



Six weeks beginning June 24, 2026!

**Wednesday 3PM in person or on Zoom,
8:15 PM Zoom only**

The destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE was one of the greatest crises in Jewish history. Without a Temple, priesthood, or political sovereignty, Judaism faced a profound existential question: How could it survive?

This new six-week course will explore how the early rabbis responded to that crisis by reshaping Jewish life into a portable, adaptable system centered on study, law, and community. Rather than collapsing after the destruction of the Temple and the exile of much of the Jewish people, Judaism was reimagined into a resilient tradition capable of surviving and flourishing across centuries and continents.

Through classical texts, historical sources, and lively discussion, participants will examine questions of leadership, crisis, adaptation, and innovation. Together, we will explore how the difficult decisions made by the rabbis nearly 2,000 years ago not only preserved Judaism, but continue to shape Jewish life and practice to this day.