

Pathways: An Introduction to Judaism
Wed / Begins September 3 / 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)

Prayer Foundations

Prayer foundations is a Shabbat morning experience where we explore the world of Jewish prayer, learn its Whats, Hows and Whys, and pray. Attending these sessions is part of the Pathways program. The two dates during your cohort will be:

Saturday, November 15, 10:00 am

Saturday, January 17, 10:00 am

Shabbat Dinner

There will be a Shabbat dinner for the class on **Friday, December 12 at 7:30 pm**

Location

Class will meet weekly in the **Third Floor Chapel Rear**.

Course Schedule and Outline:

September 3	Beginnings: From Creation to the Edge of the Wilderness Required: Greenwald, chapter 1 Recommended: Telushkin, chapter 1-30
September 10	Holy Days: The Wheel of the Jewish Year Required: Greenwald, chapter 4, Kushner, pgs 87-142 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters, 296-319, Greenberg, chapter 1
September 17	Starting Over: The High Holidays

	Required: Greenwald, chapter 10 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters, 285, 288, Greenberg, chapter 6
October 22	The World of the Bible Required: Greenwald, chapter 2, Kushner, pgs 3-48 Recommended: Telushkin, chapter 31-63, Scheindlin, pgs. 1-49
October 29	A Heart of Many Rooms: Understanding Jewish Diversity Required: Greenwald, chapter 3, Kushner, pgs 49-86 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters, 116-117, 120-121, 208-211, 222, and 225-229, Diamant, pgs 181-185
November 5	Passover: The Jewish Master Story Required: Greenwald, chapter 7, Kushner, pgs 124-129 Recommended: Greenberg, chapter 2
November 12	When Do I Bow? And Other Questions About Jewish Prayer Required: Greenwald, chapter 6, Kushner, pgs 197-214 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters, 337-339 and 341-352
November 15	Prayer Foundations 10:00 am / 50 East 87 Street / ECC Play Room (5th Floor)
November 19	God: Encountering the Holy Required: Greenwald, chapter 8, Kushner, pgs 143-180 Recommended: Telushkin, chapter 257, 268, and 292-29
December 3	Talmud: Argument for the Sake of Heaven Required: Greenwald, chapter 9 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters 64-84, Scheindlin, pgs 51-69
December 10	Shabbat: Palace in Time Required: Greenwald, chapter 5 Recommended: Heschel, The Sabbath
December 12	Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm / 50 East 87 Street / Third Floor Chapel Rear
December 17	Kashrut: The Original Soul Food Required: Greenwald, chapter 11, Kushner, pgs 49-60 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters, 276 and 336
January 7	Philosophers, Poets, and Mystics: The Jewish Middle Ages

	Required: Greenwald, chapter 12 Recommended: Telushkin, 85-115, Scheindlin, pgs 71-121
January 14	Love, Marriage & Kosher Sex Required: Greenwald, chapter 13, Kushner, pgs 226-230 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters 326-328 and 330
January 17	Prayer Foundations 10:00 am / 50 East 87 Street / ECC Play Room (5th Floor)
January 21	From Birth to B'nai Mitzvah: Raising a Mensch Required: Greenwald, chapter 14, Kushner, pgs 215-226 and 230-236 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters 277, 295, and 324-325
January 28	A Time to Mourn: Traditions for Death, Grief, & Healing Required: Greenwald, chapter 15, Kushner, pgs 236-241 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters, 278-280 and 332-334
February 4	Out of the Darkness: Stories of the Holocaust Required: Greenwald, chapter 16, Kushner, pgs 259-277 Recommended: Scheindlin pgs 199-215, Telushkin, chapters 240-246 and 185-201
February 11	Israel: Dreaming of Deliverance Required: Greenwald, chapter 17, Kushner, pgs 243-257 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters 133-184, Scheindlin, pgs 217-248
February 18	The Jewish Mission to Heal the World Required: Greenwald, chapter 18, Kushner, pgs 293-304 Recommended: Telushkin, chapters 291

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