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

Essential Reading

- Adam Greenwald, On One Foot: An Intro to Judaism Coursebook (2015). This is provided by the program for free.
- Arthur Green: Judaism's 10 Best Ideas: A Brief Guide for Seekers
- Joseph Telushkin, Jewish Literacy: Revised Edition. You may instead subscribe to My Jewish Learning to reference topics and terms we learn in class.

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
- Heschel, A. J. The Sabbath
- Joseph Telushkin: The Book of Jewish Values
- Joseph Telushkin: Jewish Humor: What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews
- Alana Newhouse: The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List
- Milton Steinberg: As a Driven Leaf
- 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

Recommended Scripture, Reference, and Ritual Items for establishing Jewish Home.

- Pentateuch (Humash) 5 Books of Torah with Haftarot and Commentary (There are many, but I recommend the **Etz Hayim.**
- JPS Tanach
- Shabbat Ritual Items: Candle Sticks, Challah Board and Cover, Kiddush Cup, Havdallah Set, Ritual Blessing Booklet, Siddur
- Festival Ritual Items: Hanukkah Menorah, Passover Seder Items,
- Home Jewish Items: Mezuzah with kosher parchment.
- Jewish Prayer Items: Tallit, Tefillin, Siddur, Mahzor.
- Cohen, Martin: The Observant Life
- Noam Zion: A Day Apart: Shabbat at Home.
- Lise Stern: How to Keep Kosher