israeli</u>, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, Ch.
    9, p. 231-259.
*Kimmerling, B. (2001) <u>The Invention and Decline of Israeliness</u>, Berkeley:
    University of California Press, Ch. 7 pp. 208-228.

Week 9 – Times of Discontent

*Shafir and Peled (2002) <u>Being Israeli</u>, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, Ch.
    12-13, pp. 308-348.
Shalev, M. (forthcoming) "The Socioeconomic and Sociopolitical Roots of Mass
    Protest: The Israeli Social Justice Movement of 2011".
*Grinberg, LL (2013) <u>Mo(ve)ments of Resistance,</u> Chapter 8, p. 251-274.