This course examines intersections of gender and nationalism; the role of masculinity in Israeli society; conceptions of femininity, sex, love, beauty, work, and motherhood; and the impact of gender on the Arab-Israeli conflict. In exploring these themes, we will investigate the history and experiences of a diverse array of women in Israel, including Jewish women of European, Middle Eastern, North African, and Ethiopian descent; Christian and Muslim; Israeli, Arab and Palestinian women; and foreign workers from locations such as Thailand and the Philippines. No prerequisites are required.

Note: This course can serve as an elective for the major in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS), and is also on the Advisor-approved list for International Studies’ Middle East regional focus.