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(03) 8288584 (please clearly indicate recipient and that such faxed material is intended for the A.A.J.S. Newsletter.)

Association Office-bearers 1989-91

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Major Jewish festivals forthcoming

Chanukah Saturday 23 December - Saturday 30 December 1989

Purim Sunday 11 March 1990

Pesach Monday 9 April (1st Seder night) - Tuesday 17 April 1990

Shavuot 30 and 31 May 1990

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Forthcoming conferences

(a) The Victorian office-bearers of the Association are tentatively planning a one-day 'mini-conference' to be held in Melbourne on either Sunday 18th or Sunday 25th March 1990. The aim would be to present a number of papers on one or two specific themes. Although the viability of such a mini-conference and the specific topics remain undecided, possible topics include 'Jewish Responses to Crises', which might survey key events from Biblical times to the Shoah and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, and a series of papers on Jewish literature. Professor Rubinstein would be interested in hearing from anyone interested in presenting a paper or with further suggestions.

The fourth annual conference of the Association will take place from 15-18 July 1990 at Shalom College, University of N.S.W. An announcement will shortly be sent to members by Dr. Kohn, who is helping to organise it.

(b) The Australian Sociological Association TASA '89 Sociology Conference will take place at La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus, Melbourne, 8-12 December 1989. Offers and papers and abstracts were due on 31 August and registration forms were due on 30th September. But members might still wish to ascertain whether any papers are of relevance to themselves. General enquiries should be addressed to the Convenor: Katy Richmond, Department of Sociology, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria 3083. (Tel. 03-479 2679; Fax 03-478 5814) Please note that sections include Ethnicity (convenor: Lois Foster, School of Education, La Trobe University, Tel. 03-479 2491) and Religion (convenor: Rowan Ireland, Dept. of Sociology, La Trobe University, 03-479 2681).

(c) A seminar-conference (organised by John Milfull, and Konrad Kwiet) entitled 'Why Germany? National Socialist Antisemitism and the European Context' will take place at the University of New South Wales, Kensington, N.S.W. 2033, from 20-22 July 1990. Broadly, this forum will explore German responsibility for the Holocaust and promotes 'a comparative and interdisciplinary approach which is prepared to confront both the paradoxes of the German-Jewish experience and the complex patterns of assimilation and rejection in other [European] societies'. Guests from overseas will include Reinhard Rurup (West Berlin) and Gunter Hartung (Halle, GDR/Prague). Papers for the conference will be circulated in advance and grouped in 'workshop style' sessions, and since it is envisaged that the bulk of the conference time will be reserved for discussions introductory comments will be restricted to 5-10 minutes per presenter.

Those interested, including prospective paper-givers, should contact John Milfull, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of New South

Wales. This conference will immediately follow our Association's annual conference at Shalom College.

(d) The fifth biennial Canadian Studies Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand, is due to take place from 19-22 July 1990. The venue will be the Campus Conference Centre, University of New England, Armidale, N.S.W. 2521 (Tel. 067-73312). Among the several plenary sessions will be one on Immigration and Multi-culturalism. Victorian Vice-President Dr. Paul Bartrop hopes to present a paper on war crimes investigations in Canada and Australia. Stream co-ordinators include, in history, Mr. Don Beer, Department of History, University of New England, and, in sociology, Dr. Alan Black, Department of Sociology, University of New England. Prospective paper-givers should send the appropriate stream co-ordinator a one-page abstract of the proposed paper by 30 November 1989. General enquiries should be addressed to Don Beer, or Professor John Warhurst, Dept. of Politics, University of New England (on leave until November).

Membership news

Don't forget to send in details of appointments or promotions or publications for inclusion in future issues. Meanwhile, congratulations to one of our members, Israel Kipen, on publication of his important and fine autobiography A Life to Live (Burwood, Vic.: Chandos Publishing, 1989), which covers his life in pre-war Bialystok, his escape to Shanghai, his migration to Australia and his career as a textile merchant and leading figure in the Zionist movement and Jewish community.

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New Australian Jewish periodicals

Generation, a new Jewish literary cultural magazine with an emphasis on youth, was launched in Melbourne in October under the editorship of Alan Charak.

In 1990 the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs will start to publish a periodical on prejudice and anti-semitism. (The Institute's report on the Australian church press and the Jews is due to be issued soon).

The Australian Jewish Democratic Society is publishing a new journal: its first issue will appear towards the end of this year.

The Australian Jewish Historical Society's next Journal (vol. 10, no.7), edited by Professor Bill Rubinstein, is due out in November. Information on membership and subscriptions can be obtained from Mrs. Beverley Davis, 3 Alma Road, Camberwell, Victoria 3124 (Tel. 8822600).

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Judaica Libraries and Depositories

In a forthcoming newsletter, the editor hopes to list Judaica collections and Jewish-related materials in libraries throughout Australia. Accordingly, any information on accessible private collections would be welcome. Meanwhile, Mrs. Isabella Getreu (7 Maxwell Court, Toorak, Vic. 3142; 03 - 241 1625) kindly advises that her substantial collection of Judaica (focusing on the Shoah) is available for reference by scholars (please ring for appointment).

Members are reminded, also, that the reference library of the Australian Jewish Historical Society (Victoria) is available for consultation, by arrangement with the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Beverley Davis, C/- PO Box 255, Camberwell, Vic. 3124 (Tel. 03-8822600).

Apart from a substantial collection of material relating to Australian Jewish genealogy, and a sizeable collection of primary and secondary source material, the Society holds the Jewish Herald on microfilm from 1879-1928. Further information re holdings including periodicals from Beverley Davis from whom the recently published Guide to Jewish Genealogical Records in Australia and New Zealand authored by Dr. Harvey Cohen and herself may be obtained (\$5 + \$1 postage). The Australian Jewish Historical Society, 166 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000, also holds a wide range of primary and secondary materials, including periodicals (such as a long run of the Hebrew Standard). Information is obtainable from the Hon. Archivist, Mrs. Helen Bersten, (Tel. 02-261 8407).

The central depository for Australian Jewish records is surely the Archive of Australian Judaica, C/- Rare Books and Special Collections, Fisher Library, Sydney University, N.S.W. 2006, . Further information regarding the Archive's extensive and important resources are available from the Archive's administrator, Sister Marianne Dacy (Tel. 02-692 2222), who issues periodic newsletters relating to holdings and new acquisitions, and from whom information regarding opening hours may be obtained.

(People with documents to contribute are reminded of the existence of these repositories!)

The Makor Library, Beth Weizmann Community Centre, 584 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, is another valuable communal resource, open during office hours Monday-Friday. Librarian is Mrs. Ros Collins, and telephone reference enquiries are accepted (Tel. 03-516 921).

Judaica on celluloid

The following sets are available from Research Publications Ltd., P.O. Box 45, Reading RG1 8HF, England.

On microfilm:

(a) Jewish Chronicle (London), November 1841-present. (Current issues are shipped to subscribers twice a year, six months to a reel). Jewish Chronicle indexes covering the years 1841-1900 and 1947-(at least) 1984 are also available.

(b) Ha-Olam, 1907-50 (successively: Cologne, Vilna, Odessa, London, Berlin, London, Jerusalem). Comprises the complete set of 37 volumes. (This weekly organ of the World Zionist Organisation was founded by Nahum Sokolow as a Hebrew language counterpart to Die Welt; it became a forum for Hebrew scholars and writers and reflects the evolution of modern Zionism and its effect upon Hebrew culture).

On microfiche:

(a) Yad Vashem: Archives of Destruction. A photographic record of the Holocaust. (245 microfiche sequentially numbered, with corresponding index and brief description of each picture). Comprising over 15,000 photographs, derived from various sources, this collection provides the most comprehensive pictorial record on microfiche of the atrocities of the Shoah. Developed by Yad Vashem Martyrs' and Heroes; Remembrance Authority, Jerusalem, these photographs chronicle the events before, during and after the Shoah, with scenes of the following: pre-war Palestine; European synagogues, pre- and post-war; ghetto life; abuse of Jewish civilians by Nazi soldiers; Jewish servicemen; brutality against concentration camp inmates; cemetery gravestones; the concentration camps at liberation; Maidanek and Dachau museums; Shoah exhibits and museums; celebrations of Jewish festivals; the Nuremberg trials of major Nazi war criminals; the Eichmann trial.

Research Publications has also been preparing microfilm reels on immigrant culture and experience in the U.S.A. between 1789 and 1929. Apparently, individual reels (concerning specific ethnic groups including Jews) are available.

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Bibliography of Zionism, 1980-89

Dr. S. Zwieg of Tel Aviv has provided a Bibliography of Zionism on computer flexible disk (probably IBM compatible). This bibliography lists all works on Zionism published worldwide between 1980 and 1989. The two disks, with installation instructions, may be obtained on strictly enforced short-term loan from Professor Bill Rubinstein, School of Social Sciences, Deakin University, Belmont, Vic. 3217.

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Abstracts of articles

Scholars trying to locate an elusive or obscure article are reminded of the existence of the Blaustein Library at the American Jewish Committee, Institute of Human Relations, 165 East 56 Street, New York, N.Y. 10022, U.S.A. The editor has no information regarding the range of resources, accessibility and opening hours of the library. However, it is, perhaps, worth keeping in mind, since it abstracts articles of interest to the contemporary Jewish world, covering anti-semitism, socio-economic status, demography, politics, sociology, family, education in Israel and the Diaspora, Judaism, Holocaust, Zionism, Middle East, etc. Besides articles in such well-known journals as Commentary, Midstream and Foreign Affairs are those appearing in other, less readily available, American publications.

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Research into anti-semitism

The Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Anti-semitism, Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, wishes to learn of any current or recently completed research in areas of concern, viz: anti-semitism through the ages and Jew-gentile relations, particularly in situations of tension and crisis. The Center now produces a newsletter, SICSA REPORT. Issue No. 2

(Summer 1989) lists a number of relevant research projects completed and others in progress. Any relevant information may be sent to the editors (Rosalind Arzt and Tamar Reinin), SICSA REPORT, Vidal Sassoon Center, Hebrew University, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem 91905, Israel (Fax 0011-972-2-826249).

The Vidal Sassoon Center also sponsors or promotes monographs in its fields of interest. Among recent titles is a useful reference work by Susan S. Cohen: entitled Antisemitism: An Annotated Bibliography Vol. 1 (1984-85) (pub. Garland, New York, 1987) and vol. 2 (1986-87) (pub. Garland, New York, forthcoming). The material for the third volume (1988) is being processed by staff at the Center. Items in vols. 1 and 2 are accessible on-line through the Aleph Library Network of The Hebrew University in the collection of the Contemporary Jewry Data Base of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

The archival collection of the Vidal Sassoon Center is open to the public. The Center seeks to record details of relevant material (written, audio or visual) in other collections, and would welcome any bibliographic information on material on antisemitism in Australian hands (public or private).

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Judaica Classification

People wishing to catalogue collections of Judaica may wish to consider a specially-tailored scheme formulated in Israel. A Classification System for Libraries of Judaica by David H. Elazar and Daniel J. Elazar was first published in 1968 and its second edition followed in 1979. It is issued under the auspices of the Center for Jewish Community Studies, Jerusalem.

Also of relevance to Judaica collections is Daniel D. Stuhlman, Library of Congress Subject Headings for Judaica, 2nd ed., published

by the BYLS Press, Chicago, in 1987. Stuhlman has abstracted relevant headings from the hefty volumes of general subject headings produced by the Library of Congress, and for specialised libraries his work is most useful.

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China The first Judaica studies Center in China has been operating for about a year. It is located in Shanghai under the presidency of Professor Zhu Weile and was the result of a seminar on Jewish history and culture held in China in August 1988.

Further information about Asia is included in the Asia-Pacific Survival Guide (for Jewish travellers) available from the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs, GPO Box 5402CC, Melbourne, Vic., 3000, costing \$5. (Contact Ms. Kaye Bignell on 03-828 8571) for this and further information about the Institute).

Latin America. To celebrate the quincentenary of Columbus' voyage to the New World, a major exhibition of 500 years of Jewish life in Latin America is being organised by the Jarkow Institute for Latin America of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Simultaneous exhibitions are due to open in Philadelphia and Mexico City in 1991 before travelling to major urban centres in the Americas. A computerised 'Who's Who in Latin American Jewry' is also planned. Further information is obtainable from Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, Executive Director, Jarkow Institute for Latin America, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A.

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Grants for projects

Members are reminded that the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 15 East 26th Street, New York, N.Y. 10010, U.S.A., regularly considers applications for grants to aid research and other projects in

the field of Jewish studies. (Competition is keen). Application forms are available from Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Stop Press!

Of possible interest may be the Conference on the History of Ukrainian Settlement in Australia, to be held at Mannix College, Monash University, Clayton, Vic., 3168, from Friday, 16 February to Sunday, 18 February 1990. (Accommodation available: ring 03-544 8895 or 544 8896). Anticipated emphasis: Social, economic and cultural experiences of Ukrainians in Australia; early period of settlement. (Oral history methods are encouraged where feasible). Titles of papers (of 30 minutes duration) should be received by 17 November 1989 pending a possible call for abstracts. Further information: 03-565 2253.

(Many thanks to Paul Bartrop for this and other information regarding conferences.)

APPENDIX

'Courses on Jewish Subjects at Australian Universities and Tertiary Institutions'

In late 1987 I agreed to compile, for the Jewish News, a listing of all Jewish interest courses at Australian tertiary institutions. In early 1988 I submitted the attached listing, drawn from university and college handbooks, with its preliminary article to the Jewish News. For whatever reason, the article was never published, although in discussing this recently with Sam Lipski, the editor, he assured me that a revision would be used soon.

Attached is the article and listing exactly as it was submitted in early 1988; it is, therefore, correct only as of that date. In the past month or two I have received word of a number of changes which have been added to an Addendum. Plainly, the listing is still not necessarily complete and any changes or revisions would be most welcome. Hopefully, a final revised listing can be compiled and distributed with the next Newsletter of the Association.

(Professor) Bill Rubinstein
President, AAJS

Courses On Jewish Subjects At Australian Universities and
Tertiary Institutions: A Listing

by Prof. Bill Rubinstein

Below is a list of all courses on Jewish subjects offered at Australia's universities and other tertiary institutions. The name of each institution is followed by the relevant department and the name and number of each course. A brief description of the course is given where this could be found in the School's catalogue; the name of the lecturer is also given where this could be found and is relevant.

So far as is known, the listing here is complete, although some smaller non-university schools may have been missed. Additions and corrections would be welcomed and will hopefully appear in a future issue.

All courses listed here are either directly or obviously of Jewish interest or (as in the case of courses on multi-culturalism) have an apparent interest to the Jewish community without necessarily being oriented to Jewish concerns. Other courses which in passing touch upon Jewish matters are, however, not included. For instance, virtually every university in Australia offers a course on twentieth century Western history. Most if not all of

these would cover the Nazi period, the Holocaust, and Zionism, at least briefly, but only in passing and not as the major subject of the course. Courses of this sort are not listed here.

In most cases, it is possible for non-students of that institution to take a particular course, although there is no hard and fast rule and anyone interested in taking a course without being a registered student at that institution should check without fail with the Administration of the institution concerned and the lecturer responsible for the course. Most courses last for a single term, and this period may vary in length between institutions, some of which have two terms per year and some three or even four terms.

Probably the most striking thing about the listing here is how relatively extensive it is: there are far more Jewish interest courses in Australia than is generally realised. I was certainly surprised at the number and extent and was unaware of many of them before I prepared this article. Yet it is equally striking that there is no Department of Jewish Civilisation anywhere in Australia, and anyone with a serious interest in a wide-ranging series of courses must hunt and pick among institutions. Indeed, it would be helpful for anyone seeking to do a program in Jewish Studies in Australia to have a lifetime free pass on Ansett Airlines! * Sydney seems distinctly better served than Melbourne and the University of Sydney probably offers the widest range of university level courses on Jewish topics including, for instance, the only course on Australian Jewish history. ** Efforts currently underway to initiate and endow a Department of Jewish Civilisation

* Written before the pilots' dispute! (W.D.R.)

** This is probably no longer true. See the Addendum on current courses at Melbourne University.

at a University in Melbourne deserve the whole-hearted support of the entire Jewish community. Australian Jewry is thirty years ahead of American Jewry in its day school system but thirty years behind in its funding of Jewish tertiary-level studies as the threat to Hebrew at Melbourne University already shows.

Another point worth making is that not all Jewish interest courses are given by lecturers whom the Jewish community would have preferred to give them. Among courses on the contemporary Middle East which discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict, at least four are or were recently given by academics who are known to the Jewish community for their public support for the Palestinians and criticism of the Israeli case. One such course, for instance, was given by an academic, now resident in the United States, who was President of the Australia-Iraq Friendship Society and known for his close links to anti-Israel sources. Naturally, this does not make him or any of the others either unqualified to give their courses or biased in lecturing, and virtually any reputable academic who holds a strong view on a controversial issue will bend over backwards to be fair to the other side. Yet there are a dozen ways, ranging from blatant to subtle, where lectures, assignments, readings, the agenda and presentation of the syllabus, or the grades received by students, may be arranged to reflect a lecturer's bias, with absolutely no recourse by students in the interests of fairness. Perhaps even more disturbing from the Jewish viewpoint is the frequently close nexus between Christian clergymen and courses on the Biblical period. The most extreme example of this occurs at Flinders University in Adelaide, where the Studies in Theology sequence offers no less than the courses on the Old Testament, every

one given by a Christian clergyman! In fact, although the Flinders University handbook is surprisingly cagey in stating this explicitly, the sequence is apparently given by a local Divinity School. Needless to say, this does not make these courses either valueless or antipathetic but many religious Jews would surely find it difficult to relate to a course given by men who, by definition, presumably believe that the religious truth of Judaism was supplanted by the coming of Jesus. Once again, this points to the abundant need for a well-funded Department of Jewish Civilisation, comprising scholars with international reputations and in close contact with their colleagues overseas, and supported by adequate library and secretarial facilities.

Victoria

Melbourne University

Germanic Studies:

126/103 German Literature and Society in the Twentieth Century

(May be studied in English; no prerequisites)

History:

131-107 - Modern Jewish History -

A history of the Jews since the Mid-eighteenth Century (Mark Baker).

The initiative in establishing this lectureship has come from the Jewish community.

131-243-343 - Migration and Society -

A study of British, European, and Asian migration to Australia.

131-217/317 - Twentieth Century Germany (Dr.J.Foster) -

Includes the Nazi period and the Holocaust.

131-230/330 - The Bourgeois Century: Modern Europe 1848-1914 (Dr. C. Sowerwine) - includes European anti-semitism.

Monash University

HY375.06 Ethnic Relations In Australia and New Zealand (A.B.Markus)

Two lectures and one tutorial per week during the first half-year.

A comparative study of interaction between indigenous people and British settlers in Australia and New Zealand.

PC 249.04 Politics of the Middle East (Dr. Colin Rubenstein)

Two lectures and one tutorial per week in the second half-year.

This course examines aspects of contemporary Middle East politics including the Arab world, Israel, and Iran. The Arab/Israeli conflict, the Gulf War, and the Lebanon conflict are covered.

PL369.04 International Fascism: Past and Present (Max Teichmann)

Two lectures and one tutorial per week.

This course focuses on the theory and practice of extreme right politics, including fascist and neo-fascist movements in Germany, Italy, France, and Eastern Europe.

Deakin University

SSS 309 - Economic Change and Social Movements in Europe, 1870-1914 -

Covers the economic and social history of Britain, France, Germany and Russia. Includes an optional 'activities package' on Anti-semitism in Europe 1870-1914 (Prof. W. Rubenstein).

SSS 313 - Economy and Society in Europe 1914-45 -

Covers these four countries from 1914-45. Includes an optional 'activities package' on the Holocaust (Pam Maclean). Deakin is an 'open campus' university with about two-thirds of students off campus taking courses via correspondence. Contact: Roy Hay, School of Social Sciences.

SSS205/305: Conflict Management: Studies in Contemporary

International Politics.

Includes an optional 'Case Study' on the Middle East. Contact: Dr.

Magnus Clarke, School of Social Sciences.

Victoria College,

Faculty of Arts, Toorak Campus, Department of Jewish Studies

The Faculty of Arts offers a multidisciplinary Bachelor's Degree of three years' duration full-time, or equivalent part-time study. The Jewish Studies Department offers a range of subjects.

The following courses are likely to be available in 1988:

1. Modern Jewish History (1st year)
2. Medieval Jewish History (2nd year)
3. Ancient Jewish History (3rd year)
4. Early Israelite History (2nd or 3rd year)
5. Modern Hebrew Language and Literature (1st year)
6. Modern Hebrew Language and Literature (2nd year)
7. Modern Hebrew Language and Literature (3rd year)
8. Modern Jewish Literature in English

Contact: Mrs. Ilana Meydan, Department of Jewish Studies, Victoria College.

La Trobe University,

School of Humanities

Division of Religious Studies and Ancient Languages

This Division focuses on comparative religious studies. Several subjects offered have a Jewish interest. There are:

1. Biblical Hebrew (listed as Religious Studies 11H.T./111H.T.)
2. Religious Studies 1B: (1st year) This includes a study of the religion of ancient Israel as an elective in the context of the religions of the Ancient Near East.

3. **Religious Studies 11A1/111A1 Ancient Israel: (2nd year)**
 A study of the historical, literary and religious traditions of the people of Ancient Israel, using the Old Testament and archaeological discoveries as source material.
4. **Religious Studies 11HT/111HT: Reading Hebrew (Biblical)**
 religious texts.
 An introduction to the Hebrew language giving some insight into aspects of Hebrew thought. Portions of three biblical texts will be studied, involving the literary categories of myth, law and prophecy.

Contact: Head, Division of Religious Studies

Footscray Institute of Technology

Offers a Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural Studies.

No specific Jewish content, according to current Handbook description.

Contact: Head of Department of Humanities, F.I.T., P.O. Box 64, Footscray, 3011.

Sydney

University of Sydney

Dept. of Semitic Studies: Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture
 Includes a sequence of courses on Jewish civilisation and history, the most comprehensive in Australia. These include

1. Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture 11 (prerequisite: Hebrew 1 or Biblical Studies 1) Surveys Jewish civilisation from A.D.70 to 1948.
2. Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture 111 (Prerequisite: Previous course)
An intensive study of the Jewish people in the contemporary period, including Australian Jewry.
3. Contemporary Jewish Experience: Modernisation and the Transformation of Jewish Communities - Covers the Jewish experience from c 1800 to today including the Holocaust and Zionism.
4. Currents in Contemporary Jewish Thought: The Jewish Encounter With Modernity. Covers Jewish Thought, secular and religious, in modern times.
5. Australian Jewry - the only university course currently offered on Australian Jewish history.

Dept. of Semitic Studies also offers the following relevant courses:

1. Biblical Studies 1 - Introduction to the Bible.
2. Biblical Studies 11
3. Hebrew 1B - Beginning Hebrew
4. Hebrew 1A (Classical or Modern) - Assumes a basic knowledge of Hebrew
5. Hebrew 11B
6. Hebrew 11B (Classical)
7. Hebrew 11A
8. Hebrew 11 Honours - includes Elementary Aramaic, Syriac, Arabic and Akkadica
9. Hebrew 111

10. Hebrew 111 and Hebrew IV Honours - A variety of advanced options: Samaritan Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Hebrew, etc.

Contact: Head, Dept. of Semitic Studies

Dept. of Religious Studies -

offers relevant courses on religious, in conjunction with Dept of Semitic Studies.

Contact: Chairman, Dept. of Religious Studies

Dept. of Archeology -

Archeology 1 - Covers Archeology of Near East

Dept. of History -

History 453 - The Armana Age - Covers the Hapim/Hebrew question. A reading knowledge of Akkadian is required.(!)

University of New South Wales -

(P.O. Box 1, Kensington, N.S.W. 2033)

(Contact Department Chairs)

Department of Economic History -

15.6656 German Economy and Society Since 1850

Department of History

15.946 History of the Arab-Israeli Dispute.

German Studies/Central European Studies

Offers a variety of courses specifically on Jews in Europe and the Holocaust. (Contact: Professor Konrad Kwiet or Chair) These courses do not require a knowledge of German.

- 62.2104 - Emancipation, Anti-Semitism and Zionism in Central Europe, 1750-1945
- 64.2107 - Fascism and Anti-semitism
- 64.2300 - The German-Jewish Experience
- 64.2301 - After the Holocaust - covers reactions to the Holocaust in post-War Germany.

School of Law

A course on Talmudic Law has been offered by Rabbi Freilich during the last few years.

Macquarie University

(N.S.W. 2109)

Dept. of History:

HIST 126: Ancient Israel - Covers ancient Israel to 586 B.C.

(Dr. Cowling)

HIST 222: The New Testament in Its Times (Dr. Wilcox)

HIST 224: The Early Civilizations - includes Syria-Palestine and

Egypt (Prof. Kanawati)

HIST 225: Archeology and Society (Mr. Joyner)

HIST 236: Ancient Near Eastern Documents

HIST 331: Special Interest Seminar in History 1 - Option C - The End
of the Judaeen Monarchy (Dr. Cowling)

Contact; Chair, Dept. of History

Dept. of Politics: POL 271

POL 266 - Middle Eastern Politics - includes Arab - Israel conflict.

POL 340 - The Politics of Genocide (Prof. Tatz) - focuses on the
Holocaust and the genocide of the Armenians.

School of Modern Languages - German -

GMN 209 - Modern Germany (Dr. Collins/Dr. Holbeche)

Covers Nazi period in detail. No knowledge of German required.

Polish - PLH 111: Poland in the Twentieth Century.

The Guild Centre

Sydney College of Advanced Education

(P.O. Box 129, Newtown 2042)

Program of Judaic Studies

A unique program specifically designed to prepare teachers of Jewish
Studies in Schools.

Prospectus lists 20 courses in this program, about half relating to
education and teaching. Jewish interest courses are listed in two
departments:

General Studies

- 91116 - Judaic Studies 1A - Introduction
- 91126 - Judaic Studies 1B - Jewish History and Bible
- 58142 - Judaic Studies 2 - Jewish History and Bible
- 58143 - Judaic Studies 3 - Jewish History, Bible, Jewish Culture and
Sacred Literature
- 58144 - Judaic Studies 4 - Ivrit, Bible, Culture and Sacred
Literature
- 58145 - Judaic Studies 5 - Ivrit, Jewish, Culture, and Sacred
Literature

Religion Studies

- 91122 - Religion in Australia
- 58111 - Judaic, Christian, and Islamic traditions.

AdelaideUniversity of Adelaide

German 11 - Option (ii) - The Jews in Germany from the Roman Empire
to the Holocaust

History - History 3546 - Fascism and National Socialism

Flinders University

Studies in Theology

- 25101 - Introduction to Literature and History of the Old Testament
(Rev. K. Jolly)
- 25102 - Old Testament Exegesis: The Pentateuch (Rev. A. F. Dean)
- 25202 - Old Testament Exegesis: The Deuteronomistic History
(Rev. C. R. Biggs)
- 25203 - Old Testament Exegesis: The Prophets (Rev. C. R. Biggs)
- 25204 - Old Testament Exegesis: The Writings (Rev. A. F. Dean)
- 25304 - Old Testament Exegesis: The Writings (Rev. A. F. Dean)
- 25301 - Old Testament Theology (Rev. R. J. Barry)
- 25401 - Biblical Hebrew (Rev. A. F. Dean)
- 25402 - Readings in Old Testament Studies (Rev. C. R. Biggs)
- 26101 - New Testament Backgrounds (Rev. J. E. Akehurst)

South Australian College of Advanced Education

Underdale Campus, Adelaide

1. Judaism and the Modern World (Dr. E. Zuesse) - Modern Jewish Thought.
2. URE 004 - Post-Biblical Judaism (Dr. E. Zuesse) History of Judaism since Biblical times)

Salisbury Campus

1. **Biblical Judaism (Dr. R. Crotty)**

Other Centres

Australian National University (Canberra)

School of General Studies

History

HIST 2004 - Social and Political Crises in 20C Western Europe -
fascism covered in detail.

Politics

POL 2031 - Politics in the Middle East (Dr. Saikal) Contemporary
politics in the Arab world. The Arab-Israeli conflict
is one of the four major topics covered in the course.

Prehistory

PreH 2001 - (Prehistory) origins of Old World Civilisation covers
Near East.

Religion

Religious Studies - 'Later year units' include
Biblical Studies, Islam in Asia.

University of Western Australia

German

German 204 - German Lit and the Rise of National Socialism - covers
German literature and political culture 1890-1950.

University of Wollongong (N.S.W.)

Post-graduate Department of Multicultural Studies:

CMS 901 - Issues Multicultural Research
CMS 902 - Migration and Australia
CMS 903 - Social Welfare and Social Policy
CMS 904 - The Family and the Educational System (none of these
state they specifically cover the Jewish community)

General Studies

GENE 231 - Religious Studies A. Jesus in History and Tradition -
covers first century Judaism

University of Queensland (Brisbane)

Classics and Ancient History:

CN 110 - Ancient History A - covers Ancient Near East
CN 214 - The Near East

History

- HT 234 - **Germany from Bismarck to Hitler - covers Nazi period
in detail**

Studies in Religion

- RE 100 - **Biblical studies - Old Testament**
- RE 151 - **Biblical Hebrew A**
- RE 241 - **The Pentateuch**
- RE 243 - **Prophets and Prophetic Books**
- RE 251 - **Biblical Hebrew B**
- RE 263 - **Religion in the Ancient Near East - focuses on ancient
Judaism**
- RE 270 - **Advanced Hebrew Scriptures**

Griffith University (Brisbane)

- H 1321 - **Twentieth Century Culture 11: Fascism and Anti-fascism
1918-45**

The Hebraic & Near Eastern Studies Major

First Year

104-150	Near Eastern Studies 1	25	Y	Key: Y= year-long 1 = 1st semester 2 = 2nd semester N = Not available 1990. First Year Cluster: all subjects (including Near Eastern Studies 1) belong to Cluster 1 (Languages). Near Eastern Studies 1 is included also in the Humanities cluster.
104-151	Beginners' Hebrew A	12.5	1	
104-152	Beginners' Hebrew B	12.5	2	
104-153	Intermediate Hebrew A	12.5	N	
104-154	Intermediate Hebrew B	12.5	N	
104-155	Intermediate Hebrew C	12.5	1	
104-156	Intermediate Hebrew D	12.5	2	

Second Year

104-267	Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible	16.7	1	<i>The normal entry to the major is via Near Eastern Studies 1 or language work at first year level, but the major may also be begun in second year.</i>
104-268	New Testament & Judaism in Ancient Palestine	16.7	N	
104-269	Egypt under Pharaohs, Greeks & Romans	16.7	2	
104-270	Jewish Traditions, Literature & Beliefs	16.7	N	
104-271	Israel in Egypt	16.7	2	
104-251	Beginners' Hebrew A	16.7	1	
104-252	Beginners' Hebrew B	16.7	2	
104-253	Intermediate Hebrew A	16.7	N	
104-254	Intermediate Hebrew B	16.7	N	
104-255	Intermediate Hebrew C	16.7	1	
104-256	Intermediate Hebrew D	16.7	2	
104-261	Beginners' Aramaic	16.7	N	
104-263	Beginners' Syriac	16.7	Y	
104-265	Beginners' Akkadian	16.7	Y	

Third Year

104-367	Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible	16.7	1	<i>Elective: students may include 16.7 points as an elective from the subjects available to third-year students in the major in Archaeology or Classical Studies or Jewish Studies.</i>
104-368	New Testament & Judaism in Ancient Palestine	16.7	N	
104-369	Egypt under Pharaohs, Greeks & Romans	16.7	2	
104-370	Jewish Traditions, Literature & Beliefs	16.7	N	
104-371	Israel in Egypt	16.7	2	
104-351	Beginners' Hebrew A	16.7	1	
104-352	Beginners' Hebrew B	16.7	2	
104-353	Intermediate Hebrew A	16.7	N	
104-354	Intermediate Hebrew B	16.7	N	
104-355	Intermediate Hebrew C	16.7	1	
104-356	Intermediate Hebrew D	16.7	2	
104-357	Advanced Hebrew A	16.7	N	
104-358	Advanced Hebrew B	16.7	N	
104-359	Advanced Hebrew C	16.7	1	
104-360	Advanced Hebrew D	16.7	2	
104-361	Beginners' Aramaic	16.7	N	
104-362	Intermediate Aramaic	16.7	Y	
104-363	Beginners' Syriac	16.7	Y	
104-364	Intermediate Syriac	16.7	Y	
104-365	Beginners' Akkadian	16.7	Y	
104-366	Intermediate Akkadian	16.7	N	
104-350	Comparative Semitics	16.7	N	

History

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The Jewish Studies major

The Jewish Studies major is an interdepartmental programme offered jointly by this Department and by the Department of History. It is a non-language single major which is particularly suitable for students concentrating on Hebrew language as part of the Hebraic and Near Eastern Studies major. Enquiries should be directed to the Convenor, Dr Mark Baker, through the Department of History.

The major will be available at first and second year levels only in 1990. A full three-year major is expected to be operational in 1991. Enquiries concerning third-year options for 1991 should be directed to the Convenor, Dr Mark Baker, or Professor T Muraoka.

Students in the Jewish Studies major may elect to spend their second year at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and have their work credited as the equivalent of second year at Melbourne. In addition, Mount Scopus College is planning to offer two or three studentships annually, including fares, tuition, accommodation and maintenance, to sponsor study in Israel. In return students undertake to give the College an option on their services for two years after qualifying as a teacher. For further information see Professor Muraoka.

First Year

131-107	History 1G (Modern Jewish History)	25	Y
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Second Year

104-267	Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible	16.7	1
104-268	New Testament & Judaism in Ancient Palestine	16.7	N
104-271	Israel in Egypt	16.7	2
104-270	Jewish Traditions, Literature & Beliefs	16.7	N
104-239	Syria & Palestine in the Bronze & Iron Ages	16.7	2
131-000	Holocaust	16.7	2
131-000	Jews in the English Speaking World	16.7	1
131-000	Jews & Christians in Mediaeval Europe	16.7	N

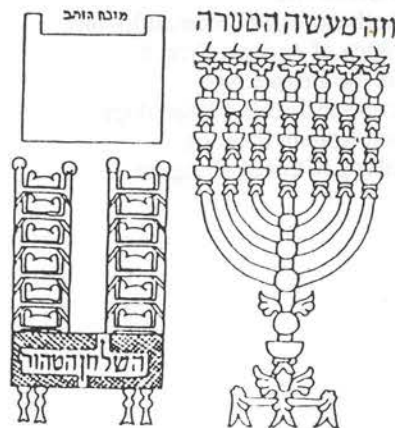
Key: Y = year-long
 1 = 1st semester
 2 = 2nd semester
 N = not available 1990

Enrol for two subjects chosen from those on offer in 1990 (33.4 pts)

Third Year

104-367	Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible
104-368	New Testament & Judaism in Ancient Palestine
104-371	Israel in Egypt
104-370	Jewish Traditions, Literature & Beliefs
104-339	Syria & Palestine in the Bronze & Iron Ages
131-000	Holocaust
131-000	Jews in the English Speaking World
131-000	Jews & Christians in Mediaeval Europe

The major at third-year level will commence in 1991. Prospective students should contact Dr M Baker or Professor T Muraoka for details of likely subject availability.



The Archaeology Major

Archaeology is the study of past human societies, by interpretation of material remains, palaces, houses, tombs, pottery, and so on. It is especially concerned with the reconstruction of past life-styles and the examination of ways in which human communities changed. Since it aims at understanding people, it shares increasingly common ground with many fields of study, especially ancient languages and history. There is no doubt that archaeology brings an enriched and broader temporal dimension to the study of humanity.

The major offers students a wide range of Archaeology courses. In first year we concentrate on prehistory, the period of hunter-gatherers and early farmers. In later years, a variety of subjects offers choices in the antiquity of Western Asia and the Mediterranean, including the lands of Mesopotamia, Anatolia, Iran, Greece and Italy.

First Year

104-135	Archaeology 1 (Prehistoric Archaeology)	25	Y
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Second Year

104-236	Archaeology of Western Asia (3600-1500 BC)	16.7	1
104-237	Archaeology of Western Asia (1500-330 BC)	16.7	N
104-238	The Birth of Civilization in the Near East	16.7	N
104-239	Syria and Palestine in the Bronze and Iron Ages	16.7	2
104-240	Hellenistic & Roman Art	16.7	N
104-241	Archaic Greek Art	16.7	N
104-242	Art & Archaeology of Roman Empire	16.7	2
104-243	Archaeology of Archaic Greece	16.7	N
104-244	Greece in the Bronze Age	16.7	1
104-245	Introduction to Greek Archaeology	16.7	N
104-246	Greek and Roman Painting	16.7	N
104-247	Archaeology of Greek Religion	16.7	2

The normal entry to the major is via Archaeology 1, but students who have excelled in the archaeological sections of Classical Studies 1 or Near Eastern Studies 1 may apply for permission to enter the major at second year.

The major must include two subjects on the archaeology of Western Asia and/or the Near East and two subjects on the archaeology of Greece and/or Italy.

Third Year

104-335	Theory, Methods & Techniques of Archaeology*	16.7	2
104-336	Archaeology of Western Asia (3600-1500 BC)	16.7	1
104-337	Archaeology of Western Asia (1500-330 BC)	16.7	N
104-338	The Birth of Civilization in the Near East	16.7	N
104-339	Syria and Palestine in the Bronze and Iron Ages	16.7	2
104-340	Hellenistic & Roman Art	16.7	N
104-341	Archaic Greek Art	16.7	N
104-342	Art & Archaeology of Roman Empire	16.7	2
104-343	Archaeology of Archaic Greece	16.7	N
104-344	Greece in the Bronze Age	16.7	1
104-345	Introduction to Greek Archaeology	16.7	N
104-346	Greek and Roman Painting	16.7	N
104-347	Archaeology of Greek Religion	16.7	2

Elective: *As an elective students may include one subject (16.7 points), with approval, within the Archaeology major from subjects available in Classical Studies or Hebraic & Near Eastern Studies.*

NB: *the elective option is not available to third-year students who exercised it at second year.*

***** *104-335 is a compulsory subject in third year.*

Courses on Jewish Subjects

Addendum (October 1989)

The following revisions to 'Courses on Jewish Subjects' have been conveyed to the compiler. Others are most welcome.

Melbourne University

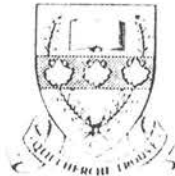
Department of History - New courses to be offered in 1989, include semester-long courses on 'Christians and Jews in Medieval Europe', 'Jews in English-Speaking Countries' and 'The Holocaust'.

Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies - for the past year the Department of Near Eastern Studies (somehow most regrettably omitted from the original list; my apologies) - has been merged into an enlarged Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies. Professor Takamitsu Muraoka and Dr. Ziva Shavitsky offer courses in Hebrew, assisted by Dr. Eliezer Paltiel. According to the excellent 1990 Department Handbook, the Department offers five first year courses in Hebraic and Near Eastern Studies, and a very extensive sequence of courses in both the Hebraic and Near Eastern Studies Major, and the Jewish Studies Major. The sequence of courses offered in these fields is attached in photostat. Additionally, the Department offers an Archaeology Major which includes Jewish-interest courses; again, this sequence is attached in photostat. Further information on these courses may be obtained from Prof. T. Muraoka or, in the case of History Department courses, from Mark Baker (Department of History).

La Trobe University - Dr. Anne Gardner has sent me the attached listing of corrections and amendments to the LaTrobe University listing.

The Guild Centre (Sydney) - these courses have apparently been absorbed by Sydney University

As noted, it is hoped to have a revised edition in the next newsletter, incorporating these changes and any others, news of which is most welcome.



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7 August 1989

Dear Bill,

With reference to your listing of "Courses on Jewish Subjects at Australian Universities and Tertiary Institutions" I should like to point out a number of errors in the description of courses at La Trobe University.

1. Course number 1 - Biblical Hebrew is the same course as that listed as course number 4 - Reading Hebrew (Biblical) religious texts. I should prefer the retention of the description given in number 4.
2. Course number 3 - Ancient Israel. I should like the phrase "Old Testament" removed and replaced with "Bible". I avoid the use of "Old Testament" as, obviously, this is a Christian term. Further it is a course open to second and third year students, not simply to second year as stated. (Our designation II.../III... indicates the years).
3. One full year course has been omitted:-
Religious Studies II/III EJ - Early Judaism. A study of Jewish history, civilisation, religion and literature in two distinct, but overlapping, periods.
 - a) 200 B.C.E. - 200 C.E.
 - b) 200 C.E. - 600 C.E.(This is a distillation of the handbook entry which is rather lengthy)
4. Some other courses, while not being dedicated exclusively to Jewish history or Judaism, have some Jewish content or Jewish interest.

Religious Studies II WR/III WR - Women in Religion (one semester). This subject explores images of the female in active and passive roles in several religious traditions, including Judaism.

Religious Studies II RS/III RS - Religion and Society. A multidisciplinary study of the complex relationship of religion and modern, especially contemporary society. 'The Holocaust and Modern Religious Consciousness' is one of the topics treated.

Further, to describe us as focusing on "comparative" religious studies is inaccurate in that we do not "compare" religions. We deal with each tradition in its own right, adopting a historical approach. (We are, in fact a division of the History Department.)

Within the History Department History IHF devotes one half of the course to German Concentration Camps.

I note that you do not include any of the offerings of the Classics and Middle Eastern Studies Department at Melbourne University (there are quite a number), despite having mentioned, in your introductory remarks, the threat to Hebrew at Melbourne. Indeed, I believe that new courses have been developed there over the last year or two.