

CONGREGATION BETH YESHURUN
INVITATION TO JUDAISM COURSE CURRICULUM – 5772 (Fall 2011 – Spring 2012)
(Revised 09-11-11)

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

- 1 Sept. 11 Converting to Judaism **10:00-11:00**
[**Scholar in Residence: Daniel Gordis Thursday night 09-15, Fri. night and Sat. at services**]
- 2 Sept. 18 Prayers – Structure of Siddur, overview of services
- 3 Sept. 25 **High Holy Day Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM** (optional: attend Chapel services at 8:00 to hear shofar blowing before class) (**2 hrs**)
[**Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday night Sept. 28 – Friday night Sept. 30; Yom Kippur starts Friday night October 7 through Saturday evening October 8**]
- 4 Oct. 9 Calendar/Sukkot
[**Sukkot begins Wednesday night Oct. 12 Congregation Sukkah Dinner at Beth Yeshurun!**]
[**Simhat Torah Thursday night Oct. 20 – bring kids! And Fri. Oct. 21**]
- 5 Oct. 23 Shabbat [**JCC tour**]
- 6 Oct. 30 **No class – Special Event: Torah Campaign Program**
[**Book Fair at JCC Begins Oct. 30 through Nov. 13. Don't miss opening night Oct. 30 Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin!**]
- 7 Nov. 6 Overview of J. History, Classic J. Texts, J. Book List
- 8 Nov. 13 Beliefs: God, Revelation, Torah, Mitzvot (*cf* Christianity)
- 9 Nov. 20 Beliefs: Life After Death/Messiah/Resurrection (*cf* Christianity)
- 10 Dec. 4 Beliefs: Reward and Punishment/Theodicy (*cf* Christianity)
- 11 Dec. 11 Beliefs – Extra session
- 12 Dec. 18 Hanukkah (*cf* Christmas)
[**Hanukkah begins night of Dec. 20 through evening Dec. 28**]
[**Congregational Shabbat (Hanukkah) Dinner – Friday night December 23**]
- 13 Jan. 8 Prayers – Shema & Its Blessings (incl. Mezuzah, tzitzit, tefillin)
- 14 Jan. 15 Prayers – Amidah – opening and closing blessings
[**Sisterhood Congregational Shabbat Dinner – Friday night January 20**]
- 15 Jan. 22 Prayers – Amidah (cont'd – middle blessings)
- 16 Jan. 29 [**R. Morgen out of town**]
- 17 Feb. 5 Ethics – Tzedakah/Gemilut Hasadim
- 18 Feb. 12 Ethics – Love Your Neighbor/Speech
- Special: February 19 Yom Limmud – City-wide Jewish Day of Learning @ Beth Yeshurun**
- 19 Feb. 26 Purim

- 20 Mar. 4 Class [**guest speaker**] **followed by Purim Carnival at Beth Yeshurun**
[Purim: Night of Mar. 7 – Megillah Reading – bring kids!!]
- 21 Mar. 11 Kashrut [**Kroger's tour**]
- 22 Mar. 18 Ethics – Honoring Parents/Aged, Bikur Holim
- 23 Mar. 25 Passover (cf. Easter)
- 24 Apr. 1 Passover – the Seder
[Passover – Seders are nights of April 6-7, holiday continues through evening Apr. 14]
- 25 April 15 Antisemitism /Christianity and Judaism [**Visit Holocaust Museum**]
[Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Memorial Day is April 19]
- 26 April 22 Israel
[Israel's Memorial Day and Independence Day April 25-26]
- 27 April 29 Life Cycle – Marriage, Birth/Brit Milah, Parenting
- 28 May 6 Life Cycle – Bar Mitzvah, Death and Mourning
[Lag B'Omer is May 10]
- 29 May 13 [**Guest speaker**]
- 30 May 20 Shavuot (incl. Ruth as convert) and discuss about Conversion Ceremony
[Tikkun Layl Shavuot is May 26, Shavuot continues through evening May 28]