Please answer any two questions. You are allowed a total of four hours to complete this exam (two hours per question.) You are on your honor not to consult any materials, including notes or papers or anything stored in your computer. You are also on your honor not to discuss the exam or its content with any faculty or student until the exam period is over.

1) What guiding trends (e.g., generational, ideological) do you identify in Jewish historiography from the beginning of the 19th century?

2) What periodization schemes have been proposed for the modern period in Jewish history? Do you think that it is possible to answer the question of when modern Jewish history commenced?

3) Trace the ebbs and flows of anti-Semitism in Europe from the economic crisis of 1873 up to the First World War?

4) How do you assess Salo Baron’s “Ghetto and Emancipation?” In what tradition of thought can we place him? Was he right?

5) Assess the various historiographical interpretations that have arisen to explain the Final Solution.

6) Situate the emergence of Jewish nationalism in the context of Eastern European nationalist movements.

7) Analyze how scholars have explained the post-Holocaust experience of Jews in Europe, including the role of Zionism in shaping the historiography of DP Camps.