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**Community-wide Course: “Judaism for Conversion Candidates”  
Begins in Fall**

The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas will once again offer a community-wide course, “Judaism for Conversion Candidates” beginning August 15. The year-long course will be taught on a rotating basis by rabbis from the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements and is intended to acquaint those considering conversion to Judaism with what it means to live Jewishly. Each student will be required to secure a congregational rabbinic sponsor by February 1 and meet the conversion requirements developed by their rabbinic sponsor.

The class provides a comfortable forum for students to learn about Jewish holidays, home celebrations, life-cycle observances, rituals and Jewish prayer, Torah, Judaism’s view of God, Israel and about our religion’s movements. Each class will include a 30-minute Hebrew component. Participants will combine Jewish learning with Jewish “doing” as they become part of a shared community and create Jewish memories by taking part in a Shabbat and Havdalah experience. They will also participate in holiday celebrations and observances. This course allows future Jews-by-choice the opportunity to meet one another and to learn not only about Judaism but also about the Kansas City Jewish community.

Classes will take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and the location will rotate among the synagogues. An orientation session is scheduled for August 8, 7:00-9:00 at the Jewish Community Campus. For additional information or to register for this course, visit [kcrabbis.org](http://kcrabbis.org) or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, by email at [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or 913-327-4622.

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