INTRO TO JUDAISM
FALL 2026

#	Code	DATE	TOPIC	RABBI(S)	PARASHA
UNIT ONE			THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND TIME		
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)	Kapor-Mater	YIZKOR
UNIT TWO			THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND GOD		
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	Lech-Lecha
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	Gleizer	Chaiyei Sara
12	L	11/12/2026	The Jewish Home: Kashrut, Ritual & Family Traditions	Dunsker	Toldot
UNIT THREE			THE JEWISH COMMUNITY: ONE PEOPLE, MANY PATHS TO IDENTITY		
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	Vayeshev
14	O	12/10/2026	The History of Israel and Zionism	Kosak	Mikketz
15	M	12/17/2026	Antisemitism: History of Jewish/Christian Relations	Bitton	Vayigash
		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