

## Introduction to Judaism

This course could be used for conversion and/or for Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah and/or it could be used for personal learning and reflection. We'll meet via Zoom on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 pm. If there is a critical mass of learners who'd like to do Hebrew instruction (and they're all beginners or they're clustered at a particular Hebrew level) we could add a Hebrew component from 5:00-6:00 pm. We'll meet for 20 sessions; the first 9 are in the "fall semester" and the second 11 sessions are in the "spring semester."

You may attend as many sessions as you like; if you're hoping to do conversion or an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you should not miss more than two sessions without arranging to make up the missed sessions. I will record the sessions, so you can go back and watch the lecture/discussion.

The Spring semester uses one book: *Jewish History: The Big Picture* by Gila Gevirtz. This is actually a textbook for teens based on *The History of the Jewish People* by Jonathan Sarna and Jonathan Krasner, but I like it best because just so easy to follow and it has lots of pictures.

January 16

Introduction and chapters 1-2

January 23

Chapters 3-4

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Chapters 5-6

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Chapters 19-20

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