

## Introduction to Judaism

Exploring Jewish history, ideas, practices, culture, and the Hebrew language

## Tuesday Evenings September - May

Fee: \$500 per household

Payment plans and some scholarships are available.

This class will meet in-person at Temple Israel with a Zoom option.

Faculty: Temple Israel Clergy and Hebrew Instructor

## An introductory meeting with one of our clergy is required prior to enrolling in this class.

Introduction to Judaism is for those who want to discover more about the foundations of Judaism, want to refresh their knowledge, or are considering conversion to Judaism. We will introduce the history, values, texts, rituals, and philosophies that have shaped Judaism and introduce the Hebrew alphabet and basic Hebrew vocabulary associated with Jewish life. Intro is taught by Temple Israel clergy as an intensive university-style course (without the papers or tests!) with an experiential twist. "How-to" holiday workshops and other opportunities to learn more about Judaism are included.

People enroll in the class for many reasons and come from many cultural and faith backgrounds. As a result, each year the class is made up of a diverse group of adults of all ages with varied rich experience. Students who may be considering conversion have additional expectations including a conversion seminar in May/June. 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 and Program Director at wendy@templeisrael.com.