

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

Office: Walker Hall 201

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 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 THANSKGIVING, NO CLASS

December

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

