

**Pathways: An Introduction to Judaism**  
**Wed / Begins March 12 / 6:30-8:30 pm**

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**Course Readings:** In class we will address the chapters from *On One Foot* by Adam Greenwald, however it may be helpful to skim these in advance. Please do not purchase this book as we will provide copies on the student webpage.

**Required Texts:**

*On One Foot: An Introduction to Judaism Coursebook* by Adam Greenwald (2015)  
*To Life! A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking* by Harold Kushner (1994)  
*The Book of Jewish Values: A Day by Day to Ethical Living* by Joseph Telushkin (2000)

**Recommended**

*Choosing a Jewish Life* by Anita Diamant (2016)  
*The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays* by Irving Greenberg (1988)  
*The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel (1951)  
*A Short History of the Jewish People* by Raymond Scheindlin (2000)  
*Jewish Literacy: Revised Edition* by Joseph Telushkin (2001)

**Shabbat Dinner**

There will be a Shabbat dinner for the class on **Friday, May 2 at 7:30 pm** in Ballroom 3.

**Location**

Class will meet in **Ballroom 1**.

**Course Schedule and Outline:**

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| <b>March 12</b> | <b>Beginnings: From Creation to the Edge of the Wilderness</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 1<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapter 1-30           |
| <b>March 19</b> | <b>The World of the Bible</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 2, Kushner, pgs 3-48<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapter 31-63, Scheindlin, pgs. 1-49 |
| <b>March 26</b> | <b>God: Encountering the Holy</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 8, Kushner, pgs 143-180<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapter 257, 268, and 292-294 |

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| <b>April 2</b> | <b>Shabbat: Palace in Time</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 5<br><b>Recommended:</b> Heschel, The Sabbath  |
| <b>April 9</b> | <b>Passover: The Jewish Master Story</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 7, Kushner, pgs 124-129<br><b>Recommended:</b> Greenberg, chapter 2  |
| <b>May 2</b>   | <b>Shabbat Dinner</b><br><br>7:30 pm / 50 East 87 Street / Ballroom 3  |
| <b>May 7</b>   | <b>Talmud: Argument for the Sake of Heaven</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 9<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters 64-84, Scheindlin, pgs 51-69  |
| <b>May 14</b>  | <b>Israel: Dreaming of Deliverance</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 17, Kushner, pgs 243-257<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters 133-184, Scheindlin, pgs 217-248   |
| <b>May 21</b>  | <b>Philosophers, Poets, and Mystics: The Jewish Middle Ages</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 12<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, 85-115, Scheindlin, pgs 71-121   |
| <b>May 28</b>  | <b>Holy Days: The Wheel of the Jewish Year</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 4, Kushner, pgs 87-142<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters, 296-319, Greenberg, chapter 1   |
| <b>June 4</b>  | <b>When Do I Bow? And Other Questions About Jewish Prayer</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 6, Kushner, pgs 197-214<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters, 337-339 and 341-352   |
| <b>June 11</b> | <b>Kashrut: The Original Soul Food</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 11, Kushner, pgs 49-60<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters, 276 and 336   |
| <b>June 18</b> | <b>Hearts of Many Rooms: Understanding Jewish Diversity</b><br><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 3, Kushner, pgs 49-86<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters, 116-117, 120-121, 208-211, 222, and 225-229, Diamant, pgs 181-185 |

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| <b>June 25</b>  | <b>From Birth to B'nai Mitzvah: Raising a Mensch</b><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 14, Kushner, pgs 215-226 and 230-236<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters 277, 295, and 324-325           |
| <b>July 9</b>   | <b>Marriage, Love &amp; Kosher Sex</b><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 13, Kushner, pgs 226-230<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters 326-328 and 330   |
| <b>July 16</b>  | <b>A Time to Mourn: Traditions for Death, Grief, &amp; Healing</b><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 15, Kushner, pgs 236-241<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters, 278-280 and 332-334          |
| <b>July 23</b>  | <b>Out of the Darkness: Stories of the Holocaust</b><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 16, Kushner, pgs 259-277<br><b>Recommended:</b> Scheindlin pgs 199-215, Telushkin, chapters 240-246 and 185-201 |
| <b>July 30</b>  | <b>Starting Over: The High Holidays</b><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 10<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters, 285, 288, Greenberg, chapter 6  |
| <b>August 6</b> | <b>The Jewish Mission to Heal the World</b><br><b>Required:</b> Greenwald, chapter 18, Kushner, pgs 293-304<br><b>Recommended:</b> Telushkin, chapters 291  |