



## **Between Segregation and Desegregation: The History of Israeli Education**

**Course number: 34597**

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The history of Jewish education spans millennia. This course will give an overview of the history of Israeli education from its religious roots in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to its current national expressions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the process of communicating this historical overview of Jewish and Israeli education we will witness the different roles of religion, nationalism, languages, politics, gender and culture in the formation of Israeli education. These forces also had a role in separating and integrating different segments of Israeli population, including, European and Mizrahi Jews and Arabs. This education system and its forces of integration and segregation emanated both from internal forces within the Jewish and Zionist world as well as from foreign forces and influences. Education in the Zionist movement and Israel played a crucial role in formulating the identity and nature of Israeli nationalism and in forming the state.

### **Class Requirements:**

Mid-Term Essay: 20%

Participation: 10%

Final Assignment 70%

**The mid-term is due on April 20, 2018.**

**The final is due on May 20, 2018**

### **A. Introduction**

#### **1. Traditional Jewish Education**

Jacob Katz, *Tradition and Crisis* (The Free Press Glencoe, 1954), pp. 183-198.

Shaul Stampfer, Heder Study, Knowledge of Torah, and the Maintenance of Social Stratification in Traditional East European Jewish Society, in *Studies in Jewish Education*, vol. 3, 1988, 271-289

#### **2. Jewish Enlightenment**

Marion Kaplan, *Jewish Life in Germany 1618-1945* (Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 118-129.

Jacob Katz, *Tradition and Crisis* (The Free Press Glencoe, 1954), pp. 260-274.

#### **3. Expansion of Jewish Enlightenment to the 'Orient'**

Aron Rodrigue, *French, Jews, Turkish Jews* (Indiana University Press, 1990), pp. 47-70, 100-120.

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## **B. Education in pre-state Mandatory Palestine**

### **4. Perspectives of Education in the Zionist Movement**

Moshe Rinott, Religion and education: The cultural question and the Zionist movement, 1897–1913, *Studies in Zionism*, 1984, pp. 1-17.

### **5. The Rise of National Education**

Steve Zipperstein, *Elusive Prophet, Ahad Ha'am and the Origins of Zionism*, Chapter 3: Spiritual Center, (Berkley University Press, 1993), pp. 67-104.

### **6. Mandatory Authorities and Education in Palestine**

Majid Al-Haj, Education, *Empowerment and Control, The Case of the Arabs in Israel* (State University of New York, 1995), pp. 15-60.

Rachel Elboim-Dror, British educational policies in Palestine, *Journal Middle Eastern Studies*, Volume 36, 2000 - Issue 2, pp. 28-47.

[Kamal Moed, Educator in the Service of the Homeland: Khalil al-Sakakini's Conflicted Identities, \*Jerusalem Quarterly\*, vol. 59 2014 pp. 68-85](#)

## **C. Education in the State of Israel**

### **7. Educating New Immigrants (1948-1950)**

Tsameret, Tsevi. *The Melting Pot in Israel: The Commission of Inquiry Concerning Education in the Immigrant Camps during the Early Years of the State* (State University of New York Press, 2002), pp. 191-285.

### **8. The Establishment of the *Mamlachti* Education system**

Eliezer Don-Yehiya - Mamlakhtiyut, Education and Religion in the Struggle over the Mass Immigration, *The Journal of Israeli History*, 2007, pp. 229-250.

Tsameret, Tsevi. *The Melting Pot in Israel: The Commission of Inquiry Concerning Education in the Immigrant Camps during the Early Years of the State* (State University of New York Press, 2002, pp. 137-144.

### **9. An Educational Reform (1968)**

Haim H. Gazieli, Implementing Reforms in a Centralized Education System: The Case of Israeli Education, *Oxford Review of Education*, Vol. 20, No. 2 (1994), pp. 237-252.

### **10. Privatization of Education**

Zvi Berger , Negotiating Between Equality and Choice – A Dilemma of Israeli Educational Policy in Historical Context, *Italian Journal of Sociology of Education*, 2014, pp. 88-113.

### **11. Children with Disability**

Gumpel, Tom. "Special education law in Israel." *The Journal of Special Education* 29.4 (1996): 457-468.

## **12. Arab Education in Israel**

Majid Al-Haj, Education, Empowerment and Control, The Case of the Arabs in Israel, State University of New York, 1995 pp. 61-150.

## **13. Higher Education**

S.I. , Troen (1992) 'Higher education in Israel: An historical perspective', *Higher Education* 23 (1): 45-63