

EMORY UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM (2011)
European Sephardi Jewish History and Culture
Course Syllabus and Schedule

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Sephardi Jewish History and Culture on Location

Course Description:

The Emory Sephardi Jewish Culture Program offers a five-week intensive course devoted to Sephardi culture in Europe. The basis of this course is studying medieval and early modern Jewish culture, language, religion, and history in Christian- and Muslim-ruled Iberia, and following in the footsteps of the Jews expelled from Spain in 1492. The course is held on location in Spain, as well as in France, the Netherlands, Italy, and Greece, where Jews established thriving communities after the expulsion. The course is therefore divided into two parts: the first part in Spain explores centuries of Jewish culture in Christian- and Muslim-ruled Iberia until the expulsion of 1492, and the second part investigates over five hundred years of Sephardi life in the context of broader European culture and history in various countries until today. Emphasis is thereby placed on the interaction between Christians, Jews, and Muslims. The course incorporates many opportunities to directly learn from specialist lecturers and from the authentic historical sites that the students visit. The teaching format involves "hands-on" experience in the European locations and attending lectures and discussions.

Course Requirements:

Participation and Attendance (10%): You are expected to participate in all activities and contribute to group discussions and activities on a regular basis.

Journal (25%): You are expected to produce entries in your journal at least 3 times a week. In each entry you should synthesize readings and discussions in class with sites/visits/tours, in addition to personal reflections on the places we visit. The journal will be read and graded twice during the summer. Once a week, the journal entry will take on the format of a written response to specifically assigned questions.

Reading Reviews and quizzes (15%): Please follow the reading schedule on the syllabus. Use your time during train rides to prepare for classes and complete your readings. Three times during the summer there will be reading discussions in sessions in three or four groups. There will be a short quiz following the discussion.

Tests (50%): There are three tests: in Madrid (May 26 10%), in Paris (June 8; 20%) and in Athens (June 25; 20%).

Writing Requirement:

Since the goal of JS/MES 328BWR is writing skills, students who take this course to fulfill the Writing Requirement, will be asked to write intensively during the semester. This will be done in two ways:

- **Journal:** You are expected to write in your journal at least 5 times a week. In each entry you should synthesize readings and discussions in class with sites/visits/tours, in addition to personal reflections on the places we visit. Once a week, the journal entry will take on the format of a written response to specifically assigned questions. The journal will be read and graded on a regular basis and will be returned to you for reworking. At that point, you will rewrite your entries to reflect corrections, suggestions and answers to the instructors' questions related to your writing.

- **Final Writing Project:** Writing is typically an evolving and recursive process and this will be reflected in your final project. At the beginning of the course you will choose a topic you would like to work on in consultation with the instructors. Over the summer you will need to submit some drafts. These drafts will be commented on by the instructors and circulated among the other students for discussion. Twice during the summer (see syllabus) special writing workshops will be held to suggest improvements to the quality of the drafts. During these workshops examples of excellent drafts will be presented as models of quality writing. The final project will be a 20–25 typed pages of a coherent and well written paper. The paper, which counts for half of the course grade, is due on August 10, 2011.

All Students: Read Before Arrival:

Gerber, Introduction, Ch. 1–3; Diaz-Mas: Ch. 1; Roth, Chapter 7; Constable, pp. 1–206

	Accommodations:	Activities:	Readings:
MAY			
23 - Monday	Madrid, Spain	Arrival 18:00 Dinner and orientation	
24 - Tuesday	Madrid	9:15–10:00 Unit 1: Sephardi Europe: An Overview	Gerber, Intro; Chs. 1–2
		10:10–10:50 Unit 2: Spanish Sites: From Toledo to Girona	Gerber, Ch. 1
		11:00–12:00 Unit 3: The Jewish Religion and Life Cycle	Diaz-Mas, Ch. 1
		14:00–15:00 Unit 4: Introduction to Islam	Denny, Ch. 3
		15:10–16:00 Unit 5: The Visigothic Period and the Muslim arrival Umayyad Andalus (9th–10th centuries)	Constable, pp. 1–108; Menocal
		17:15–18:00 Unit 6: The Christian Expansion (11th–12th Centuries) and Almoravids/Almohades	Constable, pp. 109–206
		18:15–19:00 Unit 7: Religious Syncretism in Medieval Spain and the Conversos	Roth, Ch. 1; Sorkin
		21:00 Dinner	
25 - Wednesday	Madrid (Toledo)	Train: AVANT 8292 Madrid 9:20–Toledo Study Day in Toledo 10:30 Unit 8: Toledo: Transition from Synagogue to Church Train: AVANT 8153 Toledo 15:30–Madrid 16:00	Scheindlin, Chs. 4–5; Vidal
		17:00–19:00 Tour: Calle de la Fé, Juderia - A walking tour of the Historic Jewish Quarter	

Accommodations:	Activities:	Readings:
26 - Thursday Madrid	Unit 9: Plaza Mayor: The Inquisition and Catholic Dogma	Roth, Ch. 7
	20:00 Dinner	
	9:00–9:45 Unit 10: The History of the Jews in the Iberian Peninsula, Dr. Gallego	Gerber, Chs. 2–3
	10:00–11:00 Unit 11: The Religious Literature of Iberian Jews, Dr. Gallego	
	11:30–12:30 Unit 12: The Decline of Spanish Jewry: The Path to Expulsion	Gerber, Chapter 5
	12:30 Lunch	
	14:00–15:00 Unit 13: History of Andalusia	Harvey, Chs. 18–19
	17:00–18:00 Review Session	
	18:00–19:00 TEST 1	
	20:00 Dinner with Mr. Alan Solomont, US Ambassador to Spain and Ms. Susan Solomont	US Embassy, Madrid
27 - Friday Córdoba, Seville	Train: AVE 2090 Madrid 9:00–Córdoba 10:50	Review Readings
	Tours: Juderia, La Sinagoga, Statue of Maimonides, Mezquita	Scheindlin, Merchants and Intellectuals (pp. 352–85)
	Unit 14: Maimonides' Life and His Writings (in Maimonides Plaza, Córdoba)	Gerber, 79–89; Maimonides (62 in primary sources)
	Train: Alaria 9332 Córdoba 18:03–Seville 18:55	

Accommodations:		Activities:	Readings:
28 - Saturday	Seville	10:00 Tours: Catedral and La Giralda, Barrio de Santa Cruz (Juderia)	
		15:00–16:15 Unit 15: The “Golden Age” of Al-Andalus from the Caliphate to the Amoravid Invasion (929–1086)	Kennedy, Chs 4 and 6
		16:30–17:45 Unit 16: The Berber Dynasties and the Decline of Muslim Spain (1086-1492)	Kennedy, Chs 7 and 11
		18:00–18:45 Unit 17: The Qur'an in Stone: Introduction to Islamic Architecture	Hoag, Islamic Architecture
29 - Sunday	Seville	9:30–11:30 Tour: Alcazar; Reading Hebrew Poetry Unit 18: “Golden Age” of Religious and Secular Hebrew Literature	Selected poetry (primary source); Scheindlin, Merchants and Intellectuals (pp. 313–52)
		11:45–12:45 Unit 19: The Languages of Sephardi Jews	Hary 2009, Chapter 1; Gallego; Miller; Cohen
		16:30–17:15 Unit 20: Judeo-Spanish: The Translations of Sacred Religious Texts into the Vernacular ("Ladino")	Schwarzwald; Applebaum; Rodrigue, “The Ottoman Diaspora”
		17:30–18:30 Unit 21: Judeo-Arabic: The Language of Arabic-speaking Jews	Hary, 1992, Chapter 4; Hary 2009, Chapter 2
		18:30–20:00 Reading Review I and Quiz	Constable, pp. 207–382
		20:00 Dinner	

	Accommodations:	Activities:	Readings:
30 - Monday	Seville/Granada	8:00 Private Bus: Seville - Granada 12:00 Lunch 13:30–16:00 Tour & Discussion: Alhambra 16:00–17:30 Tour: La Madrasa, Catedral, Capilla Real 18:00 Private Bus: Granada - Seville	
31 - Tuesday	Barcelona	10:00–11:00 Unit 22: The Reconquista 11:15–12:15 Unit 23: The Jewish Legacy in Iberia post 1492, Conversos and Crypto-Jews Train: AVE 3941 Seville 16:00 – Barcelona Sants 21:35	Gerber, Chapter 4 C. Roth, Chs. 3–4
1 - Wednesday	Barcelona	10:00 Tour: Barcelona (Old Quarter, Synagogue) 17:00–18:00 Unit 24: The Disputation of Barcelona (1263) 18:00–19:00 Writing Workshop I	Ramban, The Disputation of Barcelona (in packet, 493-513) JG and RL
2 - Thursday	Barcelona (Girona)	Train: Cat. Exp. 5077, Barcelona 9:21 - Girona 10:42 Tour of Girona: Jewish museum, Call, Train: Cat. Exp. 5002, Girona 14:59 - Barcelona 16:16	
3 - Friday	Barcelona	Day Off	
4 - Saturday	Paris, France	Train: PME/ALS 211 Barcelona-Sants 9:00–Figueras Vilafant 10:42; TGV 6210, Figueras Vilafant 11:06–Paris Lyon 16:41	
5 - Sunday	Paris	Morning off	

Accommodations:		Activities:	Readings:
6 - Monday	Paris	14:00–18:00 Tour: Marais and synagogues, Jewish Museum	
		Unit 25: Sephardim Today: Between Religion and Secularism	Gerber, Ch. 9; Shaviv 2009
		20:00 Dinner	
		9:00–10:00 Unit 26: Post 1492 Sites: France and the Netherlands	
		10:15–11:00 Unit 27: A Republic Apart: Western European Expulsions and Jewish Peoplehood	Jonathan Israel, European Jewry, 70–86; 184–206
		11:30–12:30 Unit 28: Decline and Renewal: Jewish Religious Authority and Assimilation	Jonathan Israel, European Jewry, 237–62
		12:45–13:30 Unit 29: Muslims, Jews, and Christians: Religious and Social Conflict in Europe Today	Bunzl; Taguieff
		13:30–15:30 Lunch Break	
		15:30–16:45 Unit 30: The Year 1492: The Rise of A Secular Era?	Fernández-Armesto, Before Columbus, Chapter 8
		17:00–18:00 Unit 31: Jewish-Muslim Religious Syncretism in North Africa: The Case of Sefrou	Stillman
21:00 Dinner			
7 - Tuesday	Paris	9:00–10:00 Unit 32: The Return to the Islamic World: The Sephardi Diaspora in Muslim Lands	Gerber, Ch. 6
		10:15–11:00 Unit 33: The Westward Journey	Gerber, Ch. 7
		11:15–12:30 Unit 34: The Vatican, Nazi Germany, and the Jews	
		15:30–16:30 Review Session	
		16:30–18:00 TEST 2	

Accommodations:**Activities:****Readings:**

		21:00	Dinner	
8 - Wednesday	Paris	9:00–13:30	Tour: Île de la Cité, Muslim Paris	
		14:00	Lunch	
			Afternoon off or the following options: Tour Options: Musée d'Orsay, Louvre, Centre Pompidou	
9 - 11 June	Off	20:00	Dinner	
12 - Sunday	Amsterdam	20:00	Meet in Amsterdam Hotel	
13 - Monday	Amsterdam	10:00–13:00	Portuguese Synagogue and Guided Tour of the Jewish Museum	
		10:30–13:00	Unit 35: The History of Dutch Jews	Kaplan, "Bon Judesmo: The Western Sephardic Diaspora"

Accommodations:		Activities:	Readings:
		14:30 Unit 36: Multicultural Society at a Dead End? Religious Fundamentalism, Immigration and Racism in Dutch Society	Dr. Andre Krouwel
		18:00 Tour of Amsterdam and possible boat ride	
14 - Tuesday	Train	Day off in Amsterdam Train: Amsterdam Centraal NTZ 419, 20:31–Munich 7:16	
15 - Wednesday	Venice	Train: EC81 Munich 7:31–Verona 13:01; EC37 Verona 13:29–Venice SL 14:40	
		18:00–18:45 Unit 37: Post-1492 Sites: Italy and Greece	
		19:00–20:00 Unit 38: The Jews of Italy during the Renaissance and Counter-Reformation	Sachar, chs. 10–11; Momigliano
		20:00 Dinner and Tour: Venice	
16 - Thursday	Venice	10:00 Tour: The Jewish Ghetto and Cemetery, Lido	
		Unit 39: Jewish Life in Venice	Calimani
		18:30–20:00 Reading Review II and Quiz	
17 - Friday	Rome	Train: ES 9467, Venice 8:43 - Rome Termini 13:10	
		16:00–18:00 Tour: Vatican museum, St. Peter Cathedral	
18 - Saturday	Rome	Day Off	
19 - Sunday	Rome	10:00–12:00 Jewish Ghetto, museum and synagogues Lunch at the Ghetto	

Accommodations:

Activities:

Readings:

14:00–18:00

Tour: Forum Romanum, Titus Arch,
Colosseum

JG

20 - Monday At sea

Train: 08:00 Rome Termini–Brindisi 13:22
Ferry: Endeavour, Brindisi 19:00–Patras
12:30 (following day)

Accommodations:		Activities:	Readings:
21 - Tuesday	Athens	Private Bus: Patras - Athens Writing Workshop II Dinner at the Plaka	JG and RL
22 - Wednesday	Athens	10:00 Tour: The Jewish Museum of Greece (Athens)	
		14:00–15:00 Unit 40: The History of Jews in Greece	TBA
		16:30–17:15 Unit 41: The Sephardi Encounter with Modernity	Gerber, Ch. 8
		15:15–16:00 Unit 42: Shabbatai Zvi and the Dönme: Sectarianism in the Ottoman Empire	Rodrigue; Scheindlin
		17:45–18:45 Unit 43: Sephardi Jews and the Holocaust	Altabe; Kerem
		19:00–20:15 Reading Review III and Quiz	
23 - Thursday	Thessaloniki	7:00 Train: ICE50, Athens 7:53–Thessaloniki 12:20	
		17:00 Tour: Jewish Museum (Ms. Erika Perahia Zemour)	
		19:00–22:00 Tour: Thessaloniki (Promenade and dinner)	
24 - Friday	Athens	9:00 Tour: Jewish Thessaloniki (Elephtherias)	
		Train: IC55, Thessaloniki 14:54–Athens 10:45	
	Evening	Study Session	JG

Accommodations:**Activities:****Readings:****25 - Saturday** Athens**9:00–11:00** Review session and course summary**12:00** **TEST 3****Optional:** Tour of Acropolis**20:00 --** **Party****26 - Sunday**

Departure