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Judaism 101: Community or Interfaith Adult Education in 5 Sessions¹

Program Goals:

1. Increase knowledge and understanding of Judaism among Jewish adults in our community.
2. Increase knowledge and understanding of Judaism within the wider community.
3. Encourage open dialog between Christian and Jewish members of our community.
4. Increase non-Jewish participation in Jewish community programming.
5. Build stronger relationships between Jews and non-Jews in the wider community.

Session/Teacher	Title/Description
1 Teacher א	The Basics: Who/What is a Jew and What Jews Believe <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Differences between Judaism and Christianity 2. Is Judaism an ethnicity or a religion? Can someone be both secular and Jewish?
2 Teacher ב	A VERY Quick History • Jewish Denominations • Jewish Liturgy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quick History of Israelites and Jews – the Bible and Beyond 2. Biblical Judaism / Temple Judaism / Rabbinic Judaism 3. Jewish denominations and how they differ
3 Teacher ג	Holidays <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shabbat 2. Fall holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah 3. Hanukkah & Purim 4. Spring holidays: Passover, Lag B'Omer, and Shavuot 5. Yom HaShoah and Tisha B'Av
4 Teacher ד	Life Cycle Events and Traditions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Birth 2. Bnei Mitzvah 3. Marriage & Family 4. Death
5 Teacher ה	Israel: History and Politics of the Land <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical Israel vs. Modern Israel 2. What is a Jewish state and what are the politics? 3. What does Israel mean to Jews?

¹ Adapted from "Judaism 101 at the JCC" by Barry Abels, Executive Director of the Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC in Columbia, SC