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 18th century to its current national expressions in the 21st 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

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

3. Expansion of Jewish Enlightenment to the 'Orient'
Aron Rodrigue, French, Jews, Turkish Jews (Indiana University Press, 1990), pp. 47-70, 100-120.
B. Education in pre-state Mandatory Palestine

4. Perspectives of Education in the Zionist Movement

5. The Rise of National Education

6. Mandatory Authorities and Education in Palestine

C. Education in the State of Israel

7. Educating New Immigrants (1948-1950)

8. The Establishment of the Mamlachi Education system

9. An Educational Reform (1968)

10. Privatization of Education

11. Children with Disability
12. Arab Education in Israel

13. Higher Education