

HEBREW 216-3

TOPICS IN HEBREW LITERATURE: THE FOUR-DIMENSIONAL JERUSALEM

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In this course, students will gain a deeper understanding of some of the complexities of Israeli culture through the specific example of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is one of the oldest cities in the world and she saw many victories and downfalls before her eyes. She is the subject of writing for poets and storytellers, Jews and non-Jews alike, and she is often the setting for many films and TV series that were produced in Israel. Jerusalem is immensely diverse, encompassing ultra-orthodox Jews next to secular Jews, Ashkenazi Jews and Sephardi ones, and Jews and Arabs. In this class we will get a glimpse of these sectors as they are portrayed in literary and visual art. We will also learn about the history of Jerusalem and how this history affects the current intricacies of this unique city.

This course fulfills a Literature & Fine Arts Distribution Requirement.

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