The Israeli (Zionist)-Arab conflict, which has lasted for over 100 years, has instilled in the minds of many the notion of the incompatibility of the terms "Arabs" and "Jews." The presence of Jews in Arab lands and the often peaceful co-existence between the Jews and their neighbors render "Arab-Jews" not an oxymoron, but a historical reality. This course is designed to examine Jewish life in Arab lands in the last century by examining culture, language, and the communal life the Arab-Jews shared with their neighbors of other faiths. Class materials include scholarly texts, literary works, films, and music related to the theme of Arab-Jews.

- No knowledge of Hebrew or Arabic is required.
- This course counts for the Arab Cultures major, the Arabic minor, the Hebrew minor, the interdisciplinary major and minor in Asian Studies, and the Jewish Studies major and minor.
- Course meets GL requirement.

Topics include:
- Cultural production and engagement: Arab-Jewish music and literature
- The living experience
- Language and identity
- Zionism, Communism, and Arab national movements
- Arab perspectives on the Jews of the Middle East in literature and cinema
- The cultural past and the political present
- Arab-Jews/Mizrahim in Israel and beyond.

Renowned scholar Ella Shohat will give a talk in this class on March 1.