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LIT 5202Y: THE FICTION OF S. Y. AGNON
Wednesday, 10:20-12:10/U 508

The goal of the course is to introduce you to the world of Agnon's fiction, which is a unique space within modern Jewish culture. The course will be generally organized around the development of the Agnon persona, both in terms of the cycle of life as well as the author's geographical movements. The readings will offer a taste of the different genres within the Agnon corpus.

The stories will be read in Hebrew, although students are free to consult translation as they wish. Most all of the texts can be found in English in Mintz and Hoffman, *A Book That Was Lost and Other Stories by S. Y. Agnon*, which you are required to purchase for the course. The class will be conducted in Hebrew, and we will do our collective best to be patient with the different levels of Hebrew knowledge represented by the members of the class. Papers can be written in English. There will be two five-page interpretive essays, in addition to a longer paper at the end of the course.

That longer paper will be devoted to one of three of Agnon's major novels: **אורח נטה ללון, הכנסת כלה** and **תמול שלשום**. These novels are not short, and students are advised to make their choice early in the semester so that there is enough time to read the book.

The readings can be found in a course pack available from Copy Express on Broadway.

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| Jan. 22 | Introduction עגונות The signature story |
| Jan. 29 | עגונות |
| Feb. 5 | המטפחת Redemption and the apotheosis of the family |
| Feb. 12 | In the Workshop of an Agnon Scholar: A Visit with Prof. Avraham Holtz הכנסת כלה, פרק א' |
| Feb. 19 | גבעת החול The Yaffo years and the myth of the artist as a young man |

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| Feb. 26 | פנים אחרות The secular space of German Jewry |
| Mar. 5 | פת שלימה The dramatization of the unconscious |
| Mar. 12 | מדירה לדירה Home and homelessness in Eretz Yisrael |
| Mar. 19 | LIST COLLEGE BREAK – NO CLASS |
| Mar. 26 | הסימן Homeland and Hometown: The consecration to the vocation of historical remembrance |
| Apr. 2 | בוצ'אץ' The origin myth of Galician Jewry |
| Apr. 9 | המשל והנמשל Historical trauma and ethical discipline |
| Apr. 30 | המשל והנמשל |