

## Madison Jewish Community

# Introduction to Judaism Course 2024

This course will be hybrid. **Our first eight sessions** will be at Temple Beth El (2702 Arbor Drive) and **our second eight sessions** will be at Beth Israel Center (1406 Mound Street). We will send the Zoom link to all participants after they register. We will make recordings available.

**January 11 Introduction and Core Beliefs of Judaism**

*Rabbi Jonathan Biatch*

**January 18 Practice and Observance at Home and in the Synagogue**

*Rabbi Betsy Forester*

**January 25 Jewish Prayer**

*Rabbi Jonathan Biatch*

**February 1 Shabbat**

*Rabbi Paula Winnig*

**February 8 Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**

*Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman*

**February 15 Passover, Sukkot, and Shavuot**

*Rabbi Jonathan Biatch*

**MISSED CLASS – RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28 – SEE BELOW**

**February 22 Hanukkah, Tu B'shvat, Purim, and Tisha B'Av**

*Rabbi Betsy Forester*

**February 29 Jewish Life Cycle, Part I – Birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and New Rituals**

*Rabbi Renee Bauer*

**March 7 Jewish Life Cycle, Part II – Marriage, Divorce and Death**

*Rabbi Paula Winnig*

**March 14 History, Part I – Israelites, Judaism and Jews in the Expanding World**

*Rabbi Bonnie Margulis*

**March 21 History, Part II – Medieval – 1492 – Enlightenment and Beginnings of Modern Jewish Thought**

*Rabbi Bonnie Margulis*

**March 28 Passover, Sukkot and Shavuot (MAKE UP FOR FEB 15)**

*Rabbi Jonathan Biatch*

**April 4 History, Part III – Holocaust, Israel & Zionism**

*Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman*

**April 11          History, Part IV – American Jewish History**

*Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman*

**April 18          Getting back to God – Developing a personal theology**

*Rabbi Betsy Forester*

**April 25          No Class (Pesach break)**

**May 2            Judaism and Modern Questions**

*Rabbi Betsy Forester*

**May 9            Siyyum/Conclusion – Living a Jewish Life: What's Next? Accompanied by a  
guided discussion on conversion for those who wish to stay**

*Rabbi Jonathan Biatch*