

The Modern Jewish Experience through the Lens of Short Stories

Instructor: Dr. Jacob Meskin

Day/Time: 10 Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Dates: 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

Cost: \$350, generous financial aid is available

Location: Zoom

ABOUT THE COURSE:

In this course we read moving Jewish short stories from the late 19th, 20th, and early 21st centuries, and discuss what we can learn from them about the diverse historical and personal experiences of modern Jews. Modernity reshaped many aspects of Jewish life, such as family, religious faith, romantic love, aging, relations with non-Jews, etc. In open-ended (and usually quite energetic) class conversations about the stories, we will explore how these changes affected the thoughts and feelings of our grandparents and parents -- and how they continue to affect ours today. Among many others, we will be reading Sholem Aleichem, I.B. Singer, Bernard Malamud, Cynthia Ozick, Dara Horn, and Nathan Englander.



Me'ah Select is a one semester, in-depth exploration of a specific theme, text, personality, or slice of Jewish history, taught by outstanding scholar/educators.

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