

Intro. to the History of “World Judaism 101”

Whether you are curious about Jewish traditions or seeking to deepen your understanding of Jewish history, this class offers a comprehensive introduction and the necessary tools to navigate and appreciate the diversity of Jewish communities **today**. Come join us and explore the rich history, culture, and religion of the Jewish People from ancient times to the present.

Sat., May 3, 2025,

Temple Anshe Emeth

Piqua, 1 p.m.

In-person or on Zoom.

I. What is Judaism? – Definition and key principles. Judaism as a religion, culture, and way of life. Jewish sacred texts (Torah, Mishnah, Talmud, Midrash, and more!)



II. Historical Overview of the Jewish People – From Biblical to Modern Judaism. Hebrews, Israelites, Jewish, what’s the difference, and from where do all these names come? The destruction of the Temples. Jerusalem in History. Exile.



III. The Diversity of the Jewish People – Diaspora. Ethnically diverse yet united by shared history and common faith. Jewish communities around the world (Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Mizrahi, Ethiopian, etc).

IV. Persecutions and Expulsions – From the Inquisition to Programs and the Holocaust.

**Please let us know you are coming:
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