Introduction to Judaism 5781
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Congregation Beth HaTephila

Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 via Zoom
Taught by Rabbi Batsheva H. Meiri and Rabbi Justin Goldstein
Tuition: $360 single/$450 couple
Checks payable to: CBHT

Textbooks:
1. *The Tapestry of Jewish Time: A Spiritual Guide to Holidays and Lifecycle Events* by Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin.

2. *What do Jews Believe*, David S Ariel.

Essential to Jewish Library

Tanach – JPS or Oxford Jewish Study Bible
Jewish Literacy by Joseph Telushkin
Tough Questions Jews Ask, by Rabbi Edward Feinstein
Choosing A Jewish Life: A Handbook for People Converting to Judaism and their Families by Anita Diamant
Back to the Sources, Barry Holtz
The Sabbath, by Abraham Joshua Heschel
Night, by Elie Wiesel

Internet Resources:
MyJewishLearning.com, URJ.org, USCJ.org, jewfaq.org, jewishvaluesonline.org, sefaria.org

October 13 **Exploring Judaism:** Flavors and Class Themes - MEIRI

October 20 **Jewish Glossary:** Timeline and Terms - GOLDSTEIN

October 27 **Shabbat Through Text:** Biblical to Rabbinic-GOLDSTEIN
Tapestry, Pg 34-45
AJ Heschel, The Sabbath (optional)

November 3 **Shamor, Zachor or Both:** Reenvisioning Shabbat - MEIRI

November 10 **Deed not Creed:** Mitzvah/Movements - MEIRI
What Jews Believe, Pg 44-49

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*David Hartman, "Mitzvah and Human Responsibility,"
A Living Covenant (Xeroxed)

November 17 **The Intentional Jewish Calendar:** Holidays- GOLDSTEIN
Tapestry, Pg 46-93, 128-145, 166-177
Tapestry, Pg 110-117, 178-185
What Jews Believe, Pg 84-107

November 24 **Kashrut:** Keva (Traditional) Style - GOLDSTEIN
Read What Jews Believe, Pg 176-180

December 1 **Kashrut:** Kavannah Style- Is it all or Nothing? - MEIRI

December 8 **Purim:** Peoplehood, Community & the Book of Esther- MEIRI
Tapestry, Pg 118-127

December 15 **Chanukah:** As-if Theology and an American Holiday - MEIRI
Tapestry, Pg 94-109

December 22 No class WINTER BREAK

December 29 No class WINTER BREAK

January 5 **Avodah She'balev:** Liturgy, Worship, and Prayer - MEIRI
*Introduction to Judaism by Kukoff, Pg 200-222 (Xeroxed)
What Jews Believe, Pg 186-210

January 12 **The Mitzvah in Bar Mitzvah & Lifecycle Events:**
Birth, Maturity, Partnership, & Death - MEIRI
Tapestry, Pg 192-239
What do Jews Believe, Pg 73-83

January 19 **Shoah to Tekumah:**
Anti-Semitism, Land and State - GOLDSTEIN
Tapestry, Pg 146-165
Night, Elie Wiesel (optional)

January 26 No Class

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February 2 **Choosing and Chosenness:**
Who is Choosing Who and for What? - MEIRI
What Jews Believe, Pg 108-128, 211-246