REL 2930; JST 2930 INTRO TO JEWISH STUDIES
Instructor: Professor Dragan Kujundzic
Class meets: Tu 7(period), Th 7-8(period)
Classroom FAB 105
Office hours Tu 1-2pm, Tu 3-4pm
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The course is meant to provide an introduction to Jewish Studies across many disciplines and periods: the Hebrew Bible, Jewish Diaspora, Jews in Cinema, American Jewry, Anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Hebrew Literature, Israel, the Judaica Libraries, and to acquaint the students with the many faculty and disciplines in Jewish Studies taught at the University of Florida. The Jewish Studies faculty at the University of Florida will teach the classes, together with Professor Dragan Kujundzic who conducts the course. Literature will be provided via the list serve.

The students will be expected to write summaries of the classes attended. There will be two three single space page papers at mid-term and as the final paper (50% of grade). The midterm and the final will be conducted as a multiple question take home exams. Attendance, which is obligatory, will count for 30%, class summaries and participation 20% of the grade. The University of Florida student Honors and Health Codes will be observed. The order of lecturers may change in the course of the semester. Any change or assignment will be clearly announced via list-serve ahead of time.
August
Th, 22: 2 Introduction, Dragan Kujundzic, start Fiddler on the Roof
Tu, 27: 1 Fiddler on the Roof, Dragan Kujundzic
Th, 29: 2 Fiddler on the Roof, Dragan Kujundzic

September
Tu, 3: 1 Sholem Aleichem, The Tevye Stories, essay by Dan Miron, Dragan Kujundzic
Th, 5: 2 Rosh Hashanah, no class in observation
Tu, 10: 1 [Tevye, DK] Kawashima, The Hebrew Bible
Th, 12: 2 Kawashima, The Hebrew Bible
Tu, 17: 1 Vassili Schedrin, Jewish History and Culture
Th, 19: 2 Vassili Schedrin, Jewish History and Culture
Tu, 24: 1 Rebecca Jefferson, The Judaica Library Holdings; Class will meet in the Judaica Library
Th, 26: 2 Rebecca Jefferson, The Cairo Geniza; class will meet in the Judaica Library

October
Tu, 1: 1 Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice
Th, 3: 2 Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice
Tu, 8: 1 The Merchant of Venice, Dragan Kujundzic
Th, 10: 2 Judy Page, Jews in British Literature
Tu, 15: 1 Norman Goda, Holocaust
Th, 17: 2 Norman Goda, Holocaust
Tu, 22: 1 Schindler’s List
Th, 24: 2 Schindler’s List
Tu, 29: 1 Schindler’s List, Lecture, Dragan Kujundzic
Th, 31: 2 Kenneth Wald, How Jews Vote

November
Tu, 5: 1 Patricia Woods, Women in Israel/Hebrew Goddesses
Th, 7: 2 Patricia Woods, Women in Israel/Hebrew Goddesses
Tu, 12: 1 Dror Abend-David, Jews and Popular Culture
Th, 14: 2 Dror Abend-David, Jews and Popular Culture
Tu, 19: Rabbi Gail Swedroe, Women in Judaism/Halakah
Th, 21: Rabbi Gail Swedroe, Biomedical Ethics in Judaism
Tu, 26: 1 The Tribe, Dragan Kujundzic
Th, 28: 2 THANKSGIVING, NO CLASS

December
Tu, 3: 1 Conclusion, final paper due in class.