

“Israel: Paradox and Promise” Syllabus and Schedule
Beth Shalom Synagogue Fall-Winter 5777
Rabbi Natan

- Class Reading: “Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn” by Daniel Gordis
- All Classes on Sundays at 11:30am except for Thursday, December 22nd class at 7pm

Class 1: November 27th

Israel’s Founding Documents

Reading: Declaration of Independence, *HaTikvah*

Class 2: December 11th

Declaration of Independence Cont’d

Reading: Start Chapters 1-4

No class Sunday, December 25th. Instead it is on Thursday, December 22nd at 7pm

Class 3: Thursday, December 22nd at 7pm

Zionism and Israeli History Overview

Reading: Chapters 1-4

Class 4: January 8th

“The” Conflict

Reading: Chapters 12-13, 16-17

Class 5: January 22nd

Israeli Demographics and Tensions

Reading: Chapter 9

Class 6: February 5th

Final Status Issues and the Elephant in the Room

Reading: Chapters 5-7

Class 7: February 19th

Social Framework and Flux

Reading: Chapter 11,15

Class 8: March 5th

Israel, Diaspora, and Current Events

Reading: Chapter 18

Class 9: March 12th

International Israel and The New Middle East

Reading: Chapter 10