The course will deal with the buildup and development of the Israeli-American relationship from the 1940s to the present. It will be based on lectures and discussion of articles: two meetings in a week will be lectures, and the in the third we will discuss an article(s) relevant to the week’s topic. I expect you all to be ready with the articles, and to be ready with the week’s reading. All the material under “discussion in class” will be on the course blackboard’s site. The reading material will be reserved in the library.

There will be three assignments throughout the semester: book report, a no-more than five-page paper and a no-more than fifteen-page paper. The book report will be on any book that is relevant to the course. The topic of the papers will be decided by the student, in consultation with me- the papers should deal with separate topics, although the second can relate to the first-it can deal with the next time frame or issue. In any case, you must conclude the topic with me.

Deadlines:
- Book report: October 15.
- First paper: November 10.
- Second (and final) paper: December 10.


**Week 1- Orientation**

**The Framework**

**The United States and Israel**

**Reading:**

**Discussion in Class**

**Israel and the United States**

**Reading:**

*Israel Studies*, Vol. 5 No. 2.

**Discussion in Class**


**Week 2- Israel’s National Security and Foreign Policy**

**Reading:**


**Discussion in Class**


**Week 3- The United States in the Middle East**

**Reading:**


**Discussion in Class**


**Week 4- Truman and Israel (1)- from the Yom Kippur Address to Recognition in Israel**

**Reading:**


**Truman and Israel (2)- In Pursuit of Security**

**Reading:**

Hahn, *Caught in the Middle East*, pp. 67-143.
Discussion in Class

Week 5- “Friendly Impartiality” (1953-1958)
Reading:

Discussion in Class

Week 6- The Changing Strategic Climate (1958-1961)
Reading:

Discussion in Class

Week 7- “Special Relations” (?), 1961-1963
Reading:

Discussion in Class

Reading:

Discussion in Class

Week 9- In the Height (and heat) of the Cold War, 1969-1976
Reading:

**Discussion in Class**

**Week 10- The Carter administration**
**Reading:**
Reich, *The United States and Israel* pp. 41-85.

**Discussion in Class**
Quandt, *Peace Process*, pp. 177- 204.

**Week 12- From the First War in Lebanon to the Madrid Conference**
**Reading:**
Reich, *The United States and Israel* pp. 87-175.

**Discussion in Class**

**Week 13- In the Shadow of the Oslo Accords**
**Reading:**

**Discussion in Class**

**Week 14- What Can We Say About US-Israel Relations?**
**Discussion in Class**