



Suggested Course Readings

Recommended:

Irving Greenberg, *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays* (1988)

Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath* (1951)

Harold Kushner, *To Life! A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking* (1994)

Raymond Scheindlin, *A Short History of the Jewish People* (2000)

Joseph Telushkin, *Jewish Literacy: Revised Edition* (2001)

Online readings can be found at <https://www.aju.edu/miller-intro-judaism-program/learning-portal/readings>

Torah: Our People's Story

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapter 1-30

Ancient Israel: Kings, Priests, and Prophets

Kushner, 3-48

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 31-63

Scheindlin, 1-49

Online: Benjamin Scolnic, "The Prophets and Social Justice"

Two Jews . . . Three Opinions

Kushner, 49-86

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 116-117, 120-121, 208-211, 222, 225-229

Online: Elliot Dorff, "Living the Mitzvot: Today and Tomorrow"

Sacred Days: The Festivals of the Year

Kushner, 87-142

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 296-319

Greenberg, Chapter 1: "The Holidays as the Jewish Way"

Online: Bradley Shavit Artson, "Introducing the Hebrew Calendar"

Shabbat: A Cathedral in Time

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 320-323

Heschel, *The Sabbath*

Online: Sharon Brous & Aaron Alexander, "Shabbat and the Possibility of Transformation"

Prayer: Keva and Kavanna

Kushner, 197-214

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 337-339, 341-352

Online: Jonathan Wittenberg, "God and Us"

Passover: Exodus and Us

Kushner, 124-129

Recommended:

Greenberg, Chapter 2: "Judaism as an Exodus Religion"

Online: Deborah Silver, "Passover"

God Wrestling

Kushner, 143-180

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 257, 268, 292-294

Online: Bradley Shavit Artson, "Almighty? No Way! Coming to Know the God We Already Love"

The Rabbinic Revolution

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 64-84

Scheindlin, 51-69

Days of Awe

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 285-288

Greenberg, Chapter 6: "Rebirth and Renewal: The High Holy Days"

Online: Michael Werbow, "Rosh HaShanah" and Cheryl Peretz, "Yom Kippur"

Jews + Food

Kushner, 49-60

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 276 & 336

Online: Morris Allen, “How Kosher Is Kosher?”

Under Crescent and Cross

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 85-115

Scheindlin, 71-121

Online: Joel Rembaum, “Medieval History”

The Greatest Blessing

Kushner, 226-230

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 326-328, 330

Online: Shoshana Boyd Gelfand, “Love, Marriage, and Commitment”

From Generation to Generation

Kushner, 215-226; 230-236

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 277, 295, 324-325

Online: Ed Feinstein, “Childhood and Adolescence”

Life’s Hard Times

Kushner, 236-241

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 278-280, 332-334

Online: Sara Berman, “Illness and Healing”

Hatred and Heroism

Kushner, 259-277

Recommended:

Scheindlin, 199-215

Telushkin, Chapters 240-246, 185-201

Online: Michael Berenbaum, “Yom HaShoah”

Israel: A Great Dream

Kushner, 243-257

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapters 133-184

Scheindlin, 217-248

Online: Gila Dror, "Israel's National Holidays"

The Jewish Mission to Heal the World

Kushner, 293-304

Recommended:

Telushkin, Chapter 291

Online: Ruth Messinger & Aaron Dorfman, "Am I My Sibling's Keeper If They Live Halfway Around the World?"