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THE FOUR SEASONS OF JUDAISM

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Hours: Mondays from 7-8:30 PM

Price: Members: \$25 Per Section. \$75 4-Sections/**Non-Members:** \$30 Per Section. \$100 4-Sections.
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These series are open to all and will be a terrific interactive learning experience.

If you are considering conversion, these classes along with additional components can lead to conversion.

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<p>The Jewish Fall Holidays: Practices & Philosophy</p> <p>Sept. 19, 26 & Oct. 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come explore the rituals & messages of the many holidays that begin the Jewish year, from the New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, the fall harvest festival, Sukkot, and the culmination of celebration in dancing with the Torah and Simchat Torah. • We will examine the key prayers and blessings from each of these holidays, to deepen our experience of each of them (Rosh Hashanah begins Sept. 28) and to enhance our understanding of their sequence.
<p>The Jewish Winter: Chanukah's History & Heroes</p> <p>Nov. 14, 21, 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the most well-known yet poorly understood holidays, Chanukah, through a winter festival of light, is not the Jewish Christmas. • Come contemplate the ancient rabbis' discomfort with having a holiday for a military victory, and investigate the multiple meanings of the Chanukah miracle.
<p>The Jewish Spring: The Journey from Purim to Pesach</p> <p>March 12, 19, 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Purim (the week before this class starts), we read the Megillah, the scroll of Esther, telling the story from near the end of the Bible about the saving of the Jews of Persia, without any explicit mention of G-d. • On Pesach (the week after this class ends), we read the Haggadah, the story of the Exodus from near the beginning of the Bible, which omits any mention of any human redeemer, including Moses. • How do we move from no mention of G-d to no mention of humans, or, on a culinary level, from consuming plenty of leavened hamantaschen to ridding our homes of any leavened products? We will explore this journey through the Megillah, the Haggadah, and other rabbinic sources.
<p>Preparation for Shavuot & the Summer</p> <p>May 7, 14, 21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The period between Passover & Shavuot is full of minor feast days, fast days, celebrations & remembrances. • How did this time, known as the Omer, come to be so full of mini-holidays, and how does counting the days of the Omer prepare us for Shavuot and for the summer vacation that lies beyond? • Using Jewish calendars, Omer counters, and some ancient and modern commentaries, we will attempt to answer these questions.

Note: All texts provided in Hebrew with English translation.