

Intro to Judaism

FALL 2025

| # | Code | DATE | TOPIC | RABBI(S) | Location |
|-------------------|------|----------|--|---|----------|
| UNIT ONE | | | THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND TIME | | |
| 1 | B | 8/28/25 | Orientation and The Jewish Calendar | Rutenberg | online |
| 2 | C | 9/4/25 | Shabbat: A Cathedral in Time; Home Traditions and Synagogue Observance | Michaelson | online |
| 3 | Q | 9/11/25 | The High Holy Days: History and Observance | Donnell | online |
| 4 | D | 9/18/25 | Biblical Judaism: History of the Ancient Hebrews & the Israelite Religion (Rosh Hashanah Sept 23 & 24) | Mayer | online |
| 5 | E | 9/25/25 | Rabbinic Judaism: From Nation to Religion; from Sacrifice to Prayer | Kapor-Mater | online |
| | | 10/2/25 | No Class (Yom Kippur) | n/a | n/a |
| 6 | N | 10/9/25 | Jewish Life Cycle | Joseph | online |
| UNIT TWO | | | THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND GOD | | |
| 7 | J | 10/16/25 | Jewish Mysticism & Kabbalah | Seidel | online |
| 8 | F | 10/23/25 | Guides to Jewish Life: Halacha and Aggadah (Jewish Law & Lore) | Spivak | online |
| 9 | L | 10/30/25 | The Jewish Home: Kashrut, Ritual & Family Traditions | Dunsker | online |
| 10 | H | 11/6/25 | God & Theology: Covenant and Theodicy | Oren | online |
| 11 | K | 11/13/25 | Prayer and Spirituality: Community Worship and Private Communion with God | Rose | online |
| 12 | A | 11/20/25 | Tikkun Olam: Jewish Ethics, Social Action and Politics | Bressler | online |
| | | 11/27/25 | No Class (Thanksgiving) | n/a | n/a |
| UNIT THREE | | | THE JEWISH COMMUNITY: ONE PEOPLE, MANY PATHS TO IDENTITY | | |
| 13 | P | 12/4/25 | Varieties of Judaism: A Panel Discussion | Kapor-Mater, Mayer, Michaelson, Lovejoy | online |
| 14 | O | 12/11/25 | The History of Israel and Zionism | Isaak | online |
| 15 | M | 12/18/25 | Antisemitism: History of Jewish/Christian Relations | Stone | online |
| | | 12/25/25 | No Class (Christmas) | n/a | n/a |
| | | 1/1/26 | No Class (New Years Day) | n/a | n/a |
| 16 | R | 1/8/26 | The American Jewish Community: History, Agencies, Community Relations | Steve Albert | online |
| 17 | G | 1/15/26 | Diaspora: Jewish Communities Throughout the World | TBA | online |
| 18 | I | 1/22/26 | Pesach: The Master Story of Jewish Identity, History and Celebration | Posen | online |

Spring term begins 1/29/26