



EXPLORING JUDAISM

2009 - 5769/70

Sundays, 9:00 am, beginning September 13, 2009

Websites and books to Leisurely Peruse

Reform Judaism – www.reformjudaism.org

My Jewish Learning - www.myjewishlearning.com/index.htm

The Jewish Virtual Library - www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org

PJ Library - www.pjlibrary.org

Nextbook – www.nextbook.org

My Jewish Portal - www.myjewishportal.com

Settings of Silver by Stephen M. Wylen (SOS)

September 13 What is a Jew?

SOS – pg. 3-14, 336-357

Union of Reform Judaism - www.urj.org

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism www.uscj.org

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation www.jrf.org

The Orthodox Union www.ou.org

Society for Humanistic Judaism www.shj.org

www.myjewishlearning.com/life/Life_Events/Conversion/Contemporary_Issues/Denominational_Differences.shtml

September 20 The History (and other stuff) of the Holidays Part I

SOS – pg. 137-152, 172-175

www.urj.org/holidays/index.cfm

October 4 God and the Afterlife –

In-depth analysis of the Jewish conceptions of God

SOS – pg. 37-52, 110-123

Handouts – Introduction to “The Many Faces God” by Rifat Sonsino

Appendix to “Finding God: Selected Responses” by Rifat Sonsino and Daniel B. Syme

October 11 Shabbat and Liturgy

SOS – pg. 99-109, 124-136

www.urj.org/shabbat/

www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judai3sm/liturgy.html

October 18 Whose God Is It Anyway? –

Differences between Judaism and Christianity

SOS – pg. 53-78

- October 25** **The History (and other stuff) of the Holidays Part II**
SOS – pg. 153-172, 175-182
<http://urj.org/holidays/index.cfm>
- November 1** **Mitzvah Day**
www.rac.org/
www.myjewishportal.com
- November 8** **Talmud Say What? –**
 An Introduction to Jewish Sources and Jewish History
SOS – pg. 15-36, 185-312, [221-232], 313-335
A Page of Talmud www.acs.ualgary.ca/~elsegal/TalmudPage.html
- November 15** **Creating and Maintaining a Jewish Home**
SOS – pg. 79-85, 86-87, 95-98
www.myjewishlearning.com/life/Life_Stages/Building_a_Jewish_Home/Home_and_Community.shtml?LFLS
www.myjewishlearning.com/life/Life_Stages/Building_a_Jewish_Home/Home_and_Community/The_Jewish_Home.shtml?LFLS
www.reformjudaismmag.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=1361
- November 22** **The Holocaust and Israel – Now and Then**
SOS – pg. 358-406
- Holocaust*
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum www.ushmm.org
The Center for Holocaust & Humanity Education www.holocaustandhumanity.org
- Israel*
www.urj.org/israel/
www.arza.org/
www.adl.org/ISRAEL/record/conflicts.asp
www.adl.org/ISRAEL/record/creation.asp
- December 6** **From Birth to Death – Jewish Lifecycles**
SOS – pg. 85-86, 89-95
www.myjewishlearning.com/daily_life/About_Jewish_Daily_Life/HomeCommunity/JewishHomeTour_Ochs/JewishHome_Ochs.htm
www.jewishsf.com/content/2/module/displaystory/story_id/27428/edition_id/524/format/html/displaystory.html
www.myjewishlearning.com/lifecycle/Death.htm
- December 13** **The American Jewish Family - Conversion, and Inter-marriage**
SOS – pg. 407-439
www.myjewishlearning.com/life/Life_Stages/Building_a_Jewish_Home/Contemporary_Jewish_Family.shtml?LFLS
www.interfaithfamily.com
For those interested in conversion: <http://urj.org/outreach/conversion/individ/>