

HISTORY 2122, THE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT Weekly schedule

Books to be purchased in order of appearance on the reading list:

Benny Morris, *Rightious Victims: A History of the Zionist-Arab Conflict, 1881-2001* (2001 ed. only)
Avi Shlaim, *War and Peace in the Middle East: A Concise History* (1995 ed.)
Ilan Pappé, ed., *The Israel/Palestine Question: Rewriting Histories* (1999)
Anita Shapira, *Land and Power: the Zionist Resort to Force, 1881-1948* (1992)
Rashid Khalidi, *Palestinian Identity: the Construction of Modern National Consciousness* (1997)
Baruch Kimmerling and Joel Migdal, *The Palestinian People: A History* (2nd ed. only; 2003)
Raja Shehadeh, *Strangers in the House: Coming of Age in Occupied Palestine* (2002)
Michael Karpin and Ina Friedman, *Murder in the Name of God: The Plot to Kill Yitzhak Rabin* (1998)
Charles Enderlin, *Shattered Dreams: The Failure of the Peace Process in the Middle East, 1995-2002* (2003)
Bernard Wasserstein, *Israelis and Palestinians: Why do they Fight? Can they Stop?* (2003)

Ordered but used only minimally in the assignments below:

Mark Tessler, *A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (1994).
Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World* (2001).

These may intrigue some students, and will be useful for some term paper topics, but are not required for purchase. Tessler's book is an overall 'textbook'-type narrative by a political scientist. Shlaim's book is a critical history of Israeli foreign-policy decision-making, arguing that leaders missed opportunities, misperceived their options, and held misguided priorities.

Collections of documents ordered for reserve include
Walter Laqueur and Barry Rubin, eds., *The Israel-Arab Reader* (multiple editions exist)
Charles Smith, *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*
Itamar Rabinovich and Yehuda Reinharz, eds., *Israel in the Middle East*

Sept. 2, 4

week 1 Part I. Introductions to the course

TU

** Origins in 'the long 19th Century': to 1914

TH Morris, *Rightious Victims*, to page 42
Sept. 9, 11

week 2 ** The British between Zionists and Arabs (and the issue of colonial settlement)

* a) 1914-ca 1922

TU Morris, *Rightious Victims*, to page 106

Shlaim, *War and Peace in the Middle East*, to page 21

* b) to World War II

TH Tessler, *A History of the...Conflict, 185-246* Sept. 16, 18

week 3 Part II. To 1948

** The Issue of Palestinian National Identity before 1948

TU / TH Khalidi, *Palestinian National Identity*, xi-xiii, 9-13,
19- 62, 89-124, 145-75

[Optional: Chapter 7 (by Swendenberg) in Pappé, *Israel/Palestine*]

Sept. 23, 25

week 4 ** The Zionist's evolving views of the Arabs and of armed struggle

TU Shapira, Land and Power, preface-29, 51-2, 61-72,
81-2, 98-126, 129-39, 154-216
J. Bower Bell, Terror out of Zion (1977), selections
TH Shapira, Land and Power, 219-34, 242-96, 310-19,
337-52, 366-70 Sept. 30, Oct 2

*exam #1 (TU)

week 5 ** The 1948 War: Military and Political Dimensions

TU Morris, Rightious Victims, 173-76
Tessler, A History of the...Conflict, 257-64
Shlaim, Iron Door, 34-41
Shlaim, War and Peace in the Middle East, 21-6
Morris, Rightious Victims, 191-6, 215-23

** Revisionist historians on Zionism and Colonialism and on working class vs. national solidarity

TH Ram and Shafir chapters in Pappe, ed., Israel/Palestine
Lockman, "Railway Workers and Relational History" Ch. 6 in
Pappe, ed., Israel/Palestine

Oct. 7, 9

Paragraph on preliminary ideas for term paper (Th)

week 6** The Issue of the Palestinian Refugees: 1948

TU Morris, Rightious Victims, 207-10, 249-58
Masalha, "A Critique on Benny Morris" (Ch 10 in Pappe,
ed., Israel/Palestine) [Optional: Chapters 8+9]
Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, Ch. 5

Part III. An International Conflict: 1948-79

** The Palestinian Dispersion, and the Border Policies, 1948-56

TH Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, Ch. 7
Morris, Rightious Victims, 259-301
Shlaim, Iron Wall (selections: evaluation of leaders)
[optional: Shlaim, War and Peace in the Middle East,
27-36]Oct. 14 (no class), Oct. 16

week 7 TU. Fall break; no class

** The Israeli Arabs to 1967 AND

** The Six-Day War (1967): international and domestic Israeli
watershed

TH Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, 169-90
Morris, Rightious Victims, 302-46Oct. 21, 23

exam #2 (Tu)

week 8 ** To the 1973 War, the Subsequent Israeli Electoral Shock, and the
Crucial Peace with Egypt: 1968-79

TU Morris, Rightious Victims, 346-63, 387-402, 433-93
Shlaim, War and Peace in the Middle East through p. 62
Shlaim, Iron Wall (selections: evaluation of leaders)

Part IV. The Reemergence of the Israeli-Palestinian Dimension

** The Refashioning of the PLO under Arafat, 1965 and after

TH Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, 240-74Oct. 28, 30

Report #2 on term paper progress (Th)

week 9 Israel-PLO struggles: Terror, Civil Wars, and the Lebanon War, 1968-82

TU Morris, Righteous Victims, 363-86, 494-522, 533-60
Shehadeh, Strangers in the House, 3-68

** Society and Protest in the Occupied Territories: early years (1967-82) to the first Intifada (1987-92) and the Rise of Islamic Organizations (Hamas)

TH Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, 274-311
Shehadeh, Strangers in the House, 130-64

Nov. 4, 6

week 10 TU Shehadeh, Strangers in the House, finish
Morris, Righteous Victims, 561-610

Part V. The Era of Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations: Oslo (1993) and After

** Oslo and the issue of Israeli National Unity (Reaction on the Right)

TH Morris, Righteous Victims, 611-40
Karpin and Friedman, Murder in the Name of God thru p. 53

Nov. 11, 13

exam #3 (Th)

week 11 TU Karpin and Friedman, Murder in the Name of God 54-120,
164-205, 259-69

** The Failure of Negotiations

TH Morris, Righteous Victims, 640-75 Nov. 18, 20

Report #3 on term paper progress (Th)

week 12 TU Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, 321-54

Enderlin, Shattered Dreams, xiii-xvii, 84-96, 111-24, 135-51,
161-72, 176-260, 291-97, 321-61

TH Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, 355-97
Morris, "What do the Palestinians Want?" Nov. 25

week 13 ** Present and Future

TU Wasserstein, Israelis and Palestinians through ch 2
Kimmerling and Migdal, The Palestinian People, 190-213

TH Thanksgiving; no class Dec. 2, 4

Marathon sessions based on term paper drafts.

week 14 TU Wasserstein, Israelis and Palestinians finish
Shlaim, War and Peace in the Middle East, finish

(additional readings to be handed out this week and next – analyses of international attention to this conflict and analyses of recent developments) Dec. 9, 11

week 15 Dec. 16, 18

Exam #3 (Tu)

week 16

(Fri 19th: last day of classes) Tues. Dec 23, 5:00pm

Term paper due