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Ethnography of Contemporary Jewish Life

This course is an introduction to the ethnography-that is, the close study of a cultural group through observation, participation, and reflection-of contemporary Jewish life, especially in America, in local communities, institutions, rituals, personal histories, etc., through the approaches of writing, film, and field work. In addition to analyzing readings by anthropologists, sociologists, and other scholars, screening documentary films, and discussing research methodology, students will undertake two short fieldwork projects. *This course counts as a social science course for majors in the Department of Jewish Studies.*