

FRE/GER/RUS 212; HST 211

Secular Jewish Culture from the Enlightenment to Zionism

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Class Meeting: Tuesdays & Thursdays / 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. / Alumni Hall 1

Constructed around a dynamic series of lectures by internationally renowned Jewish Studies scholars, this **Miami Plan Foundation** course is a truly once-in-a-college-career opportunity. Thanks to generous support from a grant from the Posen Foundation, we will be able to invite five cutting-edge scholars to Miami to contribute lectures to the course based on their own research on key aspects of modern Jewish culture. Each lecture will be presented during a class period, and will also be open to the public. Spring 2010 lecturers will be Ronald Schechter (College of William & Mary), Gabriella Safran (Stanford University), Tony Michels (University of Wisconsin Madison), Michael Meyer (Hebrew Union College Cincinnati), Yaron Peleg (George Washington University). Students will read texts by these scholars in advance of their visit, and then actually meet them and hear them speak. Students will come away with exciting perspectives on secular Jewish culture and thought from the 18th through the mid 20th centuries. This course fulfills a key requirement for the Jewish Studies Minor and is a **Miami Plan Foundation** course (II. B Humanities, III. B World Cultures, and VI. Historical Perspective).

Listing of Lectures



Ronald Schechter

Assoc. Prof. of History, College of William and Mary
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
"The French Revolution and the Jews"
http://www.wm.edu/as/history/faculty/schechter_r.php



Gabriella Safran

Assoc. Prof. of Slavic Lang. & Lit., Stanford University
Thursday, February 25, 2010
"The Dybbuk vs. the Golem: S. An-sky's Play in Historical Context"
<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/slavic/cgi-bin/?q=node/25>



Tony Michels

Assoc. Prof. of History, U. of Wisconsin-Madison
Thursday, March 25, 2010
"Chaim Zhitlovsky and the Invention of Yiddish Culture"
<http://history.wisc.edu/people/faculty/michels.htm>



Michael Meyer

Adolph S. Ochs Prof. of Jewish History, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Cincinnati
Thursday, April 08, 2010
"The Persistence of Religion in *Wissenschaft des Judentums*"
<http://huc.edu/faculty/faculty/meyer.shtml>



Yaron Peleg

Assoc. Prof. of Classical & Semitic Lang. & Lit., George Washington University
Thursday, April 22, 2010
"Returning Sons of Colonizers? Early Zionism in Historical Perspective"
http://www.gwu.edu/~judaic/yaron_peleg.html