

# INTRO TO JUDAISM

## FALL 2026 - All classes meet online

| #                 | Code | DATE       | TOPIC                                                                                     | RABBI(S)                                   | PARASHA            |
|-------------------|------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>UNIT ONE</b>   |      |            | <b>THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND TIME</b>                                                      |                                            |                    |
| 1                 | B    | 8/27/2026  | Orientation and The Jewish Calendar                                                       | Rutenberg                                  | Ki Tavo            |
| 2                 | C    | 9/3/2026   | Shabbat: A Cathedral in Time; Home Traditions and Synagogue Observance                    | Schoenberg                                 | Nitzavim-Vayeilech |
| 3                 | Q    | 9/10/2026  | The High Holy Days: History and Observance (Rosh Hashanah Sept 12 & 13)                   | Zaslow                                     | Rosh Hashanah      |
| 4                 | D    | 9/17/2026  | Biblical Judaism: History of the Ancient Hebrews & the Israelite Religion                 | Mayer                                      | Ha'azinu           |
| 5                 | E    | 9/24/2026  | Rabbinic Judaism: From Nation to Religion; from Sacrifice to Prayer (Sukkot Sept 26 & 27) | Kapor-Mater                                | Sukkot             |
| 6                 | N    | 10/1/2026  | Jewish Life Cycle (Shemini Atzaret & Simchat Torah Oct 3 & 4)                             | Joseph                                     | YIZKOR             |
| <b>UNIT TWO</b>   |      |            | <b>THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND GOD</b>                                                       |                                            |                    |
| 7                 | J    | 10/8/2026  | Jewish Mysticism & Kabbalah                                                               | Rose                                       | Bereshit           |
| 8                 | F    | 10/15/2026 | Guides to Jewish Life: Halacha and Aggadah (Jewish Law & Lore)                            | Spivak                                     | Noach              |
| 9                 | A    | 10/22/2026 | Tikkun Olam: Jewish Ethics, Social Action and Politics                                    | Cahana                                     | Toldot             |
| 10                | H    | 10/29/2026 | God & Theology: Covenant and Theodicy                                                     | Oren                                       | Vayera             |
| 11                | K    | 11/5/2026  | Prayer and Spirituality: Community Worship and Private Communion with God                 | Barnett                                    | Chaiyei Sara       |
| 12                | L    | 11/12/2026 | The Jewish Home: Kashrut, Ritual & Family Traditions                                      | Dunsker                                    | Lech Lecha         |
| <b>UNIT THREE</b> |      |            | <b>THE JEWISH COMMUNITY: ONE PEOPLE, MANY PATHS TO IDENTITY</b>                           |                                            |                    |
| 13                | P    | 11/19/2026 | Varieties of Judaism: A Panel Discussion                                                  | Oren, Rose, Mayer, Kapor-Mater, Michaelson | Vayetzei           |
|                   |      | 11/26/2026 | No Class (Thanksgiving)                                                                   | n/a                                        | Vayishlach         |
| 16                | R    | 12/3/2026  | The American Jewish Community: History, Agencies, Community Relations                     | Steve Albert                               | Vayigash           |
| 14                | O    | 12/10/2026 | The History of Israel and Zionism                                                         | Goldstein                                  | Vayeshev           |
| 15                | M    | 12/17/2026 | Antisemitism: History of Jewish/Christian Relations                                       | Bitton                                     | Mikketz            |
|                   |      | 12/24/2026 | No Class (Christmas Eve)                                                                  | n/a                                        | Vayechi            |
|                   |      | 12/31/2026 | No Class (New Years Eve)                                                                  | n/a                                        | Shemot             |
| 17                | G    | 1/7/2027   | Diaspora: Jewish Communities Throughout the World                                         | Seidel                                     | Vaera              |
| 18                | I    | 1/14/2027  | Pesach: The Master Story of Jewish Identity, History and Celebration                      | Posen                                      | Bo                 |

Spring term begins 1/28/27