

Introduction to Judaism 5779

Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 CBI and CBHT
Taught by Rabbis Justin Goldstein and Batsheva H. Meiri
Tuition: \$360 single/\$450 couple
Checks payable to: CBHT

Textbooks:

1. *The Tapestry of Jewish Time: A Spiritual Guide to Holidays and Lifecycle Events* by Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin.
2. *What do Jews Believe*, David S Ariel.

Essential to Jewish Library

Tanach – JPS or Oxford Jewish Study Bible
Jewish Literacy by Joseph Telushkin
Tough Questions Jews Ask, by Rabbi Edward Feinstein
Choosing A Jewish Life: A Handbook for People Converting to Judaism and their Families by Anita Diamant
Back to the Sources, Barry Holtz
The Sabbath, by Abraham Joshua Heschel
Night, by Elie Wiesel

Internet Resources:

MyJewishLearning.com, URJ.org, USCJ.org, jewfaq.org, jewishvaluesonline.org, sefaria.org

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| October 1 | Exploring Judaism: Flavors and Class Themes - BOTH RABBIS, CBHT |
| October 16 | Jewish Glossary: Timeline and Terms - GOLDSTEIN, CBI |
| October 23 | Shabbat Through Text: Biblical to Rabbinic Evolution - GOLDSTEIN, CBI Tapestry, Pg 34-45 AJ Heschel, The Sabbath (optional) |

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- October 30** **Shamor, Zachor or Both:**
Reenvisioning Shabbat for Today's Jew - MEIRI, CBHT
- November 6** **The Intentional Jewish Calendar:**
Major and Minor Holidays- GOLDSTEIN, CBI
Tapestry, Pg 46-93, 128-145, 166-177
Tapestry, Pg 110-117, 178-185
What Jews Believe, Pg 84-107
- November 13** **Deed not Creed:**
Mitzvah/Movements - MEIRI, CBHT
What Jews Believe, Pg 44-49
*David Hartman, "Mitzvah and Human Responsibility,"
A Living Covenant (Xeroxed)
- November 20** **Kashrut:**
Keva (Traditional) Style - GOLDSTEIN, CBI
Read What Jews Believe, Pg 176-180
- *November 27** **Kashrut:**
Kavannah Style- Is it all or Nothing? - MEIRI, CBHT
- December 4** **As-if Theology and an American Holiday:**
Chanukah - MEIRI, CBHT
Tapestry, Pg 94-109
*Introduction to Judaism by Kukoff Pg 29-35 (Xeroxed)
- December 11** **The Mitzvah in Bar Mitzvah & Lifecycle Events:**
Birth, Maturity, Partnership, & Death - GOLDSTEIN, CBI
Tapestry, Pg 192-239
What do Jews Believe, Pg 73-83
*Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin, "Why Do We Need Organized
Religious or Jewish Laws?" *Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism*

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- *December 18** **Peoplehood and Community**
Purim and the Book of Esther - MEIRI, CBHT
Tapestry, Pg 118-127
- December 25** **No class**
WINTER BREAK
- January 1** **No class**
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- January 8** **Avodah She'balev:**
Liturgy, Worship, and Prayer - MEIRI, CBHT
*Introduction to Judaism by Kukoff, Pg 200-222 (Xeroxed)
What Jews Believe, Pg 186-210
- January 15** **Shoah to Tekumah:**
Anti-Semitism, Land and State - GOLDSTEIN, CBI
Tapestry, Pg 146-165
Night, Elie Wiesel (optional)
*Introduction to Judaism, Pg 351-360 (xeroxed)
*Introduction to Judaism, Pg 305-314 (xeroxed)
- January 29** **Choosing and Chosenness - BOTH RABBIS, CBI**
What Jews Believe, Pg 108-128, 211-246