

JUDAISM 101: AN INTRODUCTION

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Suggested Readings for your Library:

- *TaNaKh* (Torah, Neviim, Ketuvim), either by JPS Publishing or Artscroll Publishing
 - *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays* by R. Irving Greenburg
 - *Jewish Meditation* by R. Aryeh Kaplan
 - *Sacred Relationships: Biblical Wisdom for Deepening Our Lives Together* by R. Michael Barclay
 - *Under The Table and How to Get Up* by R. Avraham Greenbaum
 - *Treasury of Jewish Folklore* by Nathan Ausubel
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- Introduction
 - Action vs. Faith
 - Portable Homeland
 - Definition of TaNaKh, YHVH, Ayecha/Hineni,
 - Creation
 - Gen 1:1 – 4:7
 - 7 Days
 - Eden, Adam, Eve, the Serpent, the Nature of Evil and Tshuvah
 - Bible Stories and Theology
 - Gen 11:26-13:18
 - Avram, Sarai, promise of Israel and offspring
 - Gen 16:1-17:27
 - Hagar and Ishmael; Brit Milah
 - Gen 18:1-18:15
 - Hospitality and Laughter
 - Gen 18:16-18:33
 - Sodom, Arguing with God
 - Gen 21:1 – 23:2
 - Birth of Isaac, Exile of Ishmael, the Akeidah (“Binding”)
 - Gen 25:19-25:34
 - Selling of Birthright to Jacob
 - Gen 27:1 – 30:26
 - Jacob Stealing Birthright (with Rivka’s help)

- Jacob's Ladder, Laban, Rachel, and Leah, and children
- Gen 32:1-33:20
 - Wrestling with the Angel, the name of Israel
- Gen 37:1 - 50:26
 - Joseph's Journey, Coat of Many Colors, Egypt, Jacob's Blessings
- Ex. 1:1-12:42
 - Slavery in Egypt, Moses, Plagues
- Ex. 13:1-13:16 - Passover
- Ex. 14:5-14:30 - Parting of the Sea of Reeds
- Ex. 15:1-15:26 - Song of the Sea
- Ex. 17:1-17:16 - Amalek
- Ex. 19:1-20:18 - Ten Commandments
- Ex. 23:10-23:19 - Festivals, Milk and Meat (*Halav v'Basar*)
- Ex. 31:16-34:10 - Shabbat; Golden Calf; Moses' Plea; 13 Attributes
- Leviticus (*Vayikra* - "and he called") - The Priests
- Lev. 11:1-11:22 - Kosher animals
- Lev. 18:1-18:25 - Forbidden Relationships
- Numbers (*Bamidbar* - "In the Wilderness") - the journey
- Num. 6:22-6:27 - the priestly benediction
- Num. 13:1-13:3/13:25-14:35 - The Spies and wandering 40 years
- Num. 15:37-15:41 - Tzitzit (knots on the Tallit)
- Num 20:7 - 20:13 - Moses kept out of the Promised Land
- Num 22:2 - 24:13 - Balaam and Balak
- Deuteronomy (*Devarim* - *Words/Things*) - Moses' speeches
- Deut. 5:6-5:18 - Repetition of 10 Commandments
- Deut. 16:18-17:11 - Judgments; Pursuing Justice; Judges/Rabbis
- Deut. 34:1-34:12 - Moses' death
- Judges - 3:12; 4:1; 6:1; 13:1 - what causes a Judge to be sent
- Judges 16:1-16:30 - Samson
- Sam. 1:1-1:28 - the prayer of Hannah, and Samuel
- Saul, and David
 - Psalms
 - Bathsheba
 - Tshuvah
 - The Descendant of a Jew by Choice (Ruth/Naomi)
- Solomon and the Temple
- Prophets

- Isaiah –
 - the future temple 2:2-2:5
 - Kedusha 6:1-6:13
- Ezekiel 1:1-3:16 – *Ma'aseh Merkavah* (Workings of the Chariot)
- Jonah – the reluctant prophet and a big fish
- Micah 4:1-4:5 – All nations come to pray together
- Micah 6:8 – What God requires of us
- Malachi 3:19-3:24 – Elijah and the coming of the Messiah
- *Ketuvim* (Writings)
 - How to find God in every relationship
- Holidays: their history, practices, and deeper metahistorical meanings
 - The calendar to keep us in synch with Life
 - Rosh Hashanah
 - Yomim Nora'im (days of Awe)
 - Yom Kippur
 - Sukkot
 - Simhat Torah
 - Channukah (and its connection to Sukkot)
 - Tu B'shvat
 - Purim and the Book of Esther
 - Passover (*Pesah*)
 - Counting the Omer
 - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence)
 - Shavuot (*Matan Torah* – the giving of Torah)
 - 17th of Tammuz
 - Tisha b'Av
 - Selichot
- Talmud, Mishnah, and Midrash
- The Temple in Jerusalem: its history, importance, and future
- Gaonic Period
- Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi
- Legal Codes: The Tur, the Shulchan Aruch
- Middle Ages: Persecutions, the Roots of Anti-Semitism, Blood Libel of Norwich 1144; Roots of Mysticism, and Convivencia
- Jewish Mysticism: Maaseh Bereshit, Maaseh Merkavah, and Lurianic Kabbalah
 - Bahir
 - Sefer Yetzirah

- Zohar
- Ramchal
- Jewish Meditation
- The Reformation
- The Baal Shem Tov and Modern Hasidism
 - The Toldos
 - R. Shneur Zalman of Liadi and ChaBaD
 - R. Levi Yitzhak
 - R. Nachman of Breslov
- Zionism
 - Herzl
 - The Balfour Declaration
 - Jabotinsky
 - Ben Gurion, Weissman, and Golda Meir
- Jewish Movements/Denominations
- Mussar and R. Israel Salanter
- The Holocaust and Post-Shoah Theology
 - The 614th commandment
- Modern Israel
- Liturgical Practices and Traditions: How and Why
- What is God, and how does God change through the Ages

Tav Yod Shin Aleph Resh Bet

בראשית

Bereshit – “In the Beginning”



Aleph

The only silent letter – value=1

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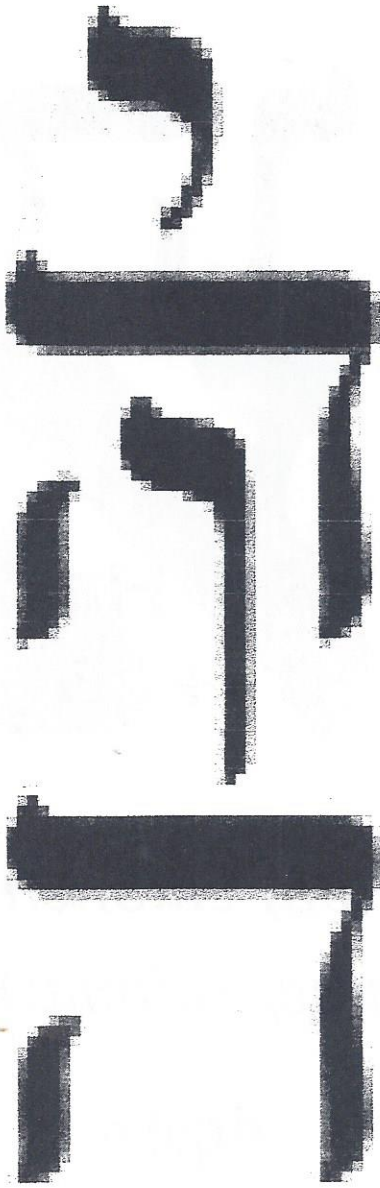
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HEY VAV HEY YOD

5 + 6 + 5 + 1 = 26

*(Tetragrammaton, HaShem, 4 Lettered
Name, Adonai)*



Four Lettered Name

YHWH

Tetragrammaton

Adonai

HaShem

Torah

Neviim

Ketuvim

Bereshit

Shemot

Vayikra

Bamidbar

Dvarim

Creation Story

Shabbat

Adam

Eve

Serpent

Eden

Cain

Abel

Noah

The Flood

Avram

Sarai

Lot

Abraham

Sarah

Hagar

Ishmael

Yitzhak

Brit (Bris)

Sodom

Mt. Moriah

The Akeidah

Yaakov

Jacob's Dream

Esau

Laban

Rachel

Leah

Israel

Dinah

Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Naphtali
Isaachar
Asher
Dan
Zebulun
Gad
Benjamin
Judah
Dinah
Joseph
Ephraim
Manassah
Joseph
Coat of Many Colors
Joseph's Dreams
Joseph's jail time and fellow prisoners
Joseph's Rise to power in Egypt
Potiphar
Pharoh
Slavery in Egypt
Moses
Yocheved
Miriam
Aaron
Zipporah
10 Plagues
Pesah
Yam Suf
Moshe Rabbeinu
Song of the Sea
Mi Camocha
Amalek
Shavuot
Shlosa Regalim
Sukkot
Aseret Devarim
10 commandments
Golden Calf
13 Attributes
The Tabernacle

Matza
Forbidden Relationships
Cohan/Cohanim
Laws of Kashrut
Priestly Benediction
Mana
70 Elders
Report of Spies to Israel
Joshua
Caleb
Moses/ Aaron bringing forth water from the rock
Balaam
Balak
Mitzvot
Mishpatim
Shema
Moses' Death
Miriam
Aaron
Joshua
Plagues
Sea of Reeds
Judges
Prophets
Samuel
Saul
David
Tehillim
Solomon
Shir HaShirim
Mishlei
Kohellet
Israel/Judah Split Kingdoms
Jerusalem
Sanhedrin
Oral Torah
Talmud
Mishnah
Gemarra
Midrash
Halacha
Aggadah
Baraita

R. Hillel
R. Shammai
Reish Lakish
R. Yochanan
R. Akiva
R. Eliezer
"Lo Bashamayim Hee"
R. Judah HaNassi
Pirkei Avot
Berakhot
Bava Metzia
722 BCE
586 BCE
70 CE
BCE
CE
Maccabbees
Channukah
Rosh HaShanah
Yom Kippur
Yomim Noraim
Simchat Torah
Sukkot
Bar Kochba Rebellion
Diaspora
Western Wall
Gaonic Period and Siddur Formation
Shabbat
Niggun
Rituals and Practices of Shabbat
Kabbalat Shabbat
Havdalah
Challah
Tallis
Tefillin
Yarmulke
Kippah
Tzitzit
Ashkenazi
Sephardi
Mizrabi
Passover, including rituals and practices (we haven't had it in class, but information is in the assigned readings in The Jewish Way)

Purim; including rituals and practices
Channukah; including rituals and practices
Rashi
RaMBaM
Mishneh Torah
RaMBan
Disputations
Saadi Gaon
Gaonic Period
Tur
Laws of Kashrut
Blood Libel
Norwich, England
Anti-Semitic Practices and origins
Pogroms
Shulchan Aruch
R. Yosef Caro
Tshuvot
RaMChAL
Israel Ben Eliezer
Baal Shem Tov
Hasid
Mitnagdid
Vilna Gaon (aka Gaon of Vilna)
Isaac Luria
Ari
Kabbalah
Sabbatai Zvi
Jacob Frank
Moses Mendelsohn
Chabad
R. Shneur Zalman
R. Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev
Rebbe Nacham of Braslav
Dov Baer
The Magid
The Toldos
R. Yaakov Yosef
Theodore Herzl
Mussar
R. Israel Salanter
Vladimir Jabotinsky
Zionist Movement
David Ben Gurion
Chaim Weitzmann
Golda Meir

KrytallNacht

Auschwitz

Dachau

Treblinka

Thiersenstadt

Bergen-Belson

Babi-Yar

R. Kalonymous Kalman Shapiro

Warsaw Ghetto

Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)

Shoah

Yom Ha'Shoah u'Gevurah (Holiday memorializing the Holocaust)