Jewish Life and Practice II  
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Course Goals:
The primary goal of Traditional Jewish Life and Practice is to help students deepen their familiarity with basic Jewish practices and the meanings behind those practices. Students will be introduced to the patterns and essential terminology of Jewish religious life: the life cycle, the Shabbat and holiday cycle, and other essential aspects of traditional observance. We will integrate primary text study, secondary readings and hands-on practicing, repetition and review in order to build fluency and comfort in the practice of Judaism. Students are encouraged to bring their personal experience to class discussions, and to talk about their reaction to the content of what we are learning and practicing.

Course Requirements:
1. Regular attendance. If you miss more than one session you will need to make up the class by writing a summary (750 words) of the topic for that week.
2. Thoughtful reading of the week’s assignments. Students are expected to come prepared and to participate actively. There will be an expectation of honest and respectful dialogue in all class sessions.
3. Class journal. Students will spend 15-20 minutes per week in Schoology discussions in response to the class. This written response is meant to be personal, reflective and informal. They are to be posted by each Tuesday after class.
4. Weekly quiz. There will be a short quiz at the beginning of each class on key terms and phrases from the assigned reading for that week.
5. “Lab” Project- Students are asked to focus on two Jewish practices, one relating to eating and one relating to prayer practice that they have either been currently observing, or have newly chosen to observe this semester, and to keep a brief weekly log to record their experience and their response. The May 16 class will be devoted to discussion and sharing our "lab" work.

Required books:
Martin S. Cohen and Michael Katz, editors, *The Observant Life* [TOL]  
Blu Greenberg, *How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household*  

Recommended books:
Irving Greenberg, *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*  
Isaac Klein, *A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice*  
Michael Strassfeld, *The Jewish Holidays*
In addition to these books, students are also expected to own a Hebrew/English Tanakh, and a traditional siddur (of your own choosing). Please bring the Tanakh with you to class each week.

Course Schedule

February 6
- Introduction to Jewish time: the calendar, year, month, week and day
- TOL Alan Lucas, Introduction, the Jewish Calendar 137-9

February 13
- Everyday spirituality, Daily Prayer, tzitzit, kipa, tallit, tefillin, sefer torah part I
  - A.J. Heschel, Man’s Quest for God, pp. 3-8
  - GJP I, 5-96.
  - TOL Prayer Karen Reiss Medwed pp. 5-60
  - Please bring siddur, tallit and tefillin (if you have)

February 20
- Daily Prayer, tzitzit, kipa, tallit, tefillin, sefer torah part II

February 27
- Purim, special shabbatot, Tu Bishvat
- TOL Lucas 193-202
- GJP II Barbara Penzner 463-505
- GJP II 701-704
- Recommended: Elon, Hyman and Waskow, Trees, Earth, and Torah

March 6
- Shabbat-Tefillot and home rituals
- TOL Shabbat Michael Katz and Gershon Schwartz 98-122
- GJP II Jacob Staub 73-182 [strongly recommended 182-200]
- Greenberg, How to Run, 25-90
  - recommended: Klein 53-75
  - recommended: Greenberg, Jewish Way, 121-81

March 13
- Shabbat Practice
- TOL Shabbat Michael Katz and Gershon Schwartz 122-136
- GJP II, Staub 3-71.
  - recommended: Klein 76-94

March 20
- Kashrut
- TOL Drazen The Dietary Laws Paul Drazen 305-338
- GJP I 519-548
- Greenberg, How to Run, Kashrut section
  - recommended, Klein 302-378

March 27
- Kashrut continued

April 17
- Yom Tov, Pesah
- TOL Lucas Working and Cooking on Holy Days, Eruv Tavshilin 139-42
- Pesah I-Seder etc
- TOL Lucas Nisan, The Passover Festival 202-3, 211-224
  - GJP II 527-578
  - Klein 103-140
- Recommended:
  - [Greenberg, Jewish Way, 34-656
  - Waskow, Seasons, 133-164]
- bring your favorite haggadot to class
April 24  
Pesah II-Hametz etc  
TOL Lucas 203-11  
GJP Robert Tabak and David Teutsch 579-604  

May 1  
Sefirat Ha’omer, Yom Hashoa, Lag Ba’omer, Yom Ha’atzmaut, Shavuot, Fasts  
Shavuot  
GJP II Seth Goldstein 615-657  
TOL Lucas 224-8  
Yom Hashoa, Yom Haatzmaut  
TOL 223-4  
GJP II 683-95  
Fast Days  
TOL Lucas 229-31  
GJP II 695-700  
Tisha Be’av  
TOL Lucas 231-5  
GJP II 659-681  
Tu Be’av  
TOL Lucas 235  
recommended:  
[Klein 141-153, 241-253  
Greenberg, Jewish Way, 66-93, 283-303, 307-372  
Waskow, Seasons, 165-218  
Greenberg, Jewish Way, 373-404]  

May 8  
Yamim Noraim  
GJP II Yael Ridberg Yamim Noraim 201-335  
TOL Lucas Elul, Selihot 143-5  
TOL Lucas Rosh Hashanah 146-156  
TOL Lucas The Ten Days of Repentance, The Day of Atonement 157-169  
recommended:  
[Greenberg, Jewish Way, 94-118, 182-215  
Waskow, Seasons, 1-86  
Klein 155-73]  

May 15  
Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, Simhat Torah  
GJP II Nina Mandel Sukkot 349-92  
TOL Lucas Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, Simhat Torah 169-187  
Recommended: [Klein, 175-224]  

May 22  
Final Session