

Class 1: Patriarchs to Moses

Background text: “*Scheidlin*” pp 1-7

Topic 1: What is a Jew?

Jewish Attributes (*handout*)

Topic 2: From Patriarchs to Moses

[Land of Canaan and prehistory: Neanderthals, early civilizations] (*handout*)

Patriarchs: Abraham hx (*handout*), Abraham bible (*handout*),

Isaac/Jacob/Joseph hx (*handout*)

12 Tribes (*handout map*)

Antecedents: Sumer; Egypt (*handout*)

Moses, Joshua, Philistines.

Class 2: Moses to Judah

Background text: “*Scheidlin*” pp 8-25;

Topic 1: Saul/David/Solomon.

The 2 Kingdoms--Ahab/Israel (Assyria), Judah.

Topic 2: 1st Diaspora (Babylonian exile), Nehemiah/Ezra/Judah. (*Ezra handout*)

Topic 3: Old Testament (*Scheidlin 29-30*) (*613 commandments handout*)

Video 1A: “Art and Israelite Art”-- Solomon temple, Ahab temple

Class 3: Judah to the (2nd) Diaspora

Background Texts: “*Scheidlin*” pp 25-51

Topic 1: Alexander/Greeks, Maccabees, Herod (*Hellenistic handout*)

Topic 2: Saduccee/Pharisee/Essenes. (*saduccee and pharisee handout*)

Topic 3 : Rome (Roman Empire Map (*handout*),

Topic 4: Jewish Wars—66 and 135: (*Claudius to the*

Alexandrians (Handout), Josephus (Handout); Dio Cassius (handout)

Video 1B: “From Exile to Exile”-- 2nd Temple, Herod the Great, Massada [min 10—24]

Class 4: Diaspora Jewish Life: Cathedocracy (“Rule by Learned Men”)

Background text: “*Scheidlin*” pp 51-70; 114-117

Topic 1: Rabbis/Commentaries. (*Johnson pp 150-153, 158-160*), (*Scheidlin 53-57, 62-67, 101*);

Mishnah (*handout*)

Rabbis in Poland (*handout*)

Topic 2: Mysticism, Nahmonides (*Johnson pp 194-198, Scheindlin p114-117*)

Topic 3: Jewish Life: Welfare (*Johnson 204*); Reading (*Johnson 193*); Occupations (*handout*), Jews in a Polish Private Town (*handout*), Slavery (*handouts*)

Video 3A: “Sacred Art of the Home”

Class 5: Diaspora History to 1800

Background text: “*Scheidlin*” pp 71-130; 149-166

- Topic 1: St Augustine (*Johnson 165*), Blood libel, Jewish Star, Usury, 3rd Lateran Council (*Scheidlin 104-106*),
- Topic 2: Crusades (*Scheidlin 100-101*):
- Topic 3: Inquisition, Cathar Heresy (*handout*), Expulsion from Spain. (*Scheidlin 106-121*)
- Topic 4: Judaism in the Near East
Dhimmi (*Scheidlin 73-74*), Maimonides (*Johnson 180-187*),
Ottoman Empire (*Scheidlin 123-130*)
- Topic 5 :Venetian ghetto. (*Johnson 234-238*)
- Topic 6: Central Europe: Luther/Counter-Reformation, court Jews. (*Johnson 240-256*)
- Topic 7: Eastern Europe: (*Johnson 251*);
- Topic 8: 30 Years War/1648/Chmielnicki. (*Johnson 259*) (*handouts*)
- Topic 9: Kaballah, Shabbatai Zevi, (*Johnson 261-272*; *Scheidlin 131-136*)

Class 6: 19th Century

Western Europe/emancipation

Background text: “*Scheidlin*” pp 164-171

Discussion Topics:

- Topic 1: 1649/England, French revolution. (*Napolean Handout; Emancipation Handout*)
- Topic 2: Western Europe summary (*Scheidlin 164-171*)
- Topic 3: Reform (Conservative/Orthodox) Judaism (*Johnson pp 332-336*)

Eastern Europe

Background text: *Scheidlin (173-181)*

Discussion Topics:

- Topic 1: Eastern Europe Summary: (*Scheidlin 173-181*)
Partitions of Poland (*handout*); May Laws (*handout*)

Class 7: Holocaust

History

Background text: *Scheidlin (199-217)*

- Topic 1: Russia/bolshevism (*Johnson 447-453, 455*)
- Topic 2: Germany/Nazism/Holocaust (*Johnson pp 472-473,484-494,497-506, 513-517*)

Holocaust as experienced

Topic 1: Extermination

“*Eichyshok the Slaughter*” by Yaffa Eliach (*handout*)

“*Tale of the Ring: a Kaddish*” (*Auschwitz*) by Frank Stimmel (*handout*)

Topic 2: Aftermath/Nuremberg Trials

The Nuremberg Charter (*handout*)

“*Eichyshok Liberation and Aftermath*” by Yaffa Eliach (*handout*)

WWII deaths by country (*handout*)

Genocide in the 20th century (*handout*)

Jewish World Population (*handout*)

Video 9B: Holocaust

Class 8 Zion and America

Zion

Background text: "Scheindlin" pp 219-233

Topic 1: Beginnings: Herzl and his opponents (*Johnson 395-405*)

Topic 2: Balfour declaration: (*Johnson 423-434*)

Topic 3: Independence: (*Scheindlin 219-233, Johnson 438, 442-445, 519-532*)
"Aliyah" (handout) "UN partition plan" (handout)

America

Background text: "Scheindlin" pp 187-197

Discussion Topics:

Topic 1: Beginnings: *Scheindlin 187-197*

Topic 2: Early 20th century

"US Immigration" (handout), "The Spirit of the Ghetto" by Hutchins Hapgood (handout)

Topic 3: Mid-Late 20th Century

Lawyers (Brandeis) vs Artists (Al Goldstein) (handout)

Topic 4: What is Jewish about "Jewish Americans"?

"Disturb us Adonai" from the Temple Emanuel Shabbat Prayerbook (handout)