

Embracing Judaism

is a pathway for the adult learner who wishes to discover or deepen Jewish knowledge. Whether you are Jewish, Jew-ish, considering Judaism or just want to learn more about its heritage, this course may be for you. In 18 sessions we will provide a journey into Jewish spirituality, thought, ritual and culture. We will also discuss the scope of Jewish history, the meaning of Jewish peoplehood, Jewish diversity and the importance of Israel to the Jewish people.

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Where and when will classes meet?

The program will meet in person on 18 Thursday evenings, 6:00 - 7:45 PM beginning on January 7, 2027. The class meets at the Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117

Program Fees:

The cost for the entire 18 week program is \$180. Full-time students and alumni of the program will receive a 50% discount. Significant others are urged to participate. Partner fee is \$50.

There will be required readings. Many will be from texts you will want to acquire. Some readings will be provided as handouts.

Scholarship funds are available. Contact Rabbi Plavin to discuss your need in complete confidence.

Note: This program focuses entirely on Jewish beliefs, history and ritual practices. Hebrew reading instruction is not part of the curriculum.

Embracing Judaism is offered by the Rabbinical Assembly of Connecticut in partnership with the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles.

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Whether you want to reboot your Judaism, satisfy your intellectual curiosity or consider Judaism as a new faith, you are invited to delve into the richness of the Jewish heritage.

Participants may join the program at any point and continue into the following year to complete all 18 units.



“ I found the class and to be warm and inviting to newcomers. The rabbis were all patient and kind. I found them to be extremely tolerant and accepting of people and their beliefs. Through this class I **found myself falling in love with Judaism.**”

“ I found The Embracing Judaism class to be very informative and easy to follow. I particularly enjoyed the way the rabbis pulled our class together like the new family we were beginning to form. ”



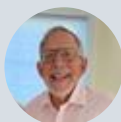
Faculty



Rabbi Debra Cantor
Congregation B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom



Rabbi Daniel Victor
Beth Sholom B'nai Israel



Rabbi Richard Plavin
*Program Administrator
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Rabbi James Rosen
Beth El Temple



Rabbi David Small
The Emanuel Synagogue



Rabbi Rachel Zerlin
Beth El Temple

You will learn about:

- ✧ Holy days and festivals
- ✧ The Bible and Jewish Law
- ✧ Jewish concepts of God and ethics
- ✧ Synagogue and prayer
- ✧ Life cycle observances including:
birth , bar & bat mitzvah, marriage
and death
- ✧ Kashrut: the Jewish dietary laws
- ✧ Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust
- ✧ Israel and Zionism
- ✧ Diversity of contemporary Jewish life

Who are our students?

Embracing Judaism provides educational background for all seeking to explore Judaism.

- Jews who never had the opportunity of a Jewish education in their youth.
- Individuals considering conversion to Judaism
- Anyone who want to better understand the religion of their significant other or a family member.
- Anyone who may have an intellectual curiosity about Judaism.