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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 and live in Lappin Foundation's North Shore and Merrimack Valley Service Area.

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



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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October 8	 Sharon Wyner	 Welcome to Introduction to Judaism!
October 15	 Rabbi Michael Schwartz	 Israel (Jewish Peoplehood/Culture)
October 22	 Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	 Torah – Sacred Text
October 29	 Rabbi Michael Schwartz	 God (Theology)
November 5	 Rabbi Benjamin Flax	 Prayer
November 12	 Rabbi Michael Ragozin	 Mitzvot (Jewish Obligations)
November 19	 Rabbi Michael Ragozin	 Shabbat and Kashrut (Kosher)
December 3	 Rabbi Jenn Mangold / Rabbi David Meyer	 Jewish Milestones
December 10	 Rabbi Jenn Mangold / Rabbi David Meyer	 Jewish Milestones
December 17	 Rabbi Jenn Mangold / Rabbi David Meyer	 Jewish Milestones

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January 7	 Rabbi Alex Matthews	 Jewish History
January 14	 Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	 American Judaism
January 21	 Sharon Wyner	 Holocaust
January 28	 Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal	 History of Israel
February 4	 Rabbi Michael Schwartz	 Contemporary Israel
February 25	 Rabbi Alison Adler	 Jewish Ethics
March 4	 Rabbi Alison Adler	 Jewish Ethics
March 11	 Rabbi Naomi Gurt Lind	 Jewish Holidays
March 18	 Rabbi Naomi Gurt Lind	 Jewish Holidays
March 25	 Rabbi Naomi Gurt Lind	 Jewish Holidays
April 1	 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.

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