

Introduction to Judaism

Classes will be held on Thursdays, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Zoom.

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Introduction to Judaism is a *free* program of Lappin Foundation in partnership with the North Shore Rabbis and Cantors Association.

Introduction to Judaism is a free 21-week course designed for individuals of faiths other than Judaism who want to explore Judaism or who are considering conversion to Judaism.

For those considering conversion, please note the following:

1. Regular attendance is required.
2. Upon completion of the course with approval of your sponsoring clergy person, a participant may proceed to a rabbinic court for conversion. Your sponsoring rabbi or cantor will assist you in making the necessary arrangements.
3. If applicable, the spouse or partner of the participant who is contemplating conversion is required to take the course.
4. Lappin Foundation will fund the cost of immersion in the *mikvah* (ritual bath) for individuals converting to Judaism who qualify.*

Sponsoring Rabbi or Cantor

Individuals who are taking the course for conversion to Judaism are required to have a sponsoring rabbi or cantor. If you need assistance selecting a sponsoring clergy person or for more information about **Introduction to Judaism**, please contact Sharon Wyner at 978-565-4450 or email swyner@lappinfoundation.org.

2024

September 5	Rabbi Michael Ragozin	Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot
September 12	Rabbi Ashira Stevens	Spiritual Approaches to the High Holidays
September 19	Rabbi Alex Matthews	Jewish Calendar
September 26	Rabbi Alex Matthews	Jewish Holidays
November 7	Rabbi Michael Schwartz	Jewish Culture
November 8	Temple Ner Tamid	Optional Friday Night Services – In Person
November 14	Rabbi Michael Ragozin	Mitzvot
November 21	Rabbi Michael Ragozin	Shabbat & Kashrut
November 23	Congregation Shirat Hayam	Optional Shabbat Morning Services – In Person
December 5	Rabbi Alison Adler	Theology
December 12	Rabbi Alison Adler	Jewish Ethics
December 19	Rabbi Alison Adler	Jewish Ethics

2025

January 2	Deborah Coltin	Holocaust
January 9	Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	Jewish History
January 16	Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	American Judaism
January 23	Rabbi David Meyer	Jewish Milestones
January 30	Rabbi David Meyer	Jewish Milestones
February 6	Rabbi David Meyer	Jewish Milestones
February 13	Rabbi Michael Schwartz	Tu Bishvat – Tree Festival
February 27	Rabbi Richard Perlman	Israel History
March 6	Rabbi Richard Perlman	Israel Government
March 20	Rabbi Richard Perlman	Prayer
March 27	Rabbi Ashira Stevens	Sacred Text

Tuition

Tuition is free. Introduction to Judaism is funded with generous support from the **Morton and Lillian Waldfogel Charitable Foundation and Peter and Maureen Waldfogel.**

Zoom links for the classes will be emailed to you prior to each class.

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