

Introduction to Torah: Story of Our People
Wed / Begins October 14 / 6:30-7:45 pm
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In this eight-week class, explore the stories and characters of the Torah that form the foundation of our heritage and traditions. Learn how to approach the study of Torah through various methods of inquiry such as rabbinic commentaries, Midrash, and modern scholarship. Our study and discussions this first semester will span from the story of creation through the story of Joseph – when the Israelites enter Egypt.

Class Number	Date	Topic	Optional Prep Reading
1	10/14	In the Beginning: Creation and Adam and Eve	Genesis 1-3
2	10/21	Noah and the Flood; The Tower of Babel	Genesis 6-11
3	10/28	Introducing Abraham: The Blessing, The Famine, Sodom and Gomorrah	Genesis 11-15
4	11/4	Sarah, Hagar, and the Favorite Son; The Binding of Isaac	Genesis 16-22
5	11/11	Jacob and Esav	Genesis 25-27
6	11/18	Imahot and Infertility (Cross-Textual)	Genesis 16-17, 25, 29-30 and I Samuel 1
	11/25	NO CLASS	
7	12/2	Joseph, Pt. 1	Genesis 37-39
8	12/8	Joseph, Pt. 2	Genesis 39-42
(MAKE-UP)	(12/16)	TBD	TBD