

**SOC397H1F – Selected Topics in Sociological Research**  
**Fall 2012**  
**Jews: The Making of a Diaspora People**

Instructor: Professor I.M. Zeitlin

Class Time: Monday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: LM 158 (Lash Miller 158)

Office Hours: By appointment (416-963-4425). The instructor regrets that he cannot be reached by e-mail.

Course Description:

A comprehensive account of how the Jews became a diaspora people. The term “diaspora” was first applied exclusively to the early history of the Jews as they began settling in scattered colonies outside of Israel-Judea during the time of the Babylonian exile. “Diaspora” has come to express the characteristic uniqueness of the Jewish historical experience. We shall analyze the varied reactions the Jews encountered from their so-called “host peoples”, paying special attention to the attitudes of famous thinkers such as Luther, Hegel, Nietzsche, Wagner, Montesquieu, Voltaire, Rousseau, the Left-Hegelians, Marx and others.

Required Text:

Irving M. Zeitlin, *Jews: The Making of a Diaspora People*, Polity Press, 2012, available at the U of T Bookstore.

Method of Evaluation:

There will be **five** 1,000–word essays, worth 20% each, due after the fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth and twenty-eighth chapters. There will be no test or final exam.

Assignment Deadlines:

Essay assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the due date.

Late Assignments:

As mentioned above, work is due at the start of class on the due date. Late work will not be accepted without proper documentation from a student’s physician (U of T Medical Certificate) or College Registrar.

Plagiarism

Cheating and misrepresentation will not be tolerated. Students who commit an academic offence face serious penalties. Avoid plagiarism by citing properly. Know where you stand by reading the “Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters” in the Calendar of the Faculty of Arts and Science. A

first rule of thumb: each time you use a sequence of three or more words written by someone else, use quotation marks and give the source. But more than this is involved in citing properly, so read “HOW NOT TO PLAGIARIZE”.

Accessibility needs:

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Evaluation:

	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Worth</u>
Essay 1 .....	October 29, 2012 .....	20%
Essay 2 .....		20%
Essay 3 .....		20%
Essay 4 .....		20%
Essay 5 .....	December 3, 2012 .....	20%