



Shabbat with Friends New Mexico (SWF)

Recapturing the Joy of Shabbat Together

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Exploring the Jewish Experience Course Reading List. Essential and Recommended Reading

Essential Reading. Please Acquire These Books.

1. [Judaism's 10 Best Ideas](#). Arthur Green
2. Adam Greenwald, [On One Foot: An Intro to Judaism Coursebook](#) (2015). \$30. Order through Rabbi Gartenberg.
3. [Joseph Telushkin, Jewish Literacy: Revised Edition](#).
4. Alternative to Telushkin's book and less expensive: Subscribe to [My Jewish Learning](#) to reference topics and terms we learn in class. See below.

Recommended Reading to Enhance the Experience of the Program

- Raymond Scheindlin, [A Short History of the Jewish People](#)
- Irving Greenberg, [The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays](#)
- 5. Heschel, A. J. [The Sabbath](#)
- 6. Joseph Telushkin: [The Book of Jewish Values](#)
- 7. Joseph Telushkin: [Jewish Humor: What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews](#)
- 8. Alana Newhouse: [The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List](#)
- 9. Milton Steinberg: [As a Driven Leaf](#)

10. Ari Shavit: [My Promised Land](#)

Recommended Hebrew Primers

- Linda Motzkin, Aleph Isn't Tough
- An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults (2000)
- Rabbi Dov strongly recommends the Online Hebrew Classes of the Maven Program of American Jewish University [Hebrew | Online Jewish Learning | AJU Maven](#). Miller Students receive a discount for enrolling.

Online Jewish Resources

- [BimBam: Jewish Videos for Adults, Kids & Families](#). Good for reference and summaries of the Weekly Torah Portion.
- [Covenant and Conversation | Parsha of The Week | Rabbi Sacks](#). The late Rabbi Sacks is very inspiring, especially his weekly Torah portion commentaries.
- [Jewish Identity and Conversion | Hadar.org](#) This dynamic Jewish organization has many resources. These are lectures is on the topic of conversion and Jewish identity.
- [Ideas for Today - Shalom Hartman Institute](#). Another dynamic Jewish organization based in Jerusalem. Check out Lectures and mini-courses.
- [Community Learning - Jewish Theological Seminary \(jtsa.edu\)](#). I was trained to be a rabbi here. Great adult learning offerings

EJE 578 Schedule, Topics, and Reading.

Winter-Spring Course. From January 18, 2023 to June 7, 2023

Dates	Topic and Title	On One Foot Chapters and Essential Reading*	Recommended Reading*
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Part 1: The Jewish Experience of God and Religion 6 Sessions			
1. 230118	God in Judaism	Chapter 8 On One Foot	
2. 230125	God of the Torah and Jewish Scriptures	Chapters 1 and 2 of On One Foot	
3. 230201	God of the Talmud	Chapter 9 On One Foot	
4. 230208	God of the Philosophers and Talmudists	Chapter 12. On One Foot	
5. 230215	Jewish Religious Ideas and texts, Cycle of Holidays Ideas and Rhythms	Chapters 4 and 10, part 1 On One Foot	
6. 230222	Topics, 4, 10 Jewish Religious Ideas and texts, Cycle of Holidays/ Ideas and Rhythms Part 2	Chapters 4 and 10, part 2 On One Foot	

Part 2. Jewish Culture and Daily Practice March 1, 2023 to April 26, 2023, 7 Sessions.			
7. 230301	The Idea of the Jewish People	Chapter 3 On One Foot	
8. 230308	You are what you eat. Koshrut and Jewish Food	Chapter 11	
9. 230315	From Birth to Bnai Mitzvah: Raising a Jewish Mensch	Chapter 14 On One Foot	
10. 230322	Marriage, Love and Kosher Sex	Chapter 13 On One Foot	
11. 230329	Time to Mourn: Traditions for Death, Grief, and Healing	Chapter 15 On One Foot	
230405 Pesah, NO CLASS			
230412 6 th day of the Omer 7 th Day of Pesah No Class			
12. 230419 13 th day of the Omer	Prayer and Spirituality in Jewish Life/Role of the Synagogue	Chapter 6	
13. 230426, 20 th day of the Omer	Special Topic: The Role of Humor and Music in Jewish Life	On One Foot	

Part 3 Anti-Semitism and the Changing Predicament of World Jewry May 3, 2023 to June 7, 2023 6 Sessions			
14. 230503, 27 th day of the Omer	Pagan, Christian, and Islamic Jew Hatred		
15. 230510, 34 th day of the Omer	Anti Semitism and the Enlightenment	Chapter 16 On One Foot	
16. 230517, 41 st day of the Omer	Holocaust, Israel and American Jewry	Chapter 17 On One Foot	
17. 230524 , 48 th day of the Omer	The Torah is Not in Heaven. The Premise of Accessibility	Chapter 18 On One Foot	
18. 230531	Hesed and Din Must be Balanced, What is a Good World?	Chapter 18 On One Foot	
19. 230607	Shabbat: A Taste of the Next World	Chapter 5 On One Foot	

*Will be completed by the end of January with other essential and recommended reading.