

OLLI at DU Syllabus

Date	05/24/2026
Course Title (Same Title as Shows in the Catalog)	Jewish History and Christianity: Common Roots and Intertwined Branches.
Term (example: Fall Term 2024)	Fall 2026
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Course Dates (Example: Wednesdays, 01/01/2001—03/01/2001)	9/8/26 -10/13/26
Required or Recommended Readings	Recommended: 1) Max I. Dimont. Jews, God, and History. 2) Paul Johnson. A History of the Jews. 3) A.N. Wilson. Jesus: A Life. 4) James Carroll. Constantine's Sword.
Week 1	Jewish History from Abraham to Babylonian Exile.
Week 2	From the Return to Jerusalem to Post-Roman Wars Exile and Diaspora
Week 3	The birth of Christianity.
Week 4	The Ten Tribes, Mizrahi, Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews through the Renaissance
Week 5	Road to Enlightenment – Triumph and Tragedy