

## **Becoming Israel: War, Peace, and the Politics of Israel's Identity POL 345 Y1**

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Israelis probably are among the few peoples in the world who, even after several generations of independent existence, still ask: "who were we?," "who are we?," "who is we?," "what are we?," "where are we?," and "who will we become?" Attempting to show why this is so, this course introduces students to Israeli politics, society, institutions and political practice from the distinctive perspective of the development of Israeli identity (identities). Special attention will be given to the sources of Israeli identity, the main players involved in its politics, and the role of regional war and the peace process in its development and inner conflicts. In particular, the course will trace the construction of Israeli identity, starting from the early times of Zionism and ending with the contemporary identity conflicts over the failed Oslo peace process with the Palestinians and the recent Intifada. I will try to show that there is a direct connection between Zionist constituting ideologies, the nature of Israel's institutions and society, and the split soul of Israeli identity.

**Course requirements:** A review paper (20%) on Yael Zerubavel's book *Recovered Roots* (maximum 5 pages, double space), which is due on November 6, 2013; a mid-term paper (30%) on the origins of Israeli political and social institutions (maximum 10 pages, double space), which is due on March 5, 2014 and two exams (25% each) at the end of the fall and winter semesters. The mid-term exam will take place in the first semester's examination week; the exact date will be determined by the Faculty of Arts and Science. The final exam will take place in the second semester's examination week; the exact date will be determined by the Faculty of Arts and Science. Excluding medical emergencies, no late assignments will be accepted.

**Prerequisite:** A course in POL.

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No late penalty. All students are required to hand in their essays by the due date, except under extreme and critical health or family circumstances, in which case documentation is an absolute necessity.

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### **Accommodation for Religious Observances:**

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### **Required Bibliography**

The required readings are available in one or more of the following formats:

1. An online reading on the POL345 blackboard page
2. The course pack – can be purchased at U of T bookstore
3. The course reserves desk at Robarts library.
4. U of T bookstore – there are few books that students are advised to purchase.

### **Required books**

Adam Garfinkle, *Politics and Society in Modern Israel*, Second Edition (Armonk, New York: Sharpe, 2000).

Laurence J. Silberstein, *The Postzionist Debates: Knowledge and Power in Israeli Culture* (New York and London: Routledge, 1999).

Yael Zerubavel, *Recovered Roots: Collective Memory and the Making of Israeli National Tradition* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1995).

Yaron Ezrahi, *Rubber Bullets: Power and Conscience in Modern Israel* (Berkeley and London: University of California Press, 1997) University of Toronto Press Reprint.

Guy Ben-Porat, Yagil Levy, Shlomo Mizrahi, Arye Naor, Erez Tzfadia, *Israel Since 1980* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008).

Emanuel Adler, ed. *Israel in the World* (New York and London: Routledge, 2013).

### **Recommended books**

Israel Broadcasting Authority, "Tkuma - The Rebirth of Israel" A New Six Hour Modern History of Israel," 1999.

Mitchell G. Bard and David Nachmias, *Israel Studies: An Anthology*. Free Online Studies Textbook at: [www.jewishVirtualLibrary.org](http://www.jewishVirtualLibrary.org)--->Publications--->Israeli Studies: An Anthology.

### **Legend**

BS – The reading is available at U of T Book Store

R – The reading is available at the course reserves desk at Robarts Library

C – The reading is available at the course pack

@ – The reading is available on pol345 blackboard page

## **Course Topics and Readings**

### **Introduction**

#### **1- "Under Construction": Israeli Identity/Identities**

**September 11, 2013**

[BS] Garfinkle, chapter 1 and 2.

#### **Recommended Readings:**

Gideon Shimoni, *The Zionist Ideology* (Hanover: Brandeis University Press, 1995), 3-11.

## **I- Who Were We?**

### **2- Zionism and the Intellectual Origins of Israeli Identity**

**September 18, 2013**

[C] Shlomo Avineri, *The Making of Modern Zionism: The Intellectual Origins of the Jewish State* (New York: Basic Books, 1981), 88-100, 112-124.

**September 25, 2013**

[R] Avineri, *The Making of Modern Zionism*, 139-216.

#### **Recommended readings, subject # 2:**

Michael Barnett, "The Politics of Uniqueness: The Status of the Israeli Case."  
In Michael Barnett, ed. *Israel in Comparative Perspective: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom*. Albany: SUNY Press, 1996, 3-28.

Alexander Yakobson, "Jewish Peoplehood and the Jewish State, How Unique?-A Comparative Study," *Israel Studies* 13/2 (Summer 2008), 1-27.

Hedva Ben-Israel Kidron, "Zionism and European Nationalisms: Comparative Aspects," *Israel Studies* 8/1 (Spring 2003), 91-104

Jonathan Spyer, "Theories of Nationalism: The Israeli Experience as a Test Case," *Israel Studies Forum* 20/2 (Winter 2005), 46-68.

Martin Buber, *Israel and the World* (Syracuse University Press, 1997), 214-226.

### **3- Myths and Reality in the Construction of the Modern State of Israel**

**October 2, 2013:** Tkuma, Episode 1: The Conflict; Episode 2: The Ingathering.

[BS] Garfinkle, chapter 3.

**October 9, 2013**

[BS] Erez Tzfadia, "Geography and Demography: Spatial Transformations," in Ben-Porat et al., 42-68.

[BS] Zerubavel, 13-36, 39-47.

**October 16, 2013**

[BS] Zerubavel, 60-76, 147-167, 192-213.

**Recommended readings, subject # 3:**

Amos Oz, "The Meaning of Homeland," in Carol Diamant, ed., *Zionism: The Sequel* (New York: Hadassah, 1998), 248-254.

Oz Almog, *The Sabra: The Creation of the New Jew*, trans. by Haim Watzman (Berkeley and London: University of California Press, 2000), 35-45, 185-197.

Zeev Sternhell, *The Founding Myths of Israel*. Trans. by David Maisel (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), 3-24.

Nachman Ben-Yehuda, *The Masada Myth: Collective Memory and Mythmaking in Israel* (Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press, 1995), 62-68, 228-258.

Myron J. Aranoff, "The Origins of Israeli Political Culture," in Ehud Sprinzak and Larry Diamond, eds., *Israeli Democracy Under Stress* (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 1993), 47-63.

Shoham Hizky, "From 'Great History' to 'Small History': The Genesis of the Zionist Periodization," *Israel Studies* 18/1 (Spring 2013), 31-55.

Michael Feige, "Passion and Territory in Israeli Historiography," *Israel Studies* 16/1 (Spring 2011), 179-197.

For a political-geographic introduction of the "New Yishuv" see: Ruth Kark and Joseph B. Glass, "The Jews in Eretz Israel/Palestine: From Traditional Peripherality to Modern Centrality," in Efraim Karsh, ed., *Israel: The First Hundred Years*, Vol. 1 Israel's Transition From Community to State (London: Frank Cass, 2000), 73-107.

## **II- Who Are We?**

### **4- The Israeli State, Institutions, and Identity**

**October 23, 2013**

[BS] Garfinkle, chapter 5.

[@] Baruch Kimmerling, "State Building, State Autonomy and the Identity of Society: The Case of the Israeli State," *Journal of Historical Sociology* 6/4 (December 1993), 396-429.

### **October 30, 2013**

[BS] Arye Naor, "The Political System: Government, Parliament and the Court," in Ben-Porat et al., 69-90.

[@] Oren Soffer, "Judicial Review of Legislation in Israel: Problems and Implications of Possible Reform," *Israel Affairs* 12/2 (April 2006), 307-329.

[@] Gideon Doron, "Judges in a Borderless State: Politics versus the Law in the State of Israel," *Israel Affairs* 14/4 (2008), 587-601.

### **Recommended readings, subject # 4:**

Ilan Peleg, "The Israeli Right;" Mark Rosenblum, "After Rabin: The Malaise of the Israeli Zionist Left;" Shmuel Sandler and Aaron Kampinsky, "Israel's Religious Parties;" Vladimir (Ze'ev) Khanin, "Israel's 'Russian' Parties;" Hillel Frisch, "Israel's Arab Parties;" Pnina Lahav, "Israel's supreme Court," in Robert O. Freedman ed., *Contemporary Israel: Domestic Politics, Foreign Policy and Security Challenges* (Boulder, Co.: Westview, 2009), 21-158.

Menachem Hofnung, "Israeli Constitutional Politics: The Fragility of Impartiality," *Israel Affairs* 5/2-3 (1999), 34-54.

Shmu'el Hasfari and Eldad Yaniv, *The National Left*  
<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/ocs/israel-left.pdf>

Alan Dowty, "Zionism's Greatest Conceit," *Israel Studies* 3/1 (Spring 1998), 1-23.

Ilan Peleg, "Israel Constitutional Order and *Kulturkampf*: The Role of Ben-Gurion," *Israel Studies* 3/1 (Spring 1998), 230-250.

Yechiam Weitz, "The Road to the 'Upheaval': A Capsule History of the Herut Movement, 1948-1977," *Israel Studies* 10/3 (Fall 2005), 54-86.

Gideon Doron, "Right as Opposed to Wrong as Opposed to Left: The Spatial Location of the Right Parties on the Israeli Political Map," *Israel Studies* 10/3 (Fall 2005), 29-53.

Rebecca Kook, "Between Uniqueness and Exclusion: The Politics of Identity in Israel in Comparative Perspective," in Michael Barnett, ed., *Israel in Comparative Perspective*:

*Challenging the Conventional Wisdom* (Albany, New York: SUNY, 1996), 199-225.

Ilan Saban, "After the Storm? The Israeli Supreme Court and the Arab-Palestinian Minority in the Aftermath of October 2000," *Israel Affairs* 14/4 (2008), 623-639.

Daphne Barak-Erez, "Law and Politics in Israel Lands: Toward Distributive Justice," *Israel Affairs* 14/4 (2008), 662-680.

Gideon Doron, "High-tech Nation: The Future of the Israeli Polity," *Israel Affairs* 17/3 (July 2011), 313-326.

## **November 6, 2013: First Paper Due**

### **5- The Israeli People, Society, Economy, and Identity**

#### **November 6, 2013**

[BS] Garfinkle, chapter 4

[C] Hanna Herzog, "Women in Israeli Society," in Uzi Rebhun and Chaim Waxman, *Jews in Israel: contemporary social and cultural patterns* (Hanover, NH: Brandeis University Press, 2004), 195-220.

#### **November 13, 2013**

[@] Eliezer Ben-Rafael, "Mizrahi and Russian Challenges to Israel's Dominant Culture: Divergences and Convergences," *Israel Studies* 12/3 (Fall 2007).

[@] Ephraim Ya'ar, "Continuity and Change in Israeli Society: The Test of the Melting Pot," *Israel Studies* 10/2 (Summer 2005), 91-128.

**November 20, 2011:** Tkuma, Episode 3: The People's Army; Episode 5: The Economic Revolution.

[C] Yoram Peri, *Generals in the Cabinet Room* (Washington DC: US Institute of Peace Press, 2006), 213-232.

[BS] Guy Ben-Porat, "Political Economy: Liberalization and Globalization," Ben Porat, et al., 91-116.

[@] Ben-Zion Zilberfarb, "From Socialism to Free Market: The Israeli Economy, 1948-2003," *Israel Affairs* 11/1 (January 2005), 12-22.



**Recommended readings, subject # 5:**

Alan Dowty ed. *Critical Issues in Israeli Society* (Westport CT: Praeger, 2004). In particular:

Gideon Doron and Rebecca Kook, "Sources of Stability and Instability in the Israeli Polity," 9-32.

Menachem Hofnung "Corruption, Political Finance, and the Rule of Law," 33-54.

Gad Barzilai, "How Far do Justices Go: The Limits of Judicial Decisions," 55-68.

Zvi Gitelman, "'The Russian Revolution' in Israel," 95-108.

Yair Ezrahi, "Globalization and Its Impact on Israel," 151-166.

Derek Penslar, "Normalization and Its Discontents: Israel as a Diaspora Community," 223-250.

Henriette Dahan-Kalev, "You're So Pretty—You Don't Look Moroccan," *Israel Studies*, vol. 6, no. 1 (2001): 1-14

Nelly Elias and Adriana Kemp, "The New Second Generation: Non-Jewish *Olim*, Black Jews and Children of Migrant Workers in Israel," *Israel Studies* 15/1 (Spring 2010), 73-94.

Eliezer Ben-Rafael, "Kibbutz: Survival at Risk," *Israel Studies* 16/2 (Summer 2011), 81-108.

Raymond Russell, Robert Hanneman, Shlomo Getz, "The Transformation of the Kibbutzim," *Israel Studies* 16/2 (2011), 109-126.

Sami Shalom Chetrit, "Mizrahi Politics in Israel: Between Integration and Alternative," *Journal of Palestine Studies*, vol. 29/4 (2000), 51-65

Ella Shohat, "Sephardim in Israel: Zionism from the Standpoint of Its Jewish Victims," in Anne McClintock, Aamir Mufti and Ella Shohat, eds., *Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Nation, and Postcolonial Perspectives* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1997), 39-68.

Yosef Gorny, "The 'Melting Pot' in Zionist Thought," *Israel Studies* 6/3 (2001), 54-70.

Vladimir Khanin, "Russian-Jewish Political Experience in Israel: Patterns, Elites and

- Movements," *Israel Studies* 17/1 (January 2011), 55-71.  
 Dan Senor and Saul Singer, *Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle* (New York: Twelve, 2009)
- Paul Rivlin, *The Israeli Economy from the Foundation of the State Through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010).
- Baruch Kimmerling, *The Invention and Decline of Israeliness: State, Society, and the Military* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001), chapter 3 and 7.
- Frances Raday, "Women's Human Rights: Dichotomy between Religion and Secularism in Israel," *Israel Affairs* 11/1 (January 2005), 78-94.
- Yael Yishai, "Civil Society in Transition: Interest Politics in Israel," *AAPSS* 555 (January 1998), 147-162.
- Motti Regev, "To Have a Culture of Our Own: On Israeliness and Its Variants," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 23/2 (March 2000), 223-247.
- Joel S. Migdal, "Society Formation and the Case of Israel," in Michael Barnett, ed., *Israel in Comparative Perspective: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom* (Albany, New York: SUNY, 1996), 173-197.
- Baruch Kimmerling, "Political Subcultures and Civilian Militarism in a Settler-Immigrant Society," in Daniel Bar-Tal, Dan Jacobson and Aharon Klieman, eds., *Security Concerns: Insights from the Israeli Experience*. Contemporary Studies in Sociology, Vol. 17 (Stamford, Conn.: JAI Press, 1998), 395-416.
- Sergio Della Pergola, "Demography in Israel at the Dawn of the Twenty-first Century," in Rebhun and Waxman, *Jews in Israel*, 20-44.
- Gabriel Ben-Dor and Ami Pedahzur, "Civil-Military Relations in Israel at the Outset of the Twenty-first Century," in Rebhun and Waxman, *Jews in Israel*, 331-344.  
 Yoram Peri, "The Political-Military Complex: The IDF's Influence Over Policy towards the Palestinians since 1987," *Israel Affairs* 11/2 (April 2005), 324-344.
- Oren Barak and Gabriel Shefer, "The Study of Civil-Military Relations in Israel: A New Perspective," *Israel Studies* 12/1 (2007) 1-27.
- Dana Kachtan, "The Construction of Ethnic Identity in the Military – From the Bottom Up," *Israel Studies* 17/3 (Fall 2012), 150-175.
- Tamar Horowitz, "The Integration of Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union," *Israel*

*Affairs* 11/1 (January 2005), 117-136.

Ben-Zion Zilberfarb, "From Boom to Bust: The Israeli Economy, 1990-2003: *Israel Affairs* 12/2 (April 2006), 221-233.

### **III- Who Is "We?"**

#### **6- "Jerusalem" and "Tel-Aviv:" The Split Soul of Israeli Identity**

**November 27, 2013:**

[BS] Yaron Ezrahi, *Rubber Bullets: Power and Conscience in Modern Israel* (Berkeley and London: University of California Press, 1997), chapters, 5, 7, and 10

#### **Recommended readings, subject # 6:**

Ezrahi, chapter 1.

### **Fall Semester Exam Week: Midterm Exam**

#### **7- "Kulturkampf:" The Secular Religious Divide**

**January 8, 2014**

[@] Baruch Kimmerling, "Between Hegemony and Dormant *Kulturkampf* in Israel," *Israel Affairs* 4/3&4 (Spring/Summer 1998). Also in Dan Urian and Efraim Karsh, eds., *In Search of Identity: Jewish Aspects in Israeli Culture* (London: Frank Cass, 1998), 49-72.

[R] Asher Cohen and Bernard Susser, *Israel and the Politics of Jewish Identity* (Baltimore and London: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000), chapters 1 and 2.

**January 15, 2014:** Tkuma, Episode 4: Whose State? Whose Religion?

[@] Eliezer Ben-Rafael, "The Faces of Religiosity in Israel: Cleavages or Continuum?" *Israel Studies*, 13/3 (Fall 2008), 89-113.

[@] Reuven Y. Hazan, "Religion and Politics in Israel: The Rise and Fall of the Consociational Model" in Reuven Y. Hazan and Moshe Maor, eds. *Parties, Elections and Cleavages: Israel in Comparative and Theoretical Perspective*. London: Frank Cass, 2000, 109-137.

### **Recommended readings, subject 7:**

Forum: "The 'Religionization' of Israeli Society:" Yoram Peri, "Introduction;" Tamar Hermann, "More Jewish than Israeli (and Democratic)?" Shlomo Fischer, "Yes, Israel is Becoming More Religious;" Asher Cohen and Bernard Susser, "Religious Pressure Will Increase in the Future;" Nissim Leon, "Secular Jews: From Proactive Agents to Defensive Players;" Yaacov Yadgar, "The Need for an Epistemological Turn." *Israel Studies Review* 27/1 (Summer 2012), 1-30.

Asher Cohen, "Changes in the Orthodox Camp and Their Influence on the Deepening Religious-Secular Schism at the Outset of the Twenty-first Century," in Alan Dowty ed. *Critical Issues in Israeli Society* (Westport CT: Praeger, 2004), pp. 71-94.

Avraham B. Yehoshua, "Separating Religion from National Identity," *Palestine-Israel Journal*, vol. 9/1 (2002), 94-101.

Asher Cohen and Bernard Susser, "Jews and Others: Non-Jewish Jews in Israel," *Israel Affairs*, 15/1 (2009), 52-65.

Guy Ben-Porat, *Between State and Synagogue: The Secularization of Contemporary Israel*: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Alan Dowty, *The Jewish State: A Century Later*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998, 159-183.

Ehud Sprinzak, "Extremism and Violence in Israel: The Crisis of Messianic Politics," *AAPSS* 555 (January 1998), 114-126.

Aviezer Ravitzky, *Messianism, Zionism, and Jewish Religious Radicalism*, trans. by Michael Swirsky and Jonathan Chipman (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1996), chapter 1.

Eliezer Schweid, "Judaism in Israeli Culture," in Rebhun and Waxman, *Jews in Israel*, 243-264.

Shlomit Levy, Hanna Levinsohn and Elihu Katz, "The Many Faces of Jewishness in Israel," in Rebhun and Waxman, *Jews in Israel*, 265-284.

Eliezer Don-Yehiya. "Conflict Management of Religious Issues: The Israeli Case in a Comparative Perspective." in Reuven Y. Hazan and Moshe Maor, eds. *Parties, Elections and Cleavages: Israel in Comparative and Theoretical Perspective*. London: Frank Cass, 2000, 85-108.

"'Who is a Jew?' Professor Isaiah Berlin's Memorandum to the Prime Minister of Israel, 23, January 1959," *Israel Studies*, 13/3, 170-77.

## 8- "Post-Zionism," the "New Historians," and Israeli Identity

January 22, 2014

[BS] Silberstein, chapters 2, 3, and 4.

[R] Yoram Hazony, *The Jewish State: Struggle for Israel's Soul* (New York: Basic, 2000), chapters 1 and 2.

### Recommended readings, subject # 8:

Assaf Likhovski, "Post-Post Zionist Historiography," *Israel Studies* 15/2 (Summer 2010), 1-23.

Shlomo Aronson, "The Post-Zionist Discourse and Critique of Israel: A Traditional Zionist Perspective," *Israel Studies* 8/1 (Spring 2003), 105-129.

Menachem Brinker, "The End of Zionism? Thoughts on the Wages of Success," in Carol Diamant, ed., *Zionism: The Sequel* (New York: Hadassah, 1998), 293-299.

Erik Cohen, "Israel as a Post-Zionist Society," in Robert Wistrich and David Ohana, eds., *The Shaping of Israeli Identity: Myths, Memory, and Trauma* (London: Frank Cass, 1995), 203-213.

Uri Ram, "Post-Zionist Studies in Israel-The First Decade," *Israel Studies Forum* 20/2 (Winter 2005), 22-45.

Silberstein, chapter 5.

Ari Shavit, "Leaving the Ghetto," Interview with Avraham Burg, *Haaretz* 8.6.2007.  
<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/objects/pages/PrintArticleEn.jhtml?itemNo=868385>.

Zeev Bielski, "Response to Avraham Burg's Remarks," Jewish Agency for Israel, June 10, 2007.  
<http://www.jewishagency.org/JewishAgency/English/Home/About/Press+Room/Press+Releases/2007/june10.htm>

Some examples of the "new historians'" writings:

Benny Morris, *Righteous Victims: A History of the Zionist-Arab Conflict 1881-1999* (New York: Knopf, 1999).

Ilan Pappé, *The Making of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: 1947-1951* (London: I. B. Tauris, 1992).

Avi Shlaim, *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2000).

Gershon Shafir, *Land, Labor and the Origins of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: 1882-1914* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989).

## **9- The Israeli Palestinians: "Us" or "Them?"**

### **January 29, 2014**

[@] Sammy Smooha, "Minority Status in an Ethnic Democracy: The Status of the Arab Minority in Israel," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 13/3 (July 1990), 389-413.

[@] Yoav Peled, "Ethnic Democracy and the Legal Construction of Citizenship: Arab Citizens of the Jewish State," *American Political Science Review* 86/2 (June 1992), 432-443.

[@] Nadim Rouhana and As'ad Ghanem, "The Crisis of Minorities in Ethnic States: The Case of Palestinian Citizens in Israel," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 30/3 (1998), 321-346.

### **February 5, 2014**

[@] Eli Rekless, "The Evolvement of an Arab-Palestinian National Minority in Israel," *Israel Studies*, 12/3 (Fall 2007), 1-28.

[C] Amal Jamal, "The Political Ethos of Palestinian Citizens of Israel: Critical Reading in the Future Vision Documents," *Israel Studies Forum* 23/2 (Winter 2008), 3-28

[@] Dov Waxman and Ilan Peleg, "Neither Ethnocracy nor Bi-nationalism: In Search of the Middle Ground," *Israel Studies Forum* 23/2 (Winter 2008), 55-73.

### **Recommended readings, subject # 9:**

Yoav Peled and Doron Navot, "Ethnic Democracy Revisited: On the State of Democracy in the Jewish State," *Israel Studies Forum* 20/1 (Summer 2005), 3-27.

Dov Waxman, "Israel's other Palestinian Problem: the Future Vision Documents and the Demands of the Palestinian Minority in Israel," *Israel Affairs* 19/1 (2013), 214-229.

Oded Haklai, "The Arab Minority in Israel: Challenges and Limits in Recent Disciplinary Approaches," *Israel Studies* 18/1 (Spring 2013), 124-145.

Alan Dowty, "Is Israel Democratic? Substance and Semantics in the Ethnic Democracy Debate," *Israel Studies* 4/2 (Fall 1999), 1-15.

Sammy Smooha, "Types of Democracy and Modes of Conflict Management in Ethnically Divided Societies," *Nations and Nationalism* 8/4 (2002), 423-31.

Ephraim Yuchtman-Yaar and Ze'ev Shavit, "The Cleavage between Jewish and Arab Israeli Citizens," Rebhun and Waxman, *Jews in Israel*, 345-370.

Mark Tessler and Audra K. Grant, "Israel's Arab Citizens: The Continuing Struggle," *AAPSS* 555 (January 1998), 97-113.

Dan Rabinowitz, *Overlooking Nazareth: The Ethnography of Exclusion in Galilee* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), chapters 2 and 5.

Efraim Karsh, "Israel's Arabs: Deprived or Radicalized?" *Israel Affairs* 19/1 (2013), 2-20.

Muhammad Amara, "The Collective Identity of the Arabs in Israel in an Era of Peace," *Israel Affairs* 9/1-2 (Winter 2003), 249-262.

Mahmud Kayyal, "A Hesitant Dialogue with 'the Other': The Interactions of Arab Intellectuals with the Israeli Culture," *Israel Studies* 11/2 (Summer 2006), 54-74.

"We are at a Crossroads," Interview with Azmi Bishara by Ilan Amouyal, revised 1998 by Azmi Bishara, in Carol Diament, ed., *Zionism: The Sequel* (New York: Hadassah, 1998), 279-286.

The National Committee of the Heads of the Arab Local Authorities in Israel, "The Future Vision of the Palestinian Arabs in Israel," ed, by Ghaida Rinawie-Zoabi, 2006. [www.mossawacenter.org/.../2006/Future%20Vision%20\(English\).pdf](http://www.mossawacenter.org/.../2006/Future%20Vision%20(English).pdf)

Mada al-Carmel-Arab Center for Applied Social Research, "The Haifa Declaration," Sunday 20 May, 2007. [www.mada-research.org/UserFiles/file/haifaenglish.pdf](http://www.mada-research.org/UserFiles/file/haifaenglish.pdf)

Adalah, "The Democratic Constitution," 2007. [www.adalah.org/eng/democratic\\_constitution-e.pdf](http://www.adalah.org/eng/democratic_constitution-e.pdf)

## IV- What Are We?

### 10- Israeli Democracy as Identity

February 12, 2014

[@] Ruth Gavison, "Jewish and Democratic? A Rejoinder to the 'Ethnic Democracy' Debate," *Israel Studies* 4/1 (Spring 1999), 44-72.

[C] Charles S. Liebman, "Religion and Democracy in Israel," in Ehud Sprinzak and Larry Diamond, eds., *Israeli Democracy Under Stress* (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 1993), 273-292.

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