



Please join us in Hadassah's newest study course, "Israeli Culture as Seen Through the Novel." Israeli Jews are the first Jews in 2000 years to live in their own independent nation as a majority, and this has affected their culture, their Jewishness, and their life styles. By reading its literature, we hope to explore and understand the universalist and particularist nature of Israeli society.

All the books on the list have been written by internationally recognized Israeli writers. Our first selection is *Thera*, by best-selling author Zeruya Shalev. I have included two reviews of the book below to entice you.

"Shalev's finest novel to date... How sophisticated and subtle it is...everything is taken to such heights, such depth, such breadth, and with such precision." -- *Amos Oz*

"...a rare, intense book, [Thera] is Zeruya Shalev's song of triumph written in the tones of a somber elegy... and it has the power of an explosion. A magnificent book...a masterpiece." -- *Le Nouvel Observateur*

Our first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Goodman Kaufman. Please call her at 508-756-1905 to let her know you are coming, and for directions.