

Introduction to Judaism - Rabbi Brian Serle		
Class Date	Subject	Weekly Torah Portion
Monday, Oct. 30	Introductions, course syllabus & personal goals	Vavera
Monday, Nov. 6	What is Judaism? Who are the Jewish people?	Chayei Sara
Monday, Nov. 13	Sacred texts: Tanach, Torah, Talmud, Midrash	Toldot
Monday, Dec. 4	Chanukah	Vayeshev
Monday, Dec. 11	Jewish Beginnings: Creation, redemption and revelation	Miketz
Monday, Dec. 18	God and Humankind	Vayigash
Monday, Jan. 8	Jewish Calendar and Shabbat	Vaera
Monday, Jan. 15	Synagogue, Prayer, Music & Hebrew, Jewish Meditation, Kavanah	Bo
Monday, Jan. 22	Tu B'Shvat; Judaism & the Environment	Beshalach
Monday, Jan. 29	Jewish Lifecycle from Birth to Partnership	Yitro
Monday, Feb. 5	End of Life, Death & Mourning, Afterlife	Mishpatim
Monday, Feb. 12	Jewish Values & Personal Middot (character traits)	Terumah
Monday, Feb. 19	The High Holidays - The Days of Awe	Tetzaveh
Monday, Feb. 26	Jewish History - Ancient Israel to the Enlightenment	Ki Tisa
Monday, Mar. 4	Tisha B'Av - The 3 Weeks	Vayakhel
Monday, Mar.11	History of Antisemitism & the Holocaust	Pekudei
Monday, Mar. 18	Purim	Vayikra
Monday, Mar. 25	Israel in the Jewish Story	Tzav
Monday, April 1	The American Jewish Experience; Streams of Judaism	Shmini
Monday, April 8	Kashrut, Mitzvot, Jewish Foods	Tazria
Monday, April 15	Pesach - Passover, Haggadah, Seder, Kosher L'Pesach	Metzora
Monday, April 22	No class - Erev Pesach	
Monday, April 29	Yamim - Shoah, Zikaron, HaAtzmaut	Achrei Mot
Monday, May 6	Sukkot & Shavuot	Kedoshim
Monday, May 13	Choosing to Create a Jewish Home and Life	Emor
Monday, May 20	Mysticism, Kabbalah	Behar
Monday, May 27	Yiddish Language, Culture, Humor	Bechukotai
Monday, June 3	Diversity and Gender in Modern Judaism	Bamidbar
Monday, June 10	Conversion - Preparation, Name Selection, Kippah, Tallit, Brit, Mikvah, Bet Din, The Welcoming Ceremony, Aliyah, Dvar Torah	Nasso