

## Supplemental Courses in Israel Studies

*The Center for Israel Studies at American University invites professors with expertise in Israel to join the faculty annually as visiting professors and scholars in-residence. For the academic year 2007-2008, in addition to the courses listed in the Israel Studies Minor brochure, the following supplemental courses will be offered as part of the minor in Israel Studies:*

### Fall 2007

#### **JLS-596** Israeli Law and Legal System (3)

M 2:40-4:50 p.m.

*Naomi Gale, Schusterman Visiting Professor in Israel Studies*

The course covers: history of the legal system and its legal sources (legislation, case law, analogy, Israel's heritage and custom); absence of a constitution; the Declaration of Independence; and the structure of the judicial system. Special attention will be given to the religious courts, and to the complexities of the position of women under both religious and civil laws. The course will also include discussion on human rights, and the use of basic laws like Human Dignity and Liberty (1992) as part of the gradual emergence of a constitution.

### Spring 2008

#### **SIS-396/696** Israeli Politics (3)

W 2:10-4:50 p.m.

*Naomi Gale, Schusterman Visiting Professor in Israel Studies*

This course provides an overview of current issues and topics affecting Israeli politics. The course will consider Israeli political systems in the context of major political developments.

#### **SIS-396/696** Ethnicity & the State: Israel in Comparative Perspective (3)

W 11:20-2:00 p.m.

*Calvin Goldscheider, Polinger Scholar In Residence*

This course analyzes recent case studies on ethnic/immigrant groups in various regions. The focus is on Israel with systematic comparisons to the United States, countries within Europe, and the third world. Students will compare ethnic, national origin, and religions within and between countries over time while developing focused independent comparative research projects.