

**Temple Israel**  
**Introduction to Judaism and Jewish Life**  
**2008-2009 CLASS AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

9/5/2008

**Classes take place on Mondays from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

#	Date	Teacher	Topic
1.	September 15	Rabbi Zimmerman	God and The People Israel: Who Is A Jew? What Is Judaism? ( <i>Erev Sukkot</i> is September 26)
2.	September 22	Rabbi Saks	The Jewish Calendar Year: Part I – <i>Tishrei Holidays Workshop</i> ( <i>Erev Rosh HaShannah</i> is September 29)
3.	October 6	Rabbi Zimmerman	Jewish History: The Early Period ( <i>Erev Sukkot</i> is October 13)
4.	October 27	Rabbi Zimmerman	Jewish History: The Medieval Period
5.	November 3	Rabbi Glaser	Jewish History: The Modern Period & Israel
	<b>Friday, November 7</b>		<b><i>Shabbat Workshop, Dinner &amp; Services – 5:30 p.m.</i></b>
6.	November 10	Rabbi Glaser	<i>Torah and Tanach</i> : The Source of Basic Jewish Values
7.	November 17	Rabbi Glaser	Rabbinic Judaism
8.	November 24	Rabbi Zimmerman	<b><i>Hanukkah Workshop &amp; December Dilemma</i></b> ( <i>Hanukkah</i> starts the evening of December 21)
	December 1		JL@TI- choose a class (separate registration & fee required)
	December 8		JL@TI
	December 15		JL@TI
9.	January 5	Rabbi Saks	Reform Judaism & the Different Movements Within Judaism
10.	January 12	Rabbi Saks	Jewish Life Cycle- Part I: From Birth to Confirmation
11.	February 2	Rabbi Zimmerman	Jewish Life Cycle- Part II: From Marriage to Death
12.	February 9	Rabbi Saks	The Jewish Calendar Year, Part II ( <i>Tu B'Shevat – Shavuot</i> ) ( <i>Tu B'Shevat</i> is February 9)
13.	February 23	Rabbi Zimmerman	<i>Baytecha</i> : The Jewish Home and Personal Spirituality <i>Kehillah</i> : Communal Worship and Observance
14.	March 2	Cantor Abelson & Rabbi Glaser	Jewish Music Past and Present ( <i>Purim</i> starts the evening of March 9)
15.	March 16	Rabbi Zimmerman	Judaism and Christianity
16.	March 23	Rabbi Saks	Jewish Ethics and Issues of Social Justice
17.	March 30	Rabbi Glaser	<b><i>Passover Workshop</i></b> ( <i>Passover</i> starts the evening of April 8)
18.	April 20	Rabbi Glaser	Understanding our Jewish Community: Organizational Structure and Current Events ( <i>Yom HaShoah</i> is April 21)

19.	April 27	Rabbi Zimmerman	Questions, Round-Table and Conclusion ( <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i> is April 29)
	May 4		JL@TI- choose a class (separate registration & fee required)
	May 11		JL@TI
	May 18		JL@TI ( <i>Shavuot</i> starts the evening of May 28)
A.	June 1	Rabbi Zimmerman	CONVERSION SEMINAR 1: Texts and Background
B.	June 8	Rabbi Glaser	CONVERSION SEMINAR 2: Liturgy and Ritual
C.	June 15	Rabbi Glaser	CONVERSION SEMINAR 3: Dynamics of Conversion
D.	June 22	Rabbi Saks	CONVERSION SEMINAR 4: Panel Discussion

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**Torah Study**

Every Saturday, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

*Free and open to all. Come when you can!*

Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Rabbis Zimmerman, Glaser and Saks, as well as occasional guest teachers. Gain a better understanding of Torah and its relevance to contemporary life through study and dialogue.

**Torah Study 101 (The Alef-Bet of Torah Study)**

10:40 - 11:30 a.m.

September 29, January 26, March 22, May 24, June 28, August 23

*Free and open to all*

Please join lay-learners/instructors Rachael Freed and Steve Levie for Torah Study for the curious and the inexperienced. No prior Torah knowledge or Hebrew skills necessary.

**Highlights in Jewish History**

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (dates listed below)

Instructor: Dr. Joseph Goldman

*Free and open to all*

Join us for lively discussions of some of the most important events in Jewish history.

September 27: The Last Supper and Blood Libel: Sacrament and Slander as Ritual/Libel in Christian and Islamic Anti-Semitism.

October 25: The Two-State "Solution" and Why It Is a Problem for Israel and Palestine

November 22: The "Falwell Legacy:" Protestant Evangelicalism, Pulpit Politics, and "Love the Holy Land" without Judaism and Jews

February 28: Rosa Luxembourge: Socialist, Communist, Feminist, Jew--The Path from Radicalism to Sorrow and a Shameful Death

April 25: The Eichmann Trial: Jews, Justice, and Holocaust History

May 23: Milton Berle, Martha Raye, Myron Cohen, Sam Levinson, Phil Silvers, Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca: Jewish Shtick in the 1950s, or the Catskills through Ed Sullivan and TV in the 1950s