

INTRO TO JUDAISM: The Essentials of Judaism

2024-2025

DATE OF CLASS	CHAPTER	TOPIC
Sept. 12	1	From Creation to the Edge of the Wilderness
Sept. 19	4	Holidays: The Great Wheel of the Jewish Holiday
Sept. 26	10	Starting Over: The High Holy Days
Oct. 24	2	The World of the Bible
Nov. 7	5	Shabbat: A Palace in Time
Nov. 21		Deep Dive: The Synagogue – fieldtrip to Har HaShem
Dec. 5	8	God: Encountering the Holy
Dec. 12	3	A Heart of Many Rooms: Exploring Jewish Diversity
Dec. 19		Deep Dive: Deepening Understanding of Jewish Diversity
Jan. 9	13	Love, Marriage and Kosher Sex
Jan. 16	14	Birth to B'nai Mitzvah: Raising a Mensch
Jan. 23		Deep Dive: Gender & Sexuality Revisited
Jan. 30		Deep Dive: Conversion
Feb. 6	15	A Time to Mourn: Traditions for Death, Grief & Healing
Feb. 13	9	Talmud: Arguments for the Sake of Heaven
Feb. 20	12	Philosophers, Poets & Mystics: The Jewish Middle Ages
Feb. 27		Deep Dive: History of Antisemitism
March 6	16	Out of the Darkness: Stories from the Holocaust
March 13		Deep Dive: Mysticism & Kabbalah (& Purim)
March 20	17	Israel: Dreaming of Deliverance
April 3	7	Passover: The Jewish Master Story
April 24	18	Tikkun Olam: The Jewish Mission to Heal the World
May 1		Deep Dive: Yom HaZikaron, Yom Ha'Atzmaut & Contemporary Israeli Realities
May 8		Jewish Community and Life After Conversion