HISTORY NEAR EAST 103

The Jewish Diaspora in Antiquity

Winter 2013
MWF 10-10:50
PCYNH 120

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Required Books for the Course

Mélèze Modrzejewski, J. The Jews of Egypt From Rameses II to Emperor Hadrian. (= M)

Williams, M. The Jews among the Greeks and Romans. (= W)

Course Reader from Soft Reserves. (=R)

A modern translation of the Bible.

Course Outline

I. Introduction: Conceptual and Historical Background; Assyrian and Babylonian Exiles; Egyptian Dispersion.

II. The Persian Achemenid Empire: Iran, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Asia Minor.
III. Ptolemaic (and early Roman) Egypt.  

IV. The Rest of the Eastern Mediterranean: Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, Cyrenaica, Islands.  
W, pp. 1-14, 18-19 [I.64-66], 24-26, 64 [II.142-143], 69 [III.9-10], 93-95, 112-114. 132 [V.78-79]. R, 40-43, 48-55.

V. The Diaspora Crisis in the Roman East.  

VI. The Parthian Empire  

VII. The City of Rome  

VIII. Later Roman Empire  

IX. The Sasanian East  
R, pp. 73-87.

X. The Diaspora Synagogue  

There will be a midterm exam after the fifth week and a final exam.

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