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SOCIOLOGY 166-327A
SOCIOLOGY OF THE JEWS IN NORTH AMERICA
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will develop an understanding of contemporary North American Jewry using findings of sociology and other social sciences. Social, cultural, and political issues of concern to the Jewish community will be analyzed. The course will examine specific characteristics of Jewish life in Canada, and Quebec in particular, compared with the American Jewish experience.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course requirements are one research paper (50%) and two exams (50%). Do not be frightened by the length of the reading list, it is presented primarily for reference purposes for term papers. Required readings are indicated by an asterisk (*).

REQUIRED BOOKS

Breton, Raymond, et al. *Ethnic Identity and Equality*. University of Toronto 1990.
Sklare, M., ed. *American Jews: A Reader*. Behrman 1983 (AJ).

SUPPLEMENTAL BOOKS

Cohen, Steven M. *American Assimilation or Jewish Revival*. Indiana University Press, 1988.

- Cohen, Steven M. *American Modernity and Jewish Identity*. Tabvistock, 1983 (AMJI).
- Elazar, Daniel J. *Community and Polity*. Jewish Publication Society, 1976.
- Elazar, Daniel, and Harold Waller. *Maintaining Consensus: The Canadian Jewish Polity in the Post-War World*. University Press of America, 1990.
- Howe, Irving. *World of Our Fathers*. Simon and Schuster, 1976.
- Lipset, Seymour Martin, ed. *American Pluralism and the Jewish Community*. New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1990 (AP).
- Lipsitz, Edmond Y. *Canadian Jewry Today: Who's Who in Canadian Jewry*. 1989 (CJT).
- Silberman, Charles. *A Certain People*. Summit Books, 1985.
- Sklare, M., ed. (2 vols.) *The Jew in American Society and the Jewish Community in America*. Behrman, 1974.
- Sklare, M., ed. *Understanding American Jewry*. Transaction Books, 1982.
- Sklare, Marshall. *America's Jews*. Random House, 1971.
- Sklare, Marshall. *The Jews*. Free Press, 1958.
- Waxman, Chaim. *America's Jews in Transition*. Temple University Press, 1983 (AJT).
- Weinfeld, M., W. Shaffir and J. Cotler. *The Canadian Jewish Mosaic*. John Wiley, 1981 (CJM).

SUPPLEMENTAL PERIODICALS

JEWISH:

- American Jewish Year Book (AJYB)*
Canadian Jewish News
Commentary
Conservative Judaism
Contemporary Jewry
Jewish Journal of Sociology (JJS)
Jewish Social Studies (JSS)
Judaism
Midstream
Moment
Response
Tikkun
Viewpoints

GENERAL:

American Journal of Sociology (AJS)
American Sociological Review (ASR)
Canadian Journal of Sociology (CJS)
*Canadian Review of Sociology and
Anthropology (CRSA)*
Social Forces

**SUPPLEMENTAL
BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

Rome, David, et al. *Les juifs du Québec: bibliographie
rétrospective annotée*. Québec: institut quebécois de recherche
sur la culture, 1981.

Schoenfeld, Stuart and Dwight Daigneault. *Contemporary Jewish
Life in Canada: a bibliography*. York University: Centre for
Jewish Studies.

Vadnay, S. *A Selected Bibliography of Canadian Jewry 1900-
1980*. Ottawa, 1991.

COURSE OUTLINE

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Week 2	Immigration and Early History
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Week 9	The Organized Jewish Community and Jewish Education
Week 10	The Organized Jewish Community and Jewish Education
Week 11	Culture, Israel, Jewish Education
Week 12	Jews and Politics
Week 13	Jews and Politics

Week 1: Introduction: Who are the Jews? Why Study Them?

- *M. Sklare, "Assimilation and the Sociologists," *Commentary*, May, 1965.
- *Waxman, *AJT*, introduction, chapter 1.
- Cohen, *AMJI*, chapters 1, 2.
- Raphael Patai, *Tents of Jacob*, chapters 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15.
- Mark Zborowski and Elizabeth Herzog, *Life is With People*.
- Cecil Roth, *A History of the Jews*.
- Howard Sachar, *The Course of Modern Jewish History*.
- Irving Howe, *World of Our Fathers*, chapter 1.
- Solomon Grayzel, *History of the Jews*.
- Max Margolis and Alexander Marx, *A History of the Jewish People*.
- Ernest van den Haag, *The Jewish Mystique*, chapters 1-4.
- S.M. Lipset, "The American Jewish Community in a Comparative Perspective," Lipset, *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*, chapter 4.

Week 2: Immigration and Early History

- *Breton, introduction, pp. 3-33.
- **CJM*, articles by Kage, Abella and Troper.
- *Waxman, *AJT*, chapter 2.
- *M. Sklare, *AJ*, pp. 3-45.
- Cohen, *AMJI*, chapter 3.
- M. Sklare, ed., *The Jews*, pp. 3-42.
- Daniel Elazar, *Community and Polity*, chapter 2.
- M. Sklare, *America's Jews*, chapter 1.
- Irving Howe, *World of Our Fathers*, chapters 2, 6.
- Joseph Kage, *With Faith and Thanksgiving*, chapters 1-3.
- Louis Rosenberg, *Canada's Jews*, passim.
- Stuart Rosenberg, *The Jewish Community in Canada*, vol. 1.
- B.G. Sack, *History of the Jews in Canada*, chapters 17-22.
- Mordechai Richler, *The Street*.
- Jonathan Sarna, "Jewish Immigration to North America: The Canadian Experience," *JJS*, June, 1976.
- I. Abella and H. Troper, *None is Too Many*, 1982.

Week 3: The Setting: Canada, United States and the City

- *Lipset, *AP*, chapters 1, 2, 6.

- *Breton, chapter 3, pp. 92-135.
CJM, articles by Arnold, Medjuck and Lazar.
 Waxman, *AJT*, chapter 3.
 M. Sklare, *JAS*, pp. 67-92.
 Seymour Martin Lipset, *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*,
 chapter 2.
 John Porter, "Ethnic Pluralism in Canadian Perspective,"
Ethnicity, N. Glazer and D. Moynihan, eds.
 Daniel Elazar, *Community and Polity*, chapters 1, 3.
 Louis Wirth, *The Ghetto*, chapters 12-14.
 Stuart Rosenberg, *The Jewish Community in Canada*, vol. 1, *A
 History Prologue*, Part III.
 A. Etzioni, "The Ghetto, a Re-evaluation," *Social Forces*, March,
 1959.
 A. Ronald Gillis and Paul Whitehead, "Halifax Jews: A
 Community Within a Community," *Immigrant Groups*, Jean L.
 Elliot, ed.
 Morton Weinfeld, "A Note on Comparing Canadian and
 American Jewry," *Journal of Ethnic Studies*, Spring, 1977.
 Rosenberg and Weinfeld, "Ethnicity," *An Introduction to
 Sociology*, M. Rosenberg et. al., eds., pp. 543-584.
 M. Weinfeld, "The Jews of Quebec," An Overview in Ron Aigen
 and Gershon Hundert, eds., *Community and the Individual Jew*.

Week 4: Jews and the Social Structure

- *Breton, chapter 4 (by Reitz), pp. 135-195.
 *M. Sklare, *AJ*, pp. 49-121.
 R. Brym, "The Rise and Decline of Canadian Jewry?" *Canadian
 Jewry Today*, E. Lipsitz, ed.
 Waxman, *AJT*, chapters 5, 6.
 M. Sklare, *America's Jews*, chapter 2.
 F. Massarik and A. Chenkin, "United States National Jewish
 Population Study: A First Report," *AJYB*, 1973.
 Mark Zborowski and Elizabeth Herzog, *Life is With People*, parts
 II, III, chapter 3.
 M. Sklare, *The Jews*, articles by N. Glazer and F. Stroback, pp.
 138-168.

Miriam K. Slater, "My Son the Doctor: Aspects of Mobility Among American Jews," *ASR*, June, 1969.

Sidney Goldstein, "The Demographics of American Jewry," Hebrew University, 1987, mimeo.

Alan J.C. King, "Ethnicity and School Adjustment," *CRSA*, May, 1968.

Wallace Clement, *The Canadian Corporate Elite*, pp. 231-259, 332-343.

John R. Seeley et al., *Crestwood Heights*, chapter 8.

Joseph Kage, *The Dynamics of Economic Adjustment of Canadian Jews: An Historical Review*.

Irving Howe, *World of Our Fathers*, chapter 7.

T. Veblen, "The Intellectual Pre-eminence of Jews in Modern Europe," *American Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 34, 1919.

Cohen, *AMJI*, chapters 4, 5.

Week 5: Jews and Religion

*Schoenfeld, *CJM*.

*M. Sklare, *AJ*, pp.245-362.

Waxman, *AJT*, chapter 4.

Will Herberg, *Protestant, Catholic, Jew*, chapters I-III, V, VIII.

M. Sklare, *The Jew in American Society*, pp. 223-252.

Daniel Elazar, *Community and Polity*, chapter 4.

M. Sklare, *The Jewish Community in America*, pp. 131-220.

Stuart Rosenberg, *The Jewish Community in Canada*, vol. II, *In the Midst of Freedom*, chapter 3.

M. Sklare and J. Greenblum, *Jewish Identity on the Suburban Frontier*, chapters 3-5.

L. Kaplan, "The Dilemma of Conservative Judaism," *Commentary*, November, 1976.

James Sleeper and Alan Mintz, eds., *The New Jews*, part 2.

S. Schoenfeld, "The Jewish Religion in North America: Canadian and American Comparisons," *CJS*, vol. III, 1978, pp. 209-231.

S. Schoenfeld, "Folk Judaism, Elite Judaism," in *Contemporary Jewry*, 9:1, 1987/88.

Week 6, 7: Jewish Family Life and Social Reform

*M. Sklare, *AJ*, pp. 123-140, 149-199, 395-412.

- Steven Cohen, "Alternative Families in the Jewish Community,"
AJC, 1989, mimeo.
- CJM, articles by Davids, Joseph, Rose, Weinfeld.
- Waxman, AJT, chapter 7.
- Cohen, AMJI, chapter 6.
- John R. Seeley et al., *Crestwood Heights*, chapters 7, 10.
- M. Sklare, *The Jew in American Society*, pp. 165-187.
- M. Sklare, ed., *The Jewish Community in America*, pp. 339-359.
- M. Sklare, *America's Jews*, chapter 3.
- M. Sklare, ed., *The Jews*, pp. 520-534.
- Benjamin Schlesinger, *The Jewish Family: A Survey and Annotated Bibliography*.
- Moshe Anisfeld et al., "The Structure and Dynamics of the Ethnic Attitudes of Jewish Adolescents," *Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology*, 66:1, 1963.
- Calvin Goldscheider, "Ideological Factors in Jewish Fertility Differentials," *JJS*, June, 1965.
- Calvin Goldscheider, "Socio-economic Status and Jewish Fertility," *JJS*, December, 1965.
- Irving Howe, *World of Our Fathers*, chapter 8.
- Moshe Davis, "Mixed Marriage in Western Jewry: Historical Background to the Jewish Response," *JJS*, December, 1968.
- Bernard Lazerwitz, "Intermarriage and Conversion: A Guide for Future Research," *JJS*, June, 1971.
- M. Sklare, *The Jews in American Society*, pp. 303-332.
- M. Sklare, "Intermarriage and Jewish Survival," *Commentary*, March, 1970.
- Werner Cahnman, ed., *Intermarriage and Jewish Life*.
- R. Schlesinger, B. Schlesinger, *Article*, CJT, Lipsitz, ed.
- Sergio della Pergola, *Recent Trends in Jewish Marriage*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1989, mimeo.
- Fred Massarik and Alvin Chenkin, "United States National Population Study: A First Report," *AJYB*, 1973.
- Stuart Rosenberg, *The Jewish Community in Canada*, vol. II, *In the Midst of Freedom*, chapter 5.
- S. Lieberman and Morton Weinfeld, "Demographic Trends and Jewish Survival," *Midstream*, November, 1978.

Week 8: Anti-Semitism

*Harold Quinley and Charles Y. Glock, *Anti-Semitism in America*, New York: Free Press, 1979, chapters 1, 10.

**CJM*, *Ages*.

Robert Brym and Rhonda Lenton, "The Distribution of Anti-Semitism in Canada Today," *CJS*, 16:4, 1991, pp. 411-418.

Gabriel Weimann and Conrad Winn, *Hate on Trial*, chapters 6, 7. Cohen, *AMJI*, chapter 8.

David Riesman, "The Militant Fight Against Anti-Semitism," *Commentary*, 1951, no. 11, and "A Philosophy for Minority Living," David Riesman, *Individualism Reconsidered* (also in *Commentary*, 1948, no. 6).

Arnold Forster and B. Epstein, *The New Anti-Semitism*, chapter 1.

Gertrude Selznick and Steven Steinberg, *The Tenacity of Prejudice*, chapters 1, 10.

L. Dinnerstein, ed., *Anti-Semitism in the United States*.

Seymour Martin Lipset, "The Left, the Jews, and Israel," *Encounter*, December, 1969.

Ben Halpern, *Jews and Blacks*.

Nat Hentoff, *Black Anti-Semitism and Jewish Racism*.

Earl Raab, "The Black Revolution and the Jewish Question," *Commentary*, January, 1969.

Stuart Rosenberg, *The Jewish Community in Canada*, vol. II, *In the Midst of Freedom*, chapter 13.

Peter C. Newman, *The Canadian Establishment*, chapters 11-13.

Arthur A. Cohen, ed., *Arguments and Doctrines: A Reader of Jewish Thinking in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*.

Arthur Morse, *While Six Million Died*.

Morton Weinfeld, et al., "Long Term Effects of the Holocaust on Selected Social Attitudes and Behaviors of Survivors: A Cautionary Note," *Social Forces*, September, 1981, pp. 1-19.

Morton Weinfeld, "The Jews of Quebec Perceived Anti-Semitism, Segregation, and Migration," *JJS*, June, 1980.

John Sigal and Morton Weinfeld, *Trauma and Rebirth*, Praeger, 1989.

R. Zweigenhaft and G.W. Domhoff, *Jews and the Protestant Establishment*, Praeger, 1982.

Week 9, 10: The Organized Jewish Community and Jewish Education

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- *Sklare, M., ed., *AJ*, pp. 201-243, 365-393.
- **CJM*, Waller (Power), Lasry.
- Waxman, *AJT*, chapters 8, 9.
- H. Troper and M. Weinfeld, *Old Wounds*, 1988.
- Daniel Elazar, *Community and Polity*, chapters 6, 8-10, appendix A.
- M. Sklare, ed., *The Jewish Community in America*, pp. 69-110, 221-248.
- M. Sklare, *America's Jews*, chapters 4, 5.
- Herbert Gans, "The Origin and Growth of a Jewish Community in the Suburbs," M. Sklare, ed., *The Jews*, see also *Commentary*, April, 1951, pp. 330-339.
- Stuart Rosenberg, *The Jewish Community in Canada*, vol. II, *In the Midst of Freedom*, chapters 1, 2, 4, vol. I, *A History*, chapter 14.
- Harold Himmelfarb, "Jewish Education for Naught: Educating the Culturally Deprived Child," *Analysis*, September, 1975.
- Paul Weinberger, "The Effects of Jewish Education," *AJYB*, 1971.
- Daniel Elazar and Harold Waller, M.C., passim, Lipset, ed., *AP*, chapters 10-13.
- Norman Friedman, "Religion's Subsystem: Toward a Sociology of Jewish Education," Winter, 1969.
- Harold Himmelfarb, "The Impact of Schooling Comparing Different Types and Amounts of Jewish Education," *Sociology of Education*, April, 1977.
- M. Aborowsky and Elizabeth Herzog, *Life is with People*, part III, chapters 1, 2.
- Jack N. Porter and Peter Dreier, *Jewish Radicalism*, part 5.

Week 11: Culture, Israel, Jewish Education

- *Sklare, M., *AJ*, pp. 413-438.
- *Breton, chapter 2, pp. 34-91.
- **CJM*, Orestein, interview with Wisse, Roiter, Butovsky, Waller (Zionism).

Waxman, *AJT*, chapter 10.

Irving Howe, *World of Our Fathers*, chapters 13-17.

Howard Sachar, *The Course of Modern Jewish History*, chapter 19.

Daniel Bell, "Reflections on Jewish Identity," *Commentary*, June, 1961.

Norman Friedman, "The Problem of the 'Runaway Jewish Intellectuals': Social Definition and Social Perspective," *JJS*, January, 1969.

Robert Alter, *After the Tradition: Essays on Modern Jewish Writing*, pp. 17-60.

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Victor Sanua, "Patterns of Identification with the Jewish Community in the U.S.A.," *JJS*, December, 1964.

Ralph Segalman, "Ethnic Vioce in Canadian Writing," W. Isajiw, *Ethnicity*.

Stuart Rosenberg, *The Jewish Community in Canada*, vol. II, *In the Midst of Freedom*, chapters 8, 10.

M. Sklare, *The Jew in American Society*, pp. 259-301.

M. Sklare, "The Greening of Judaism," *Commentary*, December, 1977.

Jack N. Porter and Peter Dreier, *Jewish Radicalism*, parts 4, 7.

Cohen, *AMJI*, Epilogue.

Steven M. Cohen, "Ties and Tensions: An Update," *AJC*, 1989.

*Lipset, ed., *AP*, chapter 5.

Week 12, 13: Jews and Politics

*Breton, chapter 6, pp. 256-266.

**CJM*, Stanislawski, Waller and Weinfeld.

*Lipset, ed., *AP*, chapters 7-9.

Cohen, *AMJI*, chapter 7.

D. Taras and M. Weinfeld, "Continuity and Criticism: North American Jews and Israel," *International Journal*, XLV: 3 1990, pp. 661-684.

M. Sklare, ed., *The Jewish Community in America*, JCA, pp. 285-310.

Lawrence Fuchs, "Sources of Jewish Internationalism and Liberalism," M. Sklare, *The Jews*.

- Irving Howe, *World of Our Fathers*, chapters 9-11.
- Bernard Rosenberg and Irving Howe, "Are American Jews Turning to the Right?" Irving Howe and Lewis Coser, eds., *The New Conservatives*.
- Mel Tumin, "Conservative Trends in American Jewish Life," *Judaism*, Spring, 1964.
- Morton Weinfeld, "La Question Juive au Quebec," *Midstream*, October, 1977.
- Jack N. Porter and Peter Dreier, *Jewish Radicalism*, parts 1, 9, Epilogue.
- James Sleeper and Alan Mintz, *The New Jews*, part I.
- Irving Louis Horowitz, *Israeli Ecstasies and Jewish Agonies*, chapters 6-8, or *Midstream*, November 1972, or *JSS*, October, 1962.
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