

ISRAEL: A NATION REBORN

Text: Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn, Daniel Gordis, Harper Collins, 2016- National Jewish Book Awards Winner

Week I – March 16

Introductions

Chapters in Jewish History/Zionism/Pre-State Immigration

Reading: *Concise History of a Nation Reborn* – Chapters 1-7

Week II – March 23

Independence: The State is born

From Dreams of a State to the Reality of Statehood

The War of Independence

The Israeli Air Force

Reading: *Concise History* – Chapters 8 and 9

Week III – March 30

Guest Israeli Journalist

Political System; Outcome of Recent Elections

Israel Enters the International Arena

Israel Confronts the Holocaust

Ariel Sharon : The Israeli Warrior

Reading: *Concise History* Chapters 10 and 11

Week IV –April 6–

Six Days of War Change a Country Forever

Moshe Dayan

The Burden of Occupation

Readings: *Concise History:* Chapters 12 and 13

Week V –April 13

Anwar Sadat - Menachem Begin Relationship

Hebrew – The Spoken Language of Israel

Yom Kippur War: The “Conception” Crashes

Revolution within the Revolution

The Rise and Revenge of Israel’s Political Right

Reading: *Concise History*: Chapters 14 and 15

Week VI – April 20

Taking a Page from the Zionists

The Rise of Palestinian Nationalism

Minorities in Israel

Yitzhak Rabin

Readings: *Concise History*: Chapter 16

Week VII – April 27

The Peace Process Stalls

Rescuing Persecuted Jews

The Russian migration to Israel

Readings: *Concise History*: Chapters 17 and 18

Week VIII – May 4

The Abraham Accords

The Kibbutz Tradition and Personal Reflections

On the Israeli People