

## **Jewish Life in Europe Today: Challenges and Opportunities**

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### **Description**

The course “Jewish Life in Europe Today” is designed for Seniors and Juniors majoring in Humanities or Social Sciences with a background in European Studies, Jewish Studies and/or Religious Studies. This course provides an in-depth examination of the European Jewish experience in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. We will explore the challenges, opportunities, and transformations that have shaped Jewish life in Europe from the aftermath of the Holocaust to the present day. Through a variety of primary sources and secondary literature, we will examine the political, social, and cultural dimensions of Jewish life in Europe, as well as the impact of global events on European Jewry, such as the Israel-Palestine conflict, the rise of far-right populism and the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Course objectives**

- understand the historical context and key events that have shaped European Jewish life since 1945
- analyze the challenges, opportunities, and transformations that have impacted Jewish communities in Europe
- evaluate the impact of global events on Jewish life in Europe
- appreciate the diversity and complexity of contemporary Jewish identities in Europe
- engage in contemporary intellectual debates, primary and secondary sources
- improve data analysis and conversation skills

### **Content warning**

This class deals with a variety of perspectives. Please be aware that students are required to read and engage with some primary sources that are potentially offensive. All students are expected to help to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and sensitivity, so that our classroom can provide an open space for the critical and civil exchange of ideas.

### **Assessment**

Students will be evaluated based on their attendance (10%), active engagement (15%), a class presentation (30%) and reflection papers (45%).

*Attendance:* Two unexcused absences over the semester are allowed; after that, unexcused absences count against students' attendance grade. Excused absences do not count against the grade, but these require prior consultation with the instructor. For further information about the University of Florida's attendance policy, please see the current Undergraduate Catalogue (<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationattendance.html>).

*Active engagement:* Students are expected to participate actively in class, share their opinions and questions and take part in discussions. Participation in class discussions based on the readings is of key importance for the success of the class.

*Class presentation:* Students are required to prepare a presentation and facilitate a follow-up discussion. Each week a different person will prepare a presentation with a discussion prompt related to that week's topic and readings. The presentation should take about 15 minutes. Presenters are encouraged to prepare a handout and/or slideshow. Following the presentation, the presenting student(s) will facilitate a class discussion. We are going to distribute the weeks among the students in the first week.

*Reflection papers:* This class is divided into five sections. Students must submit three reflection papers throughout this class, choosing freely three out of the five sections to discuss. The reflection papers should consist of 500 to 1000 words (excluding bibliography), typewritten, using 12-point font and double space. The papers should be related to the sections' readings. Students may discuss a different topic, if it is approved by the instructor at least a week prior to the submission date. The submission deadline will be a week after the last class in the section. Students can get up to 15 points per submission. Submitting late work will be penalized 1 point per 12 hours. Essays not meeting the word count will be penalized 1 point per 50 words.

### **Grading scale**

A: 92-100 points

A-: 88-91

B+: 84-87

B: 80-83

B-: 77-79

C+: 74-76

C: 70-74

C-: 70-73

D+: 64-66

D: 60-63

F: 0-59

More information on grades and grading policies:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

### **Religious Observances Policy**

This course aims to be an inclusive learning community that supports students of all religious traditions. Please, let me know if your religious observances will conflict with class attendance. I will accommodate your religious observances. More information on the UF Religious Observances Policy: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/#religiousholidaystext>

### **Chosen Name and Gender Pronouns**

This course aims to be an inclusive learning community that supports students of all gender expressions and identities. Please tell me if you want to be addressed by a different name or use different pronouns than those listed elsewhere.

### **Materials**

There is no textbook for this course. All required readings are available online, the links are provided in the syllabus. Some of the readings are accessible with a UF login. English translation will be provided at least a week ahead for non-English language primary sources. Students are required to read the primary materials and the required secondary readings for each week. Students are encouraged to read the recommended readings to get a deeper understanding of the phenomena we are studying.

### **Changes to the syllabus**

Please note that the instructor reserves the right to make changes during the semester to the schedule, assigned readings or other aspects of the syllabus, if deemed necessary. No changes will be made to the grading scale.

## **READING LIST**

SECTION I: Introduction to Jewish life in Europe today

### Week 1: Introduction (Aug 24, 29)

- Getting to know each other, course overview and expectations
- Introduction to European Jewish demographics

### **Readings**

#### *Primary sources*

- DellaPergola, Sergio. World Jewish Population, 2019. Berman Jewish DataBank, 2020, [https://www.jewishdatabank.org/content/upload/bjdb/2019\\_World\\_Jewish\\_Population\\_\(AJYB,\\_DellaPergola\)\\_DataBank\\_Final2.pdf](https://www.jewishdatabank.org/content/upload/bjdb/2019_World_Jewish_Population_(AJYB,_DellaPergola)_DataBank_Final2.pdf).
- Lipka, Michael. "The continuing decline of Europe's Jewish population." Pew Research Center, 2015, <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2015/02/09/europes-jewish-population/>

#### *Secondary sources*

- Brenner, Michael. "The Ever-dying Jewry?: Prophets of Doom and the Survival of European Jewry." In *The Future of the German-Jewish Past: Memory and the Question of Antisemitism*, edited by Gideon Reuveni and Diana Franklin, 63–76. Purdue University Press, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv15pjxvw.10>.

### Recommended readings

- Anusiewicz-baer, Sandra. "On the Possibilities and Impossibilities of Being Jewish in Postwar Germany." In *The Future of the German-Jewish Past: Memory and the Question of Antisemitism*, edited by Gideon Reuveni and Diana Franklin, 109–20. Purdue University Press, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv15pjxvw.14>.
- Beller, Steven. "Is Europe Good for the Jews? Jews and the Pluralist Tradition in Historical Perspective." *European Judaism: A Journal for the New Europe*, vol. 42, no. 1, 2009, pp. 134–55, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41444008>.
- Pew. Eastern and Western Europeans Differ on Importance of Religion, Views of Minorities, and Key Social Issues, Pew Research Center, 2018, <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2018/10/29/eastern-and-western-europeans-differ-on-importance-of-religion-views-of-minorities-and-key-social-issues/>. Check the data on Jews.

### Week 2: Emergence of Jewish life after the Holocaust (Aug 29, 31)

- Jewish Displaced Persons camps and the struggle for survival and recovery
- The emergence of a new Jewish consciousness and identity

### Required readings

#### Primary sources

- Yad Vashem. "Liberation and the Return to Life: The First Moments of Liberation." Yad Vashem, <https://www.yadvashem.org/articles/general/liberation-and-the-return-to-life.html>.
- Holocaust Encyclopedia. "Remaining Jewish Population of Europe in 1945," US Holocaust Memorial Museum, <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/remaining-jewish-population-of-europe-in-1945>.

#### Secondary sources

- Anthony D. Kauders, West German Jewry: Guilt, Power and Pluralism in Jews in Europe after the Shoah. Studies and Research Perspectives, ed. Laura Brazzo and Guri Schwarz, Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History. Journal of the Fondazione CDEC, n. 01, April 2010, <https://www.quest-cdecjournal.it/west-german-jewry-guilt-power-and-pluralism/>.
- Andras Kovacs, Jews and Jewishness in Post-war Hungary in Jews in Europe after the Shoah. Studies and Research Perspectives, ed. Laura Brazzo and Guri Schwarz, Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History. Journal of the Fondazione CDEC, n. 01, April 2010, <https://www.quest-cdecjournal.it/jews-and-jewishness-in-post-war-hungary/>.

### Recommended readings

- Carla Tonini, The Jews in Poland after the Second World War: Most Recent Contributions of Polish Historiography in Jews in Europe after the Shoah. Studies and Research Perspectives, ed. Laura Brazzo and Guri Schwarz, *Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History*, n. 1, 2010, <https://www.quest-cdecjournal.it/the-jews-in-poland-after-the-second-world-war-most-recent-contributions-of-polish-historiography/>.
- Ouzan, Françoise, Rebuilding Jewish identities in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany, *Bulletin du Centre de recherche français à Jérusalem*, 14, 2004, <http://journals.openedition.org/bcrfj/269>.
- Gitelman, Zvi. "The Divergent Fates of Yiddish and Hebrew." *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, vol. 35, no. 1/4, 2017, pp. 417–30, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/44983551>.
- Schoeps, Julius H. "Saving the German-Jewish Legacy?: On Jewish and Non-Jewish Attempts of Reconstructing a Lost World." *Being Jewish in 21st-Century Germany*, edited by Haim Fireberg and Olaf Glöckner, 1st ed., De Gruyter, 2015, pp. 46–60. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctvbj7jwc.6>.
- **Smilovitsky, Leonid.** Jews under Soviet Rule, *Cahiers du monde russe*, 49/2-3, 2008, <http://journals.openedition.org/monderusse/9139>.

### Week 3: Jewish identity and commemorating the Holocaust (Sept 5, 7)

- The impact of the Holocaust on contemporary Jewish identity
- The role of Holocaust memory in shaping Jewish consciousness
- The challenges of Holocaust education in Europe

### **Required materials**

#### *Primary sources*

- Dealing with Nihilism. "YOLOCAUST: Selfies at the Holocaust Memorial Berlin," YouTube, 2020, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiBjEk\\_sVgY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiBjEk_sVgY).
- European Parliament. "The European Union and Holocaust remembrance," EU Parliament Briefing, January 2018, [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2018/614662/EPRS\\_BRI\(2018\)6\\_14662\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2018/614662/EPRS_BRI(2018)6_14662_EN.pdf).
- Tkachenko, Maryna. "Memory of the Holocaust in Dnipro: The University Park as the Place of Mass Shootings of Jews." *TRANSREGIONAL ACADEMIES*, 2019, <https://academies.hypotheses.org/6421>.

#### *Secondary sources*

- Blutinger, Jeffrey. "An Inconvenient Past: Post-Communist Holocaust Memorialization." *Shofar*, vol. 29, no. 1, 2010, pp. 73–94. *JSTOR*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5703/shofar.29.1.73>. Accessed 26 Apr. 2023.
- Braake, Serge ter. "Between History and Commemoration: The Digital Monument to the Jewish Community in the Netherlands." *Museums in a Digital Culture*, edited by Chiel van den Akker and Susan Legêne, Amsterdam University Press, 2016, pp. 93–108. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1s475tm.9>.

- Salamensky, S. I. "Culture, Memory, Context: Reenactments of Traumatic Histories in Europe and Eurasia." *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society* 26, no. 1 (2013): 21–30. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/42636432>.

### Recommended readings

- Blatman, Daniel. "Beyond National Identities: New Challenges in Writing the History of the Holocaust in Poland and Israel." *New Directions in the History of the Jews in the Polish Lands*, edited by Antony Polonsky et al., Academic Studies Press, 2018, pp. 423–41, <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv7xbrh4.40>.
- Nager, Alan L., et al. "March of the Living, a Holocaust Educational Tour: Effect on Adolescent Jewish Identity." *Journal of Religion and Health*, vol. 52, no. 4, 2013, pp. 1402–14, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/24485146>.
- United Nations. "General Assembly Decides to Designate 27 January as Annual International Day of Commemoration to Honour Holocaust Victims." United Nations, 1 Nov. 2005, <https://press.un.org/en/2005/ga10413.doc.htm>.

## SECTION II: Markers of Jewish identity in Europe

### Week 4: Ethnic and national identities among Jews in Europe (Sept 12, 14)

- Sephardi, Ashkenazi and other ethnic markers among Jews in Europe
- Identification with European nation states
- Perception of Jews' nationality among non-Jews

### Required materials

#### Primary sources

- Ipsos Public Affairs. (2018). The Inclusiveness of Nationalities: A Global Advisor Survey. Ipsos. [https://www.ipsos.com/sites/default/files/ct/news/documents/2018-06/global\\_inclusiveness\\_survey\\_-\\_global\\_graphic\\_report\\_0.pdf](https://www.ipsos.com/sites/default/files/ct/news/documents/2018-06/global_inclusiveness_survey_-_global_graphic_report_0.pdf)
- Vanishing Languages and Cultural Heritage. "Which one is our language? - Judeo-Spanish Collection." YouTube, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZ7GziwQFbw&t=659s>.

#### Secondary sources

- Abitbol, Michel, and Alan Astro. "The Integration of North African Jews in France." *Yale French Studies*, no. 85, 1994, pp. 248–61. *JSTOR*, <https://doi.org/10.2307/2930080>. Accessed 27 Apr. 2023.
- Ari, Lilach Lev. "Jews Residing in Three Cities in France and Belgium: Patterns of Ethnic Identity and Identification." *Wandering Jews: Global Jewish Migration*, edited by Steven J. Ross et al., Purdue University Press, 2020, pp. 81–118. *JSTOR*, <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv15pjxzf.8>. Accessed 27 Apr. 2023.
- Kati Vörös. "How Jewish Is Jewish Budapest?" *Jewish Social Studies*, vol. 8, no. 1, 2001, pp. 88–125, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4467621>.

### Recommended materials

- Charmé, Stuart Z. "Varieties of Authenticity in Contemporary Jewish Identity." *Jewish Social Studies*, vol. 6, no. 2, 2000, pp. 133–55, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4467578>.
- DW. "Rediscovering the rich history of Jewish life in Turkey." Deutsche Welle, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7Lba6kRnT4>.
- Eros, Ferenc. "The construction of jewish identity in Hungary in the 1980s." *Civilisations*, vol. 42, no. 2, 1993, pp. 141-150, <https://journals.openedition.org/civilisations/2325>.

#### Week 5: Religious identities (Sept 19, 21)

- Jewish denominations in Europe
- Intra-religious and denominational schools

#### **Required materials**

##### *Primary sources*

- AFP. "Cult of 'Miracle Rabbi' transforms sleepy Hungarian village." Agence France-Presse, 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WINLS3DbFvg>.
- EUPJ. "European Union for Progressive Judaism - Faith in Action - Dresden 2014." YouTube, 2014, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBUz53qx854/>.
- I24News. "Rabbi Zsolt Balla, German Army's First Rabbi Since Hitler Rose to Power." YouTube, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5H4JdMz-Eg>.

##### *Secondary sources*

- Berkowitz, Stephen. "Progressive Judaism in France." *European Judaism: A Journal for the New Europe*, vol. 49, no. 1, 2016, pp. 19–31. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/43740787>.
- Buckser, Andrew. "Chabad in Copenhagen: Fundamentalism and Modernity in Jewish Denmark." *Ethnology* 44, no. 2 (2005): 125–45. <https://doi.org/10.2307/3773993>.

#### **Recommended readings**

- Mitchell, Bruce J. "Language, Literature and Education: Yiddish among Britain's Ultra-Orthodox Jews since 1945 - A View from Within." *Studia Rosenthaliana*, vol. 36, 2002, pp. 171–93. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41482648>. Accessed 27 Apr. 2023.
- Samson, Maxim G. M. "Jewish Schools and the Challenges of Denominationalism in England." *Contemporary Jewry*, vol. 39, no. 2, 2019, pp. 245–71. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/45217160>. Accessed 27 Apr. 2023.

#### Week 6: Jewish cultural identities (Sept 26, 28)

- Jewish contributions to contemporary European culture
- Jewish urban spaces and tourism

#### **Required materials**

##### *Primary sources*

- Ben Salomo. "Identität." On *Es gibt nur einen*, 2016. Translation will be provided.
- "Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow." Jewish Culture Festival, [www.jewishfestival.pl/en/](http://www.jewishfestival.pl/en/).

- Sun Diego. “Eloah.” On *Eloah*, 2018. Translation will be provided.

#### *Secondary sources*

- Gantner, Eszter B. “Interpreting the Jewish Quarter.” *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*, vol. 23, no. 2, 2014, pp. 26–42, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/43234607>.
- Tretter, Max. (2021). “Jewish Symbols in German Gangsta Rap: A Subtle Form of Protest.” *AJS Perspectives*, 2021, pp. 64-66. [https://www.associationforjewishstudies.org/docs/default-source/ajs-perspectives/protest/ajs\\_perspectives-protest-issue-tretter.pdf?sfvrsn=1c9ff04e\\_3](https://www.associationforjewishstudies.org/docs/default-source/ajs-perspectives/protest/ajs_perspectives-protest-issue-tretter.pdf?sfvrsn=1c9ff04e_3)
- Shternshis, Anna. “White Piano in a Shtetl: Material Culture and Ethnic Identity in the Post-Soviet Jewish Urban Community.” *Jewish Social Studies*, vol. 16, no. 2, 2010, pp. 111–26. *JSTOR*, <https://doi.org/10.2979/jss.2010.16.2.111>. Accessed 27 Apr. 2023.

#### **Recommended readings**

- Heimann-Jelinek, Felicitas. “Judaica: An Interface between Jewish and Non-Jewish Culture in Central Europe.” *Studia Rosenthaliana*, vol. 37, 2004, pp. 147–62, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41482491>.
- Langer, Armin. “Telling Holocaust Jokes on German Public Television: The German-Israeli Comedian Shahak Shapira and His Satirical Show on Jews, Antisemites and the Rest.” *VIEW Journal of European Television History and Culture*, 10(20), 2021, pp. 7–17, <http://doi.org/10.18146/view.263>.
- Pataricza, Dora. “Challahpulla: Where Two wor(l)ds Meet”. *Nordisk judaistik/Scandinavian Jewish Studies*, vol. 30, no. 1, May 2019, pp. 75-90, <https://journal.fi/nj/article/view/77247>.
- Weiss, Raysh. “Klezmer in the New Germany: History, Identity, and Memory.” In *Three-Way Street: Jews, Germans, and the Transnational*, edited by Jay Howard Geller and Leslie Morris, 302–20. University of Michigan Press, 2016. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.3998/mpub.9221214.17>.
- Wood, Abigail. “(De)Constructing Yiddishland: Solomon and SoCalled’s ‘HipHopKhasene.’” *Ethnomusicology Forum*, vol. 16, no. 2, 2007, pp. 243–70, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20184596>.

### SECTION III: Challenges of Jewish Life in Europe

#### Week 7: Jews and antisemitism (Oct 3, 5) @ Oct 5 class will be virtual

- The rise of antisemitic hate crimes in Europe
- Antisemitic codewords in nationalist populism

#### **Required materials**

##### *Primary sources*

- DWEuroMaxx. “Can Jews wear a star of David safely in Berlin?” Deutsche Welle, 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/TNpxUgiBHMw>.



- European Commission (2021). Commission presents first-ever EU Strategy on combating antisemitism. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_4990](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_4990).
- Orbán, V. (2018) 'Orbán Viktor's ceremonial speech on the 170th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848', Miniszterelnok.hu, 15 March 2018, [www.miniszterelnok.hu/orban-viktors-ceremonial-speech-on-the-170th-anniversary-of-the-hungarian-revolution-of-1848/](http://www.miniszterelnok.hu/orban-viktors-ceremonial-speech-on-the-170th-anniversary-of-the-hungarian-revolution-of-1848/).

#### Secondary readings

- Arkin, Kimberly A. "Talking about Antisemitism in France Before and After *Charlie Hebdo* and Hyper Cacher." *Jewish History*, vol. 32, no. 1, 2018, pp. 77–97. *JSTOR*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48698806>. Accessed 21 Apr. 2023.
- Curtis, M. (2019). Antisemitism and European Football. *Antisemitism Studies*, 3(2), 273–290. <https://doi.org/10.2979/antistud.3.2.04>
- Rathje, J. (2021). "Money Rules the World, but Who Rules the Money?" Antisemitism in post-Holocaust Conspiracy Ideologies. In A. Lange, K. Mayerhofer, D. Porat & L. Schiffman (Ed.), Volume 5 Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds (pp. 45-68). De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110671964-005>

#### Recommended readings

- Arkel, Dik van. "A Dead Reckoning: The Growth of an Anti Jewish Stereotype in Western Europe." In *The Drawing of the Mark of Cain: A Socio-Historical Analysis of the Growth of Anti-Jewish Stereotypes*, 193–246. Amsterdam University Press, 2009. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt46mt4q.10>.
- Langer, Armin. "The eternal George Soros: Rise of an antisemitic and Islamophobic conspiracy theory." In A. Önnarfors and A. Krouwel (eds), *Europe: Continent of conspiracies: Conspiracy theories in and about Europe*, 2021, pp. 163-183. Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003048640-9/eternal-george-soros-armin-langer>. I'm happy to provide the full article if interested.
- Nyssönen, H. (2019). Viktor Orbán's Anti-Brussels Rhetoric in Hungary: Barely Able to Keep Europe Christian? In C. Rountree & F. Tilli (Eds.), *National Rhetorics in the Syrian Immigration Crisis: Victims, Frauds, and Floods* (pp. 97–124). Michigan State University Press. <https://doi.org/10.14321/j.ctvj7wpdx.8>
- Stremmelaar, A. (2017). Reading Anne Frank: Confronting Antisemitism in Turkish Communities. In R. Ensel & E. Gans (Eds.), *The Holocaust, Israel and the "Jew": Histories of Antisemitism in Postwar Dutch Society* (pp. 445–474). Amsterdam University Press. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1jd94jj.19>

#### Week 8: Jews and European secularism (Oct 10, 12) @ Oct 12 class will be virtual

- Secular laws in European countries
- Assimilationism as state policy
- Debates on banning religious circumcision

#### Required materials

### Primary sources

- I24News. "Denmark to Vote on Circumcision Ban." I24News, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LopXuAUIReU>.
- Libboe, Anne et al. Let the boys decide on circumcision: Joint statement from the Nordic Ombudsmen for Children and pediatric experts, 2013, <https://www.barneombudet.no/uploads/documents/Barneombudet-mener/Andre-brev-og-innspill/2013/Let-the-boys-decide-on-circumsision.PDF>.
- Posener, Alan. "No More Mr. Nice Guy": Questioning the Ideal of Assimilation. In G. Reuveni & D. Franklin (Eds.), *The Future of the German-Jewish Past: Memory and the Question of Antisemitism* (pp. 3–12). Purdue University Press, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv15pjxvw.5>

### Secondary sources

- Katz, Ethan B. "Where Do the Hijab and the Kippah Belong? On Being Publicly Jewish or Muslim in Post-*Hebdo* France." *Jewish History* 32, no. 1 (2018): 99–114. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48698807>.
- Kluveld, Amanda. "Secular, Superior and, Desperately Searching for Its Soul: The Confusing Political-Cultural References to a Judeo-Christian Europe in the Twenty-First Century." In *Is There a Judeo-Christian Tradition?: A European Perspective*, edited by Emmanuel Nathan and Anya Topolski, 1st ed., 241–66. De Gruyter, 2016. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctvbkk0mv.16>.
- Yurdakul, G. (2019). Jews, Muslims and the Ritual Male Circumcision Debate: Religious Diversity and Social Inclusion in Germany. In J.-J. Bock & S. Macdonald (Eds.), *Refugees Welcome?: Difference and Diversity in a Changing Germany* (1st ed., pp. 82–100). Berghahn Books. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv12pns28.8>.

### Recommended readings

- Langer, Armin. "A barbaric, bloody act' – The anti-circumcision polemics of the Enlightenment and its internalization by nineteenth-century German Jews." *Body Politics* 7(11), 2019, pp. 55-74, <http://bodypolitics.de/de/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ch04-langer.pdf>.
- Sapiro, Philip. "Religious Inter marriage in England and Wales: Differences in Individual and Area Characteristics of Endogamous and Exogamous Couples." *European journal of population = Revue europeenne de demographie* vol. 36, no. 3, 415-437. 17 Jul. 2019, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7363751/>.
- Vichniac, J. E. (2008). Jewish Identity Politics and the Scarf Affairs in France. *French Politics, Culture & Society*, 26(1), 111–128. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/42843534>

## SECTION IV: Jewish community activism

### Week 9: Jewish feminist and queer activism (Oct 17, 19)

- The intersection of Jewish and LGBTQ+ activism
- The role of feminism in Jewish circles

### Required materials

#### Primary sources

- “History.” Bet Debora, <https://www.bet-debora.net/about-us-2/history/>.
- Greenhalgh, Hugo. “Europe to hold first Jewish LGBT+ Pride with prayers and debate.” Reuters, 2021, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-jewish-lgbt-trfn/europe-to-hold-first-jewish-lgbt-pride-with-prayers-and-debate-idUSKCN2E8100>.
- Kenesei, Marcel. “At JCC Budapest, Building a Proud and Open Jewish Life.” American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 2022, <https://www.jdc.org/voice/at-jcc-budapest-building-a-proud-and-open-jewish-life/>.

#### Secondary sources

- Jensen, Mie Astrup. “Gendering Experiences of Anti-Semitism: A Quantitative Analysis of Discrimination in Europe”. *European Journal of Jewish Studies*, vol. 16., no. 2, 2022, pp. 327-354. <https://doi.org/10.1163/1872471X-bja10043>.
- Vuola, Elina. “Intersections of Gender and Minority Status: Perspectives from Finnish Jewish Women”. *Nordisk judaistik/Scandinavian Jewish Studies*, vol. 30, no. 1, May 2019, pp. 55-74, <https://journal.fi/nj/article/view/77270>.

### Recommended materials

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### Week 10: Jewish-Muslim relations (Oct 24, 26)

- The challenges and opportunities for interfaith dialogue
- The impact of antisemitism and Islamophobia on Jewish-Muslim relations

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#### Week 11: Jewish-Roma relations (Oct 31, Nov 2)

- Commemorating the Jewish and Roma genocide(s)
- Addressing anti-Roma racism and antisemitism
- Shared cultural traits in eastern Europe

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## SECTION V: European Jews in a globalized world

### Week 12: Zionism and the State of Israel (Nov 7, 9)

- The relationship between European Jewry and the State of Israel
- The role of Zionism in shaping contemporary Jewish life

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#### Week 13: Jewish responses to far-right populism (Nov 14, 16)

- The rise of far-right populism in Europe
- Jewish responses to far-right populism

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#### Week 14: COVID-19, Russian invasion of Ukraine... What does the future bring? (Nov 21, 28, 30)

- Discussion of the contemporary challenges facing European Jews
- Reflections on the future of European Jewish life and community

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#### Week 15: Review of the course topics and themes (Dec 5)

No assigned readings.