

Introduction to Judaism Educational Resources

Temple Shalom is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Our community promotes spiritual nourishment, the enrichment of our Jewish identity and community, and the exploration of our rich Jewish heritage. URJ's vision exemplifies our commitment to community: *A world in which Judaism enables all people to experience peace and wholeness (shalom), justice and equity (Tzedek), and belonging and joy (shayachut and simcha).*

We encourage you to explore resources on URJ websites:

- <https://urj.org/>
- <https://www.reformjudaism.org/beliefs-practices/lifecycle-rituals/conversion>

Introduction to Judaism Online Classes

Introduction to Judaism is an engaging course for adults interested in exploring Jewish life through a Reform lens.

- **Tuition Fees:** \$540 (add a guest for \$180)
 - Payment plans and scholarships available upon request
 - Registration is now open for January 2023
- **Class Time Options:** Sunday AM or PM, Tuesday PM, Wednesday PM, or Thursday PM
- **Number of Sessions:** 20 Sessions
- **Link:** <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/judaism-classes/introduction-judaism/introduction-judaism-online-classes>

A Taste of Judaism®

Curious About Judaism? You are invited to join three free online sessions exploring a modern Jewish take on spirituality, values, and community. These classes are multi-access.

- [A Taste of Judaism® - Beth Hillel Temple - Kenosha, WI](#)
 - **Event Dates:** November 29, 2022 - December 13, 2022
 - **Meeting Times:** 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. CT
 - **Number of Sessions:** 3
- [A Taste of Judaism® - Congregation Beth Or, Maple Glen, PA](#)
 - **Event Dates:** January 9, 2023 - March 13, 2023
 - **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET
 - **Number of Sessions:** 3

Other Online Resources

- **JewBelong**
 - *Straightforward explanations, readings and rituals to help warm your heart*
 - <https://www.jewbelong.com/>
- **TheTorah.com**
 - <https://www.thetorah.com/>
- **My Jewish Learning**
 - <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/>
 - <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/category/live/conversion/>
- **Reform Responsa from the CCAR**
 - *The CCAR applies Jewish scholarship and transition to contemporary issues through the creation of Reform Responsa, based on the historic Jewish system of providing answers to questions about Judaism and Jewish living.*
 - Q&A format, intermediate level
 - <https://www.ccarnet.org/rabbinic-voice/reform-responsa/>
- **The YouTube Rabbi**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheUTubeRabbi>
- **BimBam**
 - *BimBam uses digital storytelling to spark connections to Judaism for learners of all ages.*
 - <https://www.bimbam.com/>
- **Hey Alma!**
 - *Hey Alma is a feminist Jewish culture site and online community bringing you a diversity of voices.*
 - Book list: <https://www.heyalma.com/the-best-books-for-exploring-conversion-to-judaism/>
 - Articles:
 - [How to Build a Jewish Identity from Scratch](#)
 - [How I Found My Own Atypical Jewish Community After Converting](#)
 - [I was Just Finding My Place in the Jewish Community, then Came the Pandemic](#)

Books

- [Choosing a Jewish Life, Revised and Updated: A Handbook for People Converting to Judaism and for Their Family and Friends](#) by Anita Diamant
- [Living a Jewish Life](#) by Anita Diamant
- [Settings of Silver](#) by Stephen Wylen
- **The Story of the Jews (two volumes)** by Simon Schama
 - Volume 1: [Available on Amazon](#)
 - Volume 2: [Available on Amazon](#)
- [The First Hebrew Primer](#) by Ethelyn Simon
- [Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way](#) by Joseph Anderson
- [A Life of Meaning: Embracing Reform Judaism's Sacred Path](#) by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan
- [Honoring Tradition, Embracing Modernity: A Reader for the Reform Judaism's Introduction to Judaism Course](#) created in partnership between the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)