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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

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

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September 4	Deborah Coltin	Welcome to Introduction to Judaism
September 11	Rabbi Michael Ragozin	Introduction to High Holy Days
September 18	Rabbi Michael Schwartz	God (Theology)
October 23	Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	Torah ~ Sacred Text
October 30	Rabbi Michael Schwartz	Israel (Jewish Peoplehood/Culture)
November 1	Temple Sinai, Marblehead	Optional Shabbat Morning Service In Person
November 6	Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman	Prayer
November 13	Rabbi Michael Ragozin	Mitzvot
November 20	Rabbi Michael Ragozin	Shabbat and Kashrut
December 4	Rabbi Naomi Gurt Lind	Jewish Calendar and Holidays Part 1
December 11	Rabbi Alison Adler	Jewish Ethics
December 18	Rabbi Alison Adler	Jewish Ethics

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January 8,	Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman	Jewish Calendar and Holidays Part 2
January 15	Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	Jewish History
January 22	Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	American Judaism
January 29	Sharon Wyner	Holocaust
February 5	Rabbi Richard Perlman	History of Israel
February 7	Temple Ahavat Achim Gloucester	Optional Shabbat Morning Service In Person
February 12	Rabbi Richard Perlman	Contemporary Israel
February 26	Rabbi Jenn Mangold/ Rabbi David Meyer	Jewish Milestones
March 5	Rabbi Jenn Mangold/ Rabbi David Meyer	Jewish Milestones
March 12	Rabbi Jenn Mangold/ Rabbi David Meyer	Jewish Milestones
March 13	Congregation Ahavas Achim Newburyport	Optional Shabbat Friday Night Service In Person
March 19	Rabbi Alex Matthews	Wrap-up and Overview to the Conversion Process

Tuition

Tuition is free thanks to 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.

*For more information, contact Sharon Wyner at 978-565-4450 or swyner@lappinfoundation.org.

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 clergyperson, 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 one, or for more information about **Introduction to Judaism**, please contact Sharon Wyner at 978-565-4450 or email swyner@lappinfoundation.org

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