Church Relations, Gustavus Adolphus College

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Introduction to Judaism:
Religious Practices, Central Texts, and Jewish-Christian Relations Today

Join us at Gustavus Adolphus College this winter with another in-depth mini-course series!

Although most people here and abroad have heard about Judaism and have perhaps studied the Holocaust, many people have not had the opportunity to learn about some of the basic practices and beliefs of this highly influential world religion. The aim of this series is to provide a basic introduction to Judaism and to explore Jewish-Christian relationships today. Some of the questions the series addresses are:

1. What are some of the main holidays and central religious practices of Judaism?
2. What are Judaism’s most central texts and interpretive approaches?
3. What are some of the major religious and cultural differences among Jewish communities today?
4. Who are some of the most influential modern Jewish thinkers?
5. What are a few of the differences and similarities between Jews and Christians today?
6. What is the status of Jewish-Christian relationships today?

By addressing these and other questions, the course sheds light on central beliefs and practices within Judaism and invites participants (whatever their religious or philosophical convictions) to reflect on their own values and the significance of religious literacy and interfaith relationships today. This course is open to people of all backgrounds.

The course will be taught on four consecutive Monday evenings. For more information or to register, contact Cyndi Berg in Church Relations at Gustavus, 507-933-7001, or e-mail church-relations@gustavus.edu.

This is a not-for-credit course organized and sponsored by Church Relations and the Bernhardson Chair

Instructors:
- Rabbi Susan J. Shoshana Dworsky, Associate Chaplain for Jewish and Interfaith Life at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota and Rabbi of Temple Sholom in Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- Dr. Marian Broida, Visiting Professor of Hebrew Bible and Judaism, Gustavus Adolphus College
- David Jordan Harris, Vocalist, Artistic Director of Voices of Sepharad, and Special Consultant in the Arts at the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Rev. Brian Konkol, College Chaplain, Gustavus Adolphus College
- Dr. Marcia J. Bunge, Professor of Religion and Bernhardson Distinguished Chair of Lutheran Studies

WHEN: Mondays, February 8, 15, 22, 29 (snow day March 7); 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Olin Hall 103
WHO: Anyone who wants to explore this topic. All are welcome!
COST: $35/person (registration deadline: February 1, 2016)

TO REGISTER: Please complete the form below (space is limited) and return with payment to: Gustavus Adolphus College, Church Relations, 800 West College Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082

Registration Form for the Winter 2016 Exploring Religious Questions Series

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________
Home Address: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________ Home Church (and City): ___________________________

☐ Payment enclosed with registration (check payable to Gustavus Adolphus College).

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