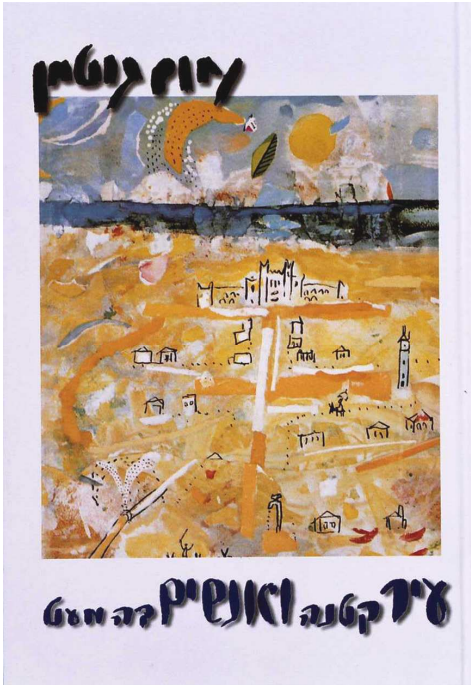


Winter Quarter 2010  
NEW COURSE

**NE 496/SISJE 490 Israel Before Statehood:  
the Yishuv and the Construction of Hebrew Culture**



*nahum gutman's "Ir katanah"*

Zionism aimed to transform Jewish life in wide-ranging ways. This course, taught by Prof. Naomi Sokoloff, examines how the *Yishuv* -- the Jewish community in the "Land of Israel" before the establishment of the State of Israel -- created a new "Hebrew" culture through a revival of the Hebrew language and through literature, art, architecture, folksong, and public ceremonies. Focusing on the years 1882-1948, we will consider how the Yishuv constructed a new definition of "Jews" as "Hebrews," and how the effort to forge a synthesis of tradition and innovation expressed itself in clothing, labor practices, religious observances, collective rituals, and city planning.

This is a "W" course, which requires significant amounts of writing, editing, and revision. All texts are in translation and no knowledge of Hebrew is necessary.

Any student in this course who wishes to read some of the texts in the original Hebrew may earn 2-3 additional credits of independent study (HEBR 490).

**TUES/THURS**  
**1:30-3:20 P.M.**

**5 CREDITS**

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