Hist 489: History of Israeli Foreign Policy
Emerson Hall E103, We 4:00PM - 6:00PM
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The seminar will deal with various issues pertaining to Israel's foreign policy. Every meeting we will discuss articles and issues relating to the articles that are in the syllabus. Every student will present an article, and a discussion will ensue.

Please note:
- All students must attend all classes.
- Every week, three students will present the articles that are in syllabus. The presentation is part of the course's duties.
- All students must read the articles and are expected to take part in the ensuing debate.

The presentation should address the following issues:
- Brief summary of the paper.
- What is the paper's thesis? Why do we need this paper? What are the historic and historiographical contexts of the paper?
- Who is the author? Does he qualify for the task? What kind of sources he is using?
- What do you think are the main points of the paper? What do you think is worth paying special attention to?

Please note: you must know as much as possible about the events the paper relates to.
- Grading will be based on the following:
  Class presentation: 25%
  Final paper: 50%
  Attendance and participation: 25%

Assignments:
Intro of thesis and debate- up to 5 pages; submission- March 4.
Final paper- up to 15 pages; submission- May 1.

January 14: Orientation and Introduction

January 21: Some general observations
February 4: Israel’s Foreign Policy - the Domestic Factor
Ilan Peleg, “The Foreign Policy of Herut and the Likud,” in Reich & Kieval, ibid, 55-78.
Maurice M. Roumani, “The Ethnic Factor in Israel’s Foreign Policy,” in Reich & Kieval, ibid, 79-103.

February 11: Defiant Foreign Policy

February 18: Israel’s Foreign Policy Orientation

February 25: Israel in the Middle East

March 4: Nuclear & Foreign Policy

March 18: In Pursuit of an Ally: US & Israel: Special Relations (?)

**March 25: In Pursuit of an Ally (2)**  

**April 1: Israel & the USSR: Unhappy Relationship**  

**April 8: The 1958 Crisis in the Middle East**  

**April 15: Israel – War & Peace**  

**April 22: The Israeli- Palestinian Conflict**  

**April 27: Concluding Remarks**