

The Jerusalem Idea HIS111

Course Description:

As the Year Course Participants will be spending half of their Gap Year in Israel in the city of Jerusalem, and due to the importance and significance of the city- the Chanichim will learn about the history, key people and events and the conflicts surrounding the city, by visiting sites and exploring the city, in order to find their place and create a personal, long lasting connection with Jerusalem.

The Course will be divided into 3 units that will walk the participants through the historic timeline of the city, address the main people, events and issues within that time frame, and will build a picture of the city that includes the various complexities both past and present, while working towards a better future.

- **Unit 1:** Archeological Jerusalem - the origins and early development of Jerusalem as the Capital of the Jewish People
- **Unit 2:** City of Faith - the 3 Monotheistic Religions and their connection to Jerusalem and the Holy Land
- **Unit 3:** Modern Day Jerusalem - why and how the City is how it is today, how modern history shaped the city, current affairs, looking towards the future of Jerusalem

Course Goals:

- Historical Significance: To have the participants understand the history and processes that created and helped define Jerusalem of today
- Religious Significance: To have the participants understand the importance and the connections each of the 3 monotheistic religions have with Jerusalem
- To have the participants understand the complexity of the conflicts surrounding Jerusalem today
- To help the participants create a personal and ongoing/long term connection to the city of Jerusalem

Grading

Homework: 40%

Quizzes: 10%

Attendance and Participation: 20%

Final Project: 30%

