

Gender Issues in Modern Jewish History
Reli 697/4
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This course will be related to Reli 392/4, Jewish Women in Modern Jewish History. You, as graduate students will be required to attend all undergraduate sessions. We will meet together every other week right after that class.

You will be required to make two presentations; one for our seminar and one in the undergraduate class. You will do all the readings and complete the semester with a research paper.

Our "issue" for this semester will be the use of biographies and autobiographies of women in the writing of modern Jewish history.

You will all read many stories of women and we will investigate the process of taking a life's tale and making "history." We will struggle with that process.

Our first assignment is for all of us.

Read Gluckl of Hameln's journal (ed. by Lowenthal or Abraham) and compare it to the presentation by Natalie Zemon Davis in Women on the Margins.

Discussion to be held Jan 13.

Please note that we have a special session with Zemon Davis on Jan 19 from 4-6.

She is also presenting a general lecture to the University on Jan. 20.

On January 19 you are also invited to attend the department's colloque given by Prof. Ronald Grimes on "Negotiating Religious Life Histories". You will be expected to read this article.

After that we will distribute the rest of our work together.