



**"The Land of Israel: The Jewish Connection"
Study Tour September 1- September 23, 2009**

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"The Land of Israel: The Jewish Connection" is an academic course which allows the student to study both through classroom seminars and by visits to the most important historical sites in the State of Israel.

The course begins in the north of Israel examining the cultural mosaic of the region and the roots of its Jewish settlement, ancient and modern. From ancient times until today, the Jews' existence in Israel has been a constant process of social and cultural interaction with their surroundings. The complex interplay of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the region will therefore be a major focus for study and discussion, particularly at our visit to Jerusalem. We will continue south, visiting *Masada* in order to learn about one of modern Israel's founding legends and examining the role of the Negev in the history of the State.

Students will be required to write a term-paper, keep a journal and give an oral presentation in order to receive a final grade. The Study Tour is worth four academic credits.

Study Tour Itinerary*

Seminar days will begin at 9:00 and end at 15:00. Field Study days will begin and end at different times, according to the trip. Students will be provided with information the day before regarding when they need to meet the bus in the morning and what time they can expect to return to campus.

Tuesday, Sept. 1: 9:00- 15:00 *Orientation and Introduction+ Opening class*

Room: 408 Education Bldg.

Orientation, Materials and Sources handed out

Opening class: Tanach (Hebrew Scriptures) and the Covenant

15:00: Campus & Haifa Tour – leave directly after class. Tour will include overview of the city, visiting the open air market and walking through main areas of the city (bring money for transportation and lunch, comfortable shoes, water and camera)
O/N Haifa

Wednesday, Sept. 2: *Seminar: From Ancient Israel to the Diaspora*

Room: 408 Education Bldg.

Maccabees and Romans / The Talmudic Period (Christian Scriptures as well)

Antisemitism

Particularism vs. Assimilation

O/N Haifa



Thursday, Sept. 3: Field Study: From Talmud to the Old Yishuv
(Dress modestly and wear comfortable shoes)

Tzipori Archeological Dig
Nazareth: Church of the Annunciation – Messianic Judaism (Christianity)
Kabbalistic Tzfat – A Walking Tour
O/N Haifa

Friday, Sept. 4 – Saturday, Sept. 5: Free Weekend

Sunday, Sept. 6: Seminar: Religious/National and Ideological Basis of Zionism

Room: 408 Education Bldg
Intro to Revolutionary Modern Political Zionism
Labor Zionism
The National Religious Movement
Revisionism
O/N Haifa

Monday, Sept. 7: Field Study: From Tanach to the Zionist Pioneers

Hike down the Gilboa (Remembrances of Saul and David)
Hammam Tiberias Mosaic Floor
Kinneret Cemetery and Socialist Pioneers
Kinneret Courtyard
Arbel Plateau
Swim in the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) (Bring bathing suit, towel)
O/N Haifa

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Seminar: The Jewish State in the Making (1920 – 1948)

Room: 408 Education Bldg
The Political Development of the Jewish Community (New Yishuv)
Impact of the Holocaust
The Evolution of Defense Organizations and the War of Independence
O/N Haifa

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Seminar: The Institutionalization of the Israeli State (1949 – 1967)

Room: 408 Education Bldg
Massive Immigration
Political – Economic Development
The Military
O/N Haifa



Thursday, Sept. 10: Field Study: The Holocaust

The Final Solution vs. Jewish Resistance
Jewish Independence as a Response?
Lochamei Hageta'ot – Ghetto Fighters' Museum
O/N Haifa

Friday, Sept. 11 – Saturday, Sept. 12: Free Weekend

Sunday, Sept. 13: Field Study: The Jerusalem Corridor (1948)

Latrun Armor Museum and Battle Site
Kastel (Battle and Issues of Nationalism)
Ammunition Hill – Unification of Jerusalem 1967
Mt. Herzl Military and National Cemetery
O/N Jerusalem – Hagesher Guest House

Monday, Sept 14: Field Study: Jewish Jerusalem - The Old City (on foot)

(Dress modestly and bring shoes for walking in water)

Enter the Old City by way of Mt. Zion
Burnt House and Herodian Quarter
City of David First Temple Period Excavations
The Western Wall Plaza
Ophel Southern Wall Excavations and Davidson Center
Tour of Cardo
O/N Jerusalem - Hagesher Guest House

Tuesday, Sept. 15: Field Study: Jewish Roots of Christianity - Jerusalem

(Dress modestly and wear comfortable shoes)

Class: *Judaism and Christianity, Judaism and Islam in the Land of Israel*
Walking Tour
Mt. Zion – King David's Grave and Room of the Last Supper
Garden of Gethsemane, Church of All Nations, Lions' Gate
Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Jewish – Christian Relations)
Shopping in Arab Market (if possible)
O/N Negev – Hanokdim Village – sleeping in Bedouin tents

Wednesday, Sept. 16: Field Study: Masada and the Dead Sea

(Bring Bathing Suit)

Climb Masada at sunrise plus in-depth tour
Hike in Ein Gedi Springs
Swim in the Dead Sea
O/N Sde Boker – Youth Hostel



Thursday, Sept. 17: Field Study: The Negev: Ben Gurion's Dream

Sde Boker – Museum, Ben Gurion's Home and Gravesite
Short Hike – Ein Avdat
Tel Goded Bar Kokhva Hiding Caves
Free Time – Tel Aviv
Return to Haifa

Friday, Sept. 18 – Sunday, Sept. 20: Rosh Hashana, Free Weekend

Monday Sept. 21 Seminar: Years of Radical Change (1967 – 82)

Room: 408 Education Bldg
The Collapse of Labor and the Rise of the Right (Likud)
The Land of Israel as a Value – Gush Emmunim and Settlement
Trade off for Sinai and Camp David Accords 1979
Domestic Developments (Immigration and Economy)
O/N Haifa

Tuesday, Sept. 22 Field Study: Galilee/Golan Development

The Mitzpim (visit Yodfat Archeological site, Eshchar, mixed religious – secular community)
Karmiel Development Town
Mitzpe Gadot- Syrian position 1967
Golan Waterfall Hike (Bring hiking shoes, water, bathing suit, towel)
O/N Haifa

Wednesday, Sept. 23 Seminar: Unity and Division (1982 – 2004)

Room: 408 Education Bldg
The Revival of Land of Israel Ideology vs. Labor, the Left and Oslo
Economic Development: The state of "Tel Aviv" vs. the Galilee and the Negev
2000 – 2009: An Emerging Centrist Pragmatism?
O/N Haifa

***All topics, sites and times are subject to change.**

University policy and overall security regulations will be the determining factors concerning visitation at any given site. Alternative sites will replace any deemed unsuitable by the authorities.



Bibliography

Tanach – Hebrew Scriptures

New Testament – Christian Scriptures

The Book of Maccabees and articles “Maccabees”, First and Second Books, Encyclopedia Judaica

Josephus Flavius, *The Jewish War*

Appropriate article(s) concerning the Talmudic Period in the Land of Israel (to be announced)

Avineri, Shlomo, *The Making of Modern Zionism* (selected articles)

Hertzberg, Arthur, *The Zionist Idea* (selected articles)

Hitler, Adolf, *Mein Kampf*, (Chapter 11, Nation and Race)

Sachar, Howard, *A History of Israel*