

# Syllabus for the Contemporary Jewish Writing Class at Congregation Beth Ami in April-May 2015

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## April 30: 3rd class - (Auto)Biographies

- Discussing “**Interview with Yehudah Mirsky about Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook**”
- Sources for new books and reviews: **Newspapers and blogs**  
<http://jewishbookworld.org/sources/>
- Sharing related **books brought by the class**
- Introducing the **Auto(Biography) bibliography**  
<http://jewishbookworld.org/2015/04/recent-jewish-autobiographies/>
- Homework for 4th class:
  - Pick an era and/or area of Jewish History and bring three interesting fact about it.
  - Read **Autobiography in the United States** by *Wendy Zierler*  
<http://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/autobiography-in-united-states>
  - Bring/recommend a recent book related to World Jewish History
- Recommended readings, books and videos:
  - **Awakening Lives: Autobiographies of Jewish Youth in Poland before the Holocaust** Edited by Jeffrey Shandler - <http://amzn.to/1Anm33M>
  - **Encyclopedia Judaica: Biographies and Autobiographies**  
[http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/judaica/ejud\\_0002\\_0003\\_0\\_02993.html](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/judaica/ejud_0002_0003_0_02993.html)
  - **Jewish Biography as History** Dr. Henry Abramson  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/hillelabramson/search?query=biography>
  - **My Future Is in America Autobiographies of Eastern European Jewish Immigrants**  
Edited by Jocelyn Cohen and Daniel Soyer  
<http://nyupress.org/books/9780814716953/>