

Shalom

Hello! It is my pleasure to be among the first people to welcome you to the “Exploring Judaism” class. This class is designed for those exploring Judaism for the first time, for those beginning a conversion process, and for those Jews who wish to refresh their knowledge of a wide range of topics relating to Judaism. As part of your learning process, the class includes a panel with several of our community’s rabbis. It is a good way to establish your first contact for what we hope will become many in the future. The Jewish Federation of Omaha also offers programs and activities that are open to the entire community. As the Director of Community Engagement & Education I encourage you to contact me so that I may assist you in making more connections to Jewish life in Omaha.



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Scott Littky is an experienced Jewish education professional. He began his career in Jewish education in 1985 as a religious school teacher. From 1988 until 1997 he served the then Bureau of Jewish Education of Omaha as a Community Teacher. He taught at the Friedel Jewish Academy in addition to afternoon religious school programs. Scott served 17 years as a Director of Education beginning at Beth El Synagogue in Omaha, followed by Beth Israel Synagogue in Ann Arbor, MI, and Agudas Achim Congregation in Alexandria, VA. During the summer of 2014, Scott returned to live in Omaha and served for three years as the Program Director at Temple Israel. Currently Scott is the Executive Director of the Institute for Holocaust Education.



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Exploring Judaism

• Fall 2018 •

• Winter 2019 •

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 pm

ROSE BLUMKIN JEWISH HOME
Silverman Auditorium

Instructor: Scott Littky
Executive Director of IHE



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FALL 2018 Class Schedule

PART I: JUDAISM AS A RELIGION

- Oct. 8 Intro: What is a Jew and Jewish Contributions
- Oct. 15 Written Torah: Sacred Text, Oral Torah & Rabbinic Writings
- Oct. 22 Basic Beliefs and Mitzvot
- Oct. 29 Theology, Philosophy & Jewish Ethics, Who is a Jew?

PART II: JUDAISM AS HISTORY

- Nov. 5 Part I: History, Zionism, Anti-Semitism, Holocaust, American Jewish Experience
- Nov. 12 Part II: History, Zionism, Anti-Semitism, Holocaust, American Jewish Experience

PART III: JUDAISM AS A WAY OF LIFE

- Nov. 19 Hebrew Calendar, Holidays and Shabbat
- Nov. 26 Jewish Life Cycle & Culture
- Dec. 3 The Mikvah, Riekes Museum, Jewish Omaha
- Dec. 10 Contemporary Judaism and Denominations
- Dec. 17 Clergy Panel

WINTER 2019 Class Schedule

PART I: JUDAISM AS A RELIGION

- Jan. 7 Intro: What is a Jew & Jewish Contributions
- Jan. 14 Written Torah: Sacred Text, Oral Torah & Rabbinic Writings
- Jan. 21 Basic Beliefs and Mitzvot
- Jan. 28 Theology, Philosophy & Jewish Ethics, Who is a Jew?

PART II: JUDAISM AS HISTORY

- Feb. 4 Part I: History, Zionism, Anti-Semitism, Holocaust, American Jewish Experience
- Feb. 11 Part II: History, Zionism, Anti-Semitism, Holocaust, American Jewish Experience

PART III: JUDAISM AS A WAY OF LIFE

- Feb. 18 Hebrew Calendar, Holidays and Shabbat
- Feb. 25 Jewish Life Cycle & Culture
- March 4 The Mikvah, Riekes Museum, Jewish Omaha
- March 11 Contemporary Judaism and Denominations - Clergy Panel
- March 18 Israel Today & Jewish Secular Life
- March 25 Clergy Panel

Course instructor will provide links to all class material and recommends additional reading throughout the course.

All classes will be held Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Silverman Auditorium in the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home, 323 South 132nd Street, Omaha.

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Registration Form

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Email

REGISTERING FOR:

Fall 2018

Winter 2019

**Registrations not accepted
after second class of session.**

Tuition for "Exploring Judaism" is \$180 per person. The Jewish Federation of Omaha (JFO) presents the class as a gift, free of charge, to current contributors to the Annual Campaign of the JFO and active congregants of an Omaha synagogue.

Payment is due the first week of classes. Please make checks payable to "The Jewish Federation of Omaha" & return with completed form to:

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