

FOUNDATIONS



Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism Sample Courses



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SAMPLE COURSES

The Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism curriculum series allows for flexibility and creativity in course design. Each of the volumes, units, and classes can be modularized. We outlined a few ideas here to show the ways in which the thematic volumes can be used to craft courses of varying lengths and complexity for diverse populations.

SAMPLE COURSES BY TOPIC OR THEME

BELONGING TO A COLLECTIVE: BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY

8 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Multiple Entrances/Multiple Belongings** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 2, Class 1
- 2 **The Jewish People as a Tribal Family** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 2, Class 2
- 3 **Navigating Divisive Communities** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 2, Class 3
- 4 **What Members of a People Owe Each Other** . . . **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 2, Class 4
- 5 **The Bystander Effect** **ETHICS** Unit 2, Class 1
- 6 **Ethics of Rebuke** **ETHICS** Unit 2, Class 2
- 7 **Ethics of Sacrifice** **ETHICS** Unit 2, Class 3
- 8 **Building Community** **ETHICS** Unit 2, Class 4

FAITH AND PRACTICE

6 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Pathways to Faith** **FAITH** Unit 1, Class 1
- 2 **Faith, Trust, and Risk** **FAITH** Unit 1, Class 2
- 3 **Faith and Knowledge** **FAITH** Unit 1, Class 3
- 4 **Understanding Mitzvah** **PRACTICE** Unit 1, Class 1
- 5 **Sincerity and Ritual** **PRACTICE** Unit 1, Class 2
- 6 **Obligation and Autonomy** **PRACTICE** Unit 1, Class 3

GOD DURING TIMES OF CRISIS

5 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Divine Involvement in World Affairs** **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 1
- 2 **Divine Intervention and Human Initiative** **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 2
- 3 **Faith and Tragedy** **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 3
- 4 **Argument and Submission** **FAITH** Unit 2, Class 1
- 5 **Intimacy and Distance** **FAITH** Unit 2, Class 2

GOD AND FAMILY IN OUR LIVES

8 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Divine intervention—Biblical Perspectives** . . . **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 1
- 2 **Divine Intervention—Rabbinic Approaches** . . . **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 2
- 3 **Divine Intervention and Human Initiative** **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 3
- 4 **Faith and Tragedy** **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 4
- 5 **Faith and Blessing** **FAITH** Unit 3, Class 5
- 6 **Why People Choose to Parent** **ETHICS** Unit 4, Class 1
- 7 **Mutual Obligations – Parents and Children** . . **ETHICS** Unit 4, Class 2
- 8 **Dilemmas in Parenting** **ETHICS** Unit 4, Class 3

AMERICAN JEWISH IDENTITY AND ISRAEL

6 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Being and Becoming** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 1, Class 1
- 2 **Peoplehood in the Hierarchy of Values** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 1, Class 2
- 3 **Particularism and Universalism** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 1, Class 3
- 4 **The Centrality of Place** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 3, Class 1
- 5 **Diaspora, Citizenship, and the
Modern State of Israel** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 3, Class 2
- 6 **From No Homes to Two Homes** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 3, Class 3

SAMPLE COURSES FOR SPECIALIZED GROUPS

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

6 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Being and Becoming** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 1, Class 1
- 2 **Multiple Entrances, Multiple Belongings** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 2, Class 1
- 3 **Pathways to Faith** **FAITH** Unit 1, Class 1
- 4 **Faith, Trust, and Risk** **FAITH** Unit 1, Class 2
- 5 **Understanding Mitzvah** **PRACTICE** Unit 1, Class 1
- 6 **Tensions between Creation
and Covenantal Ethics** **ETHICS** Unit 1, Class 3

PRE-MARITAL COURSE OR A COURSE FOR YOUNG COUPLES

9 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Understanding Holiness** **PRACTICE** Unit 3, Class 1
- 2 **Sanctification of Time** **PRACTICE** Unit 3, Class 2
- 3 **Sanctification of Space** **PRACTICE** Unit 3, Class 3
- 4 **Pathways to Faith** **FAITH** Unit 1, Class 1
- 5 **Being and Becoming** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 1, Class 1
- 6 **Particularism and Universalism** **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 1, Class 3
- 7 **Why People Choose to Parent** **ETHICS** Unit 4, Class 1
- 8 **Mutual Obligations – Parents and Children** . . **ETHICS** Unit 4, Class 2
- 9 **Dilemmas and Parenting** **ETHICS** Unit 4, Class 3

INTERFAITH COUPLES

6 SESSION COURSE

- 1 **Building Community** **ETHICS** Unit 2, Class 4
- 2 **Multiple Entrances/Multiple Belongings**. **PEOPLEHOOD** Unit 2, Class 1
- 3 **Creation Ethics** **ETHICS** Unit 1, Class 1
- 4 **Covenantal Ethics** **ETHICS** Unit 1, Class 2
- 5 **Understanding Holiness**. **PRACTICE** Unit 3, Class 1
- 6 **Sanctification of Time** **PRACTICE** Unit 3, Class 2

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