

Temple Israel

# Introduction to Judaism

A class for anyone interested in the basic ideas, beliefs  
and rituals of the Jewish religion, culture and history

**Mondays, September 12, 2011 – May 21, 2012**

**6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Faculty: Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, Rabbi Sim Glaser, Rabbi Jennifer Gertman,  
Cantor Barry Abelson and Hebrew Instructor Fran Rosen**

Fee: \$350 for individuals and couples (includes books and materials)

*Payment plans and a limited number of scholarships are available.*

Introduction to Judaism is for anyone who wants to refresh his or her Judaic knowledge, is considering conversion to Judaism, or is interested in discovering more about the foundations of Judaism. This class covers the basic beliefs, observances and philosophy of Jewish religion, culture and history. **This class will also introduce the Hebrew alphabet and key Hebrew vocabulary.**

*Enrich your life, engage your mind and connect with others doing the same.*



## **About the class:**

The Introduction to Judaism (Intro) class is offered once a year from September through May and meets on Monday nights from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Intro is taught by Temple Israel clergy as an intensive university-style course (without the papers or tests!) "How-to" holiday workshops and other opportunities to learn more about Judaism are included. You will receive many books from which you can study at your own pace and use as resources. A half-hour session of beginning Hebrew is part of each class.

Each student or couple is assigned a "sponsoring Rabbi" with whom you meet to individualize your study according to your own interests and circumstances with regard to Judaism.

People enroll in the class for many reasons and come from many faiths. Some enroll for the purposes of conversion, others just to learn more about Judaism. Jews enroll to refresh or learn for the first-time about their beliefs, history, traditions, celebrations and language of Judaism. As a result, each year the class is made up of a diverse and interesting group of students. Those enrolling for the purpose of conversion have additional requirements including a four week Conversion Seminar in June.

The tuition is the same whether you take the class alone or as a couple. We do encourage those who have partners/spouses to take the class together as best as your schedules allow.

For more information contact Wendy Schwartz, Adult Learning Coordinator at 612-374-0344 or [wschwartz@templeisrael.com](mailto:wschwartz@templeisrael.com).



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