

Introduction to Judaism Course Description

The Rabbis of Congregations Beth Hatephila and Beth Israel are pleased to co-teach Asheville's community *Introduction to Judaism* class. It is designed for those who are curious, those creating partnerships with Jews, and Jews who hope to refresh their connection to and knowledge of Jewish tradition. The class begins shortly after the fall High Holy Days and runs October through January.

There is a fee for the class and discounts for couples.

Exploring Judaism: Flavors and Class Themes

Jewish Glossary: Timeline and Terms

Shabbat Through Text: Biblical to Rabbinic Evolution

Shamor, Zachor or Both: Re-envisioning Shabbat for Today's Jew

The Intentional Jewish Calendar: Major and Minor Holidays

Deed not Creed: Mitzvah/Movements

Kashrut: Keva (Traditional) Style

Kashrut: Kavannah Style- Is it all or Nothing?

As-if Theology and an American Holiday: Chanukah

The Mitzvah in Bar Mitzvah & Lifecycle Events: Birth, Maturity, Partnership, & Death

Peoplehood and Community: Purim and the Book of Esther

Avodah She'balev: Liturgy, Worship, and Prayer

Shoah to Tekumah: Anti-Semitism, Land and State

Choosing and Chosenness: Who is Choosing Who and for What?