

Curriculum for Adult Education Judaism Class

The curriculum consists of 15 sessions, one hour in duration.

Tentatively the class will meet at 2 PM on the following dates.

February 3, 10, 17

March 3, 10, 17, 24

April 21, 28

May 5, 19, 26

June 2, 9

As preparation for class each week students will read a few chapters in the books listed below and often to view a film that is available on the internet.

I will probably add other books in the course of our studies.

We begin at the beginning of the year. Our first session is about Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, the observances and especially the themes of the festival.

The film for this session is available on Amazon and it is free for members of Amazon Prime.

Walk on Water - A contemporary Israeli film focused on themes of repentance and the possibility of forgiveness.

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=walk+on+water&i=instant-video&crd=K8YWPQODC2QI&srefix=walk+on+water%2Cinstant-video%2C64&ref=nb_sb_ss_c_2_13_ts-doa-p

If you have seen the film previously (it came out in 2005) I recommend a review.

We will start with 3 primary texts for background reading.

Settings of Silver - An Introduction to Judaism

Stephen M. Wylen

https://www.amazon.com/Settings-Silver-Introduction-Stephen-Wylen/dp/080913960X/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1FH8HE8IA2O2W&keywords=settings+of+silver+stephen+m+wylen&qid=1642700457&srefix=Settings+of+Silver%2Caps%2C49&sr=8-1

Living Judaism - The Complete Guide to Jewish Belief, Tradition, and Practice

Rabbi Wayne Dosick

https://www.amazon.com/Living-Judaism-Complete-Tradition-Practice/dp/0060621796/ref=sr_1_1?

God is a Verb - Kabbalah and the Practice of Mystical Judaism

Rabbi David A. Cooper (zl')

https://www.amazon.com/God-Verb-Kabbalah-Practice-Mystical/dp/1573226947/ref=sr_1_1?crd=34M86L0GAD0FA&keywords=god+is+a+verb+by+david+cooper&qid=1642700799&srefix=God+is+a+verb%2Caps%2C49&sr=8-1

For our first class please read;
Settings of Silver, pgs. 3 - 11, 113 - 126
Living Judaism, pgs. 65- 71, 130 - 146
God is a Verb, Pgs 1 - 41

Our discussions will focus upon these concepts;.

What do I believe about sin? Is true atonement possible? Am I able to forgive others? What is it like for me to ask for forgiveness? How do other religion's views of sin and repentance differ from the Jewish view?