

CONGREGATION BETH YESHURUN

INVITATION TO JUDAISM COURSE CURRICULUM – 5770 (Fall 2009 – Spring 2010)

Session No. (& Date) 1st Hr. (9:00-10:00) TOPIC [2nd Hr. (10:00-11:00) is Hebrew class]

1 Sept. 8 TUES. NIGHT High Holy Day Workshop 7:00 – 9:00 PM (2 hrs)

2 Sept. 13 Converting to Judaism

[Rosh Hashanah begins Friday night Sept. 18 – Sunday Sept. 20; Yom Kippur starts Sunday night Sept. 27 through evening Sept. 28]

[Sukkot begins Friday night Oct. 2 – Simhat Torah Sat. night Oct. 10 and Sunday Oct. 11]

[Sukkot services Sunday morning Oct. 4 – 9:30-12:00 at Beth Yeshurun followed by:]

3 Oct. 4 Calendar/Sukkot at Rabbi Morgen's home/sukkah 12:30-2:30 (incl. lunch)

4 Oct. 18 Shabbat

5 Oct. 25 Prayers – Structure of Siddur, overview of services [**JCC tour**]

[Book Fair at JCC Begins Nov. 1 through Nov. 15]

6 Nov. 1 Overview of J. History, Classic J. Texts, J. Book List

7 Nov. 8 Beliefs: God, Revelation, Torah, Mitzvot (*cf* Christianity)

8 Nov. 15 Beliefs: Life After Death/Messiah/Resurrection (*cf* Christianity)

9 Nov. 22 Beliefs: Reward and Punishment/Theodicy (*cf* Christianity)

10 Dec. 6 Hanukkah (begins night of 12/11) (*cf* Christmas)

[Hanukkah begins Sunday night Dec. 11 through evening of Dec. 19]

11 Dec. 13 Beliefs – Extra session

12 Dec. 20 Prayers – Shema & Its Blessings (incl. Mezuzah, tzitzit, tefillin)

13 Jan. 10 Prayers – Amidah

14 Jan. 17 Prayers – Amidah (cont'd)

15 Jan. 24 Kashrut

16 Jan. 31 Ethics – Love Your Neighbor/Speech

17 Feb. 7 Ethics – Tzedakah/Gemilut Hasadim

Special: February 14 Yom Limmud – City-wide Jewish Day of Learning @ Beth Israel

Feb. 21 Purim

[Purim: Night of Feb. 27 (Megillah Reading) through evening Feb. 28]

Special: Feb. 28 – Purim Carnival at Beth Yeshurun (also morning Megillah reading)

18 Mar. 7 Ethics – Honoring Parents/Aged, Bikur Holim

19 Mar. 14 Passover [begins night of March 29] (*cf*. Easter) [**Kroger's tour**]

20 Mar. 21 Passover – the Seder

[Passover – Seders are nights of March 29-30, holiday continues through evening Apr. 6]

[Special: Apr. 4 Meet at Rabbi Morgen's Home for Passover Sunday brunch 9:00 am]

21 Apr. 11 Antisemitism /Christianity and Judaism [**Visit Holocaust Museum**]

[Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Memorial Day is April 11]

22 Apr. 18 Israel (**Israel's Memorial Day and Independence Day April 19-20**)

23 April 25 Life Cycle

24 May 2 Life Cycle (**Lag B'Omer is May 2**)

25 May 9 Shabbat and Kashrut revisited

26 May 16 Shavuot (incl. Ruth as convert)

[Tikkun Layl Shavuot is May 18, Shavuot continues through evening May 20]

27 May 23 Conversion Ceremony (What, When, How, Etc.)