Settling the Land

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Household issues

1) Discussion papers

2) News reporting: schedule

3) Any questions?
Settling the Land

1) Where does this fit in the course?

2) Focus today: Implementation

3) Why is land important?
Settlement (up to 1967)

- Old Yeshuv initiates small projects: 24,000 Jews in 1880, mostly in four holy cities.

- 1882-1967: 650 villages (1931- 26%: Jewish population rural), some evolved into cities.
The Old Yeshuv

- 24,000 in 1882:
  - Efforts to go beyond the Walls
  - What are the features?
- Other immigration
1882- Moshavot

- Communal, or individual?
- Self government or centrally controlled?
- Success or failure?
- Current state? Political affiliations
1905- Kibbutzim, Moshavim

- Kept the covenantal communities
- Experimental
- As a social avant-garde
- As a military post
- As a broader service to the nation
- As the concentrated essence of the Zionist project
- A serving elite
- A functionalist explanation
Kibbutz: film – what themes?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwsHDSkhdFw&feature=related
Kibbutz today: adaptation

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHk496McrzE
Three circles: tensions and synergies

- Jews and Arabs (tension and synergy)
- Internal Jewish
- Collective vs. individual
From the Ghetto to Zion

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For the individual

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Pre state vs. Post state?

- Land acquisition

- Purpose of settlement (border making, changing people, economic to controlling the border, dealing with immigrants, providing food)
Cultural Effects

- Yoel Moshe Salomon: analysis
  - Arik Einstein, Uri Zohar, cool 1970’s stuff
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TezwonusJcQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TezwonusJcQ)

- Elements in the song

- Yoel Moshe Salomon: Cameric Quintet (1990’s)
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwRZgyZwGhk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwRZgyZwGhk)
The colonialism debate: the moral aspect of the settlement process

- Is Zionism a colonial process?

- colonialism is a political and economic phenomenon, characterized by the forcible dominion and exploitation of a state over territory and population beyond its own borders.
So Is Zionism a colonial phenomenon?

- Question?
- Are the Jews indigenous to the land: Language, history?
- If not, who is indigenous?
- Who is the metropolis/center that sent them?
- Is there economic exploitation?
- Indeed, is there economic reasons for colonization, and for who?
- Process of land acquisition? (before and after 1948)
- Level of independent means/refugeeism among Jewish settlers
Maybe colonization?

- Colonization is a fundamentally geographic phenomenon -- whose essence is immigration and the establishment of immigrant settlements in a new land that are distinctive from older traditional settlements --.