

**Essential Judaism in 18 Nights**  
**Rabbi Natan at BS (November 9th-April 12th 5777)**

1. Wednesday, November 9th (6:15pm):  
***Intro, "What is Judaism?"***
  
2. **Tuesday**, November 29th:  
***Jewish Theology***  
*Readings: J10: Chapter 10, Essential Judaism: Chapter 8*
  
3. Wednesday, December 7th:  
***Biblical and Rabbinic Judaism***  
*Readings: J10: Chapters 4, 7-8, LJL: 61-77, Essential Judaism: Chap 5,6*
  
4. Wednesday, December 14th:  
***How We Pray***  
*Readings: J10: Chapters 1-3, 5, LJL: p. 1-12 & p. 26-60, Essential Judaism: Chapter 1*
  
5. Wednesday, December 21st:  
***Jewish Calendar and Holidays***  
*Readings: LJL: 139-170, Essential Judaism: Chapter 2*
  
6. Wednesday, January 4th (no class on Dec. 28th):  
***Jewish Holidays***  
*Readings: J10: Chapter 6, LJL: 171-210, Essential Judaism Chapter 2*
  
7. **Wednesday, January 18th** (no class on the 11th b/c of film festival, as written on syllabus, go to movie in lieu of class):  
***Pre-Modern Jewish History***  
*Readings: Essential Judaism: Chapter 8*
  
8. Wednesday, January 25th:  
***Modern Jewish History***  
*Readings: Essential Judaism: Chapter 9*

9. Wednesday, February 1st:  
***The Holocaust***  
*Readings: LJL: p. 201-204*
  
10. Wednesday, February 8th:  
***Israeli History***  
*Readings: Daniel Gordis, "Israel: A Concise History"*
  
11. Wednesday, February 15th:  
***Modern Israel***  
*Readings: LJL: p. 133-136 & Daniel Gordis, "Israel: A Concise History"*
  
12. Wednesday, February 22nd:  
***Deciphering Hebrew***  
*Readings: Aleph Isn't Tough*
  
13. Wednesday, March 1st:  
***Jewish Life Cycle***  
*Readings: LJL: p. 211-233, Essential Judaism: Chapter 3*
  
14. Wednesday, March 8th:  
***The Jewish Home***  
*Readings: LJL: p. 15-25, Essential Judaism: Chapter 4*
  
15. Wednesday, March 15th:  
***Streams of Judaism and Differences with Issues***  
*Readings: LJL: 97-103, Essential Judaism: 56-64, 232-237, 476-7,  
Appendix 1*
  
16. Wednesday, March 22nd:  
***Synagogue Life and Sanctuary***  
*Readings: LJL: 105-132 (skim)*
  
17. Wednesday, March 29th:  
***Shabbat/Living Jewish***  
*Readings: LJL: 82-92, Essential Judaism: 84-94, Chapter 4*

18. Wednesday, April 12th:

***Your Journey, Your Move***

*Readings (for those interested in conversion): LJL: 249-254*