

Jewish and You: Classes for the Curious

2023-2024

TRIMESTER 1: JEWISH LIBRARY

OCTOBER 17: TORAH AND REVELATION

Explore the heart of the Jewish library, learning the history about and some stories from the heart of the Jewish conversation

OCTOBER 24: PROPHETS, WRITINGS, EXILE, RESTORATION AND HISTORY

Discover Jewish history and what made one small group of people in the Ancient Near East different

OCTOBER 31: HANUKKAH AND DESTRUCTIONS

Learn about the Jewish response to destruction throughout history

NOVEMBER 7: HALACHA – INTRO TO MISHNAH AND TALMUD

Put on your lawyer hat as we dive into the Mishnah, the Talmud and Jewish law

NOVEMBER 14: THE SIDDUR

Dive into the Jewish prayer book, learning about its history and structure

NOVEMBER 21: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE JEWISH

Conclude this section on the Jewish library with an exploration on how we live and breath learning and study today

TRIMESTER 2: JEWISH IDEAS

JANUARY 9: JEWISH CALENDAR

Embrace a year of Jewish living in 90 minutes: Explore the highs and lows of a Jewish year

JANUARY 16: JEWISH PRAYER

Explore spirituality, Jewish takes on what prayer is and why we do it the way that we do

JANUARY 23: SHABBAT

The Jewish people: inventors of the weekend. Come explore the texts and ideas behind Shabbat

JANUARY 30: CASE STUDY - KASHRUT

Learn about intentionality in Jewish practice through Kashrut

FEBRUARY 6: THEOLOGY

There's not one way to think about God: explore some of the greatest takes on God in Judaism

FEBRUARY 13: JEWISH MOVEMENTS AND IDENTITIES

How did we get to where we are today? A deep dive into the modern Jewish movements and what they believe

TRIMESTER 3: JEWISH LIFE

MARCH 12: BIRTH, B'NAI MITZVAH AND MARRIAGE – THE JEWISH LIFECYCLE

Celebrating sacred moments provides meaning and joy. Come learn about Jewish traditions on life cycles

MARCH 19: DEATH AND DYING – JEWISH TAKES ON AFTERLIFE

Embrace a lifetime of Jewish living in 90 minutes: Explore the highs and lows of a Jewish life

MARCH 26: SHOAH AND JEW HATRED

Learn about the Holocaust and explore the ways in which Jew hatred animates all hatred, and the ways in which it impacts Jewish life

APRIL 2: JEWS OF DALLAS

Explore the history of Temple Emanu-El and American Judaism through our community here in Dallas

APRIL 9: ISRAEL

If you will it, it is no dream! Come explore the history, culture, politics and dreams of the State of Israel

APRIL 16: TIKKUN OLAM, JEWISH ACTIVISIM AND CONCLUSION

Conclude the course with reflections on ourselves and our commitment to bringing Jewish values into all of our actions