

SOC386H1F – Selected Topics in Sociological Research
Jews: The Making of a Diaspora People
Fall 2015

Instructor: Professor I.M. Zeitlin
Class Time: Monday, 4-6
Location: UC87
Office Hours: By Appointment (416-963-4425)

Course Description: A Historical-sociological account of how the Jews became a diaspora people.

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

Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad: *Sociological Analysis of the Three Monotheistic Religions*, available at the U of T Bookstore.

Method of Evaluation: Four essays engaging with the respective chapters in a thoughtful manner. Ten percent of the final course grade will be awarded for consistent attendance and active participation in classroom discussion.

Schedule and Percentage-Value of Participation and Essays

Essay 1, Due October 5, 2015 at the beginning of class..... 25%
Essay 2, Due October 26, 2015 at the beginning of class.....25%
Essay 3, Due November 9, 2015 at the beginning of class.....25%
Essay 4, Due November 30, 2015 at the beginning of class ...25%

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