

**THE OREGON BOARD OF RABBIS'
INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASS
FALL SESSION BEGINS OCTOBER 23, 2014**

The Introduction to Judaism Class taught by The Oregon Board of Rabbis will be offered once in the coming academic year. The twenty sessions will be taught by members of The Oregon Board of Rabbis, rotating to several different locations. A carefully constructed curriculum includes Jewish history, life cycle events, holidays and Holy Days, ritual and daily practice, theology, mysticism, study of Torah and contemporary Jewish America.

Students come from a variety of backgrounds: some are Jews reclaiming their heritage; some are people interested in converting to Judaism, while others are investigating different religions in search of a spiritual comfort level. Many students are living with a Jewish partner and want to better understand that partner's background. All are people wanting to learn more about the Jewish faith and what it has to offer.

The "Intro Class" is open to adults over eighteen years of age and presents well-prepared lectures, stimulating discussions, breakout group activities, and practice of some blessings and songs. **WHILE NOT A CONVERSION CLASS**, most members of The Oregon Board of Rabbis consider this course a pre-requisite for students beginning conversion study with a rabbi at the congregation of their choice. The class facilitator is available to discuss this process and for private consultations regarding the experience of Jewish education.

The fee for the class is \$360 (per student or per couple sharing materials) and includes a *Chumash* (Hebrew/English Bible), a notebook of reference material, as well as supplementary material distributed throughout the course. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and rotate between seven different locations which are published on the schedule for the session.

For more information about the classes and registration procedure contact

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Thank you.