

JUDAISM

World Religion Class - Anthem

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INTRODUCTION

- 5/6th of our Bible (about 83%) deals with Israel and the Jewish people.
- What have the Jewish people given us? Salvation, the Patriarchs, The Torah / Tanach, the Prophets, Mary, Joseph & Yeshua and the Disciples including Paul.

I. DEFINITIONS

SECULAR

ORTHODOX - Various Rabbinical Schools

CONSERVATIVE

HASSIDIC / KABBALAH

REFORMED

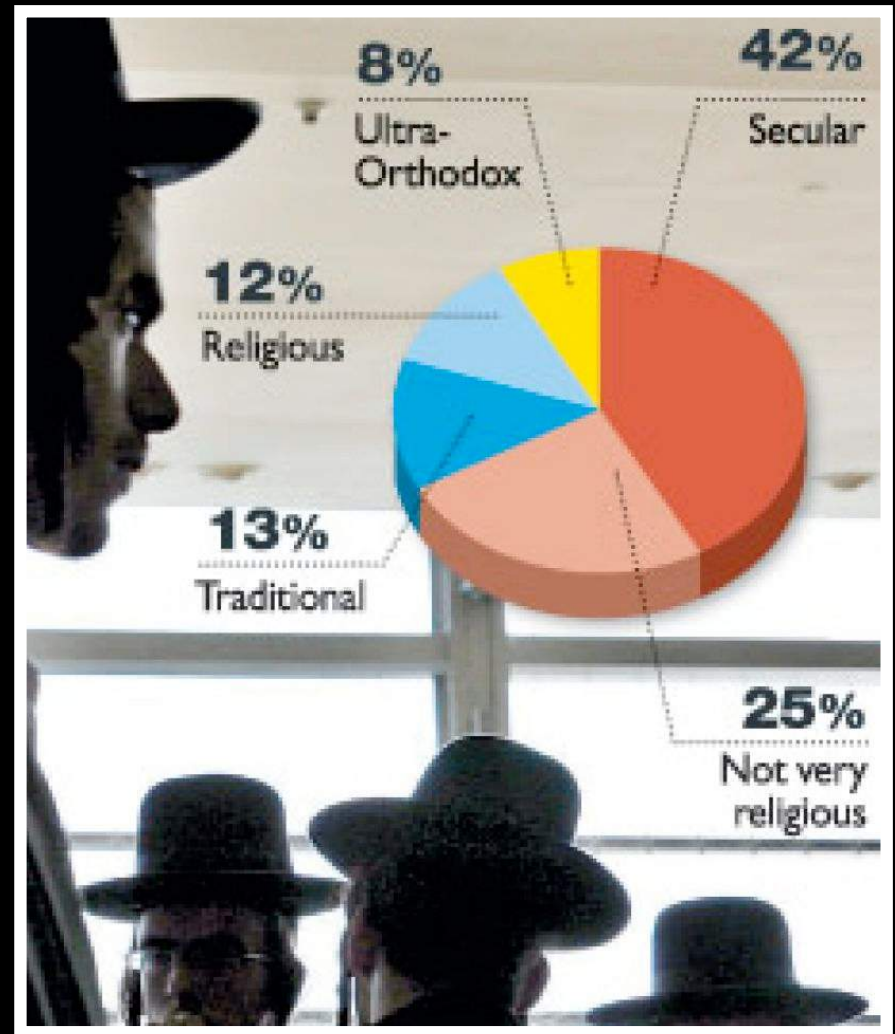
MESSIANIC

Think about Christian denominations and others -

Baptist, Catholics, Pentecostals, Amish, Mormons, etc

OVERALL VIEW

- Eight percent of Jewish Israeli adults define themselves as ultra-Orthodox, 12 percent as religious, 13 percent as traditional-religious, and 25 percent as traditional but "not very religious."
- Meanwhile, 42 percent of the Jewish population characterize themselves as secular.
- Among secular respondents, 24 percent reported that they had attended synagogue on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur or both. Among secular Jews, 26 percent said they had fasted on Yom Kippur, 17 percent build a sukkah and 82 percent regularly conduct a seder at Passover.



SECULAR

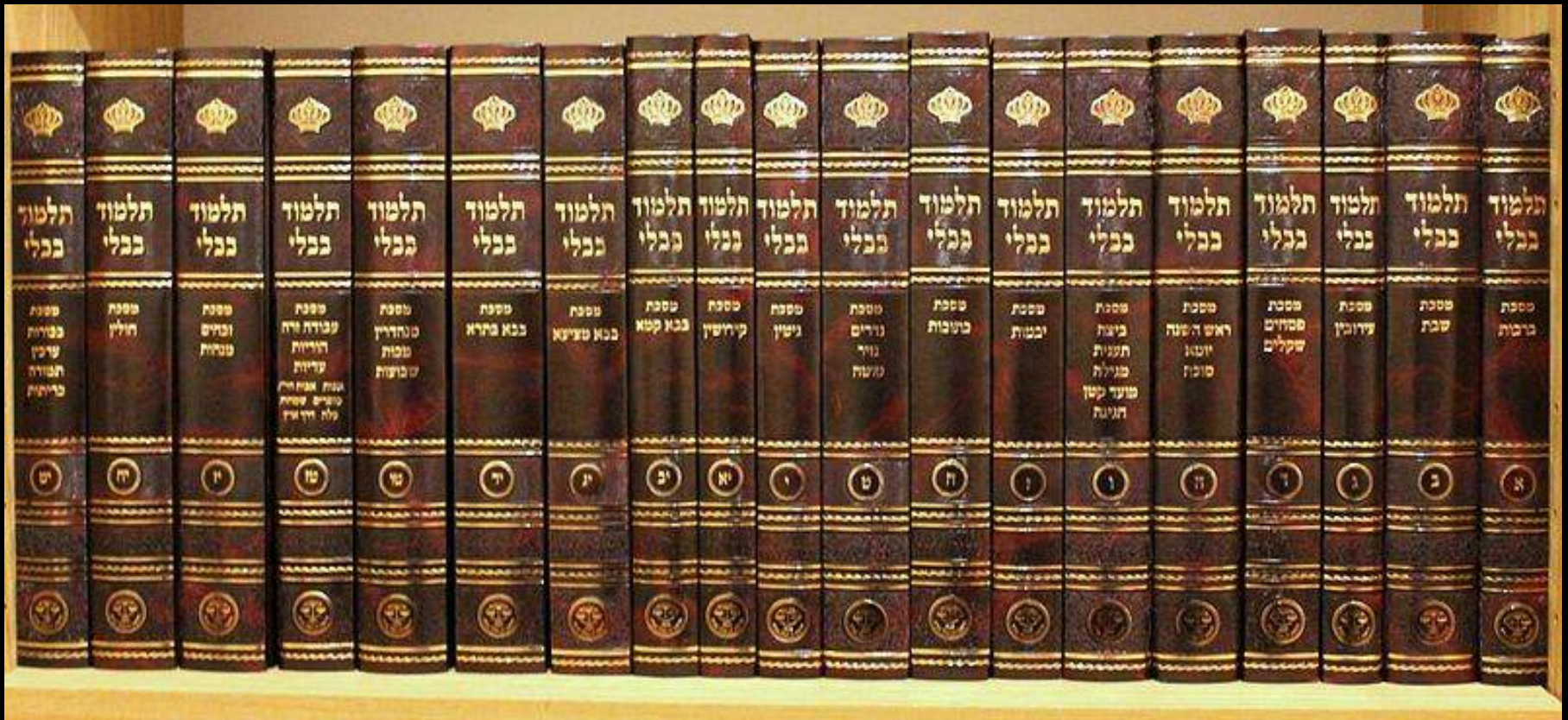
- Simply born Jewish
- Secular Jews, those who accept the world without a superpower God, nevertheless participate in religious rituals and ceremonies, thus they are culturally Jews.
- Remember Secular Jews outnumber all other categories and make up over 65 % of Jews living in Israel today.

ORTHODOX

- Orthodox Judaism is not a unified movement with a single governing body, but many different movements adhering to common principles.
- All of the Orthodox movements are very similar in their observance and beliefs, differing only in the details that are emphasized.
- They also differ in their attitudes toward modern culture and the state of Israel. They all share one key feature: a dedication to Torah, both Written and Oral.

ORAL TRADITIONS

- **Talmud** - The Talmud is a huge collection of doctrines and laws compiled and written before the 8th Century, A.D., by ancient Jewish teachers. The Talmud, which often cites the Old Testament, is the basic book of Jewish law. The Talmud contains both the Mishnah and Gemara.
- **Mishnah** - The Mishnah teaches the oral traditions, presenting actual cases being brought to judgment (post-Temple 70AD -200AD), usually along with the debate on the matter and the judgment that was given by a notable rabbi.
- **Gemara** - is the component of the Talmud comprising rabbinical analysis of and commentary on the Mishnah. After the Mishnah was published by Judah HaNasi (c. 200 CE), the work was studied exhaustively by generation after generation of rabbis in Babylonia and the Land of Israel. Their discussions were written down in a series of books that became the Gemara, which when combined with the Mishnah constituted the Talmud.



ASHKENAZI

- Ashkenazi focus on Hebrew, Torah and especially Talmud. They use religion to protect themselves from outside influences. By choice, they mostly lived in self-contained communities surrounding their synagogue and other communal institutions. Yiddish was the common language of Ashkenazi Jews in eastern and central Europe. The majority of Jews in the world today are Ashkenazi .



SEPHARDI

- The descendants of Jews who left Spain or Portugal after the 1492 expulsion are referred to as Sephardic.
- While Israel was founded primarily by Ashkenazi Jews, more than half of Israelis have been Sephardim. Trust between the two have been difficult at times, but as time goes by things are getting better.



HASIDIC - CHABAD

- Lubavitch - The movement's major thrust focuses on observing for one's self and transmitting to others the beauty, depth, awareness and joy inherent in the Torah true way of life. By doing so, it strives to revitalize Jewish life by intensifying the individual's relationship to Gd, and deep sense of devotion and love towards one's fellow man.
- While Ashkenazi and Sephardic tend to focus on particular yeshivahs, the Hasidim tend to study the teachings of their Rebbe.



SCHNEERSON

- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, known as "the Rebbe," was the leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement and is one of the most recognizable men in Judaism. He is considered one of the most influential Jewish leaders of the 20th century.
- Many in Chabad believe that the Rebbe is the Moshiach (messiah). Is the belief that the Rebbe is the Messiah, and will be resurrected from the dead to usher in the messianic era.
- He died on June 12, 1994



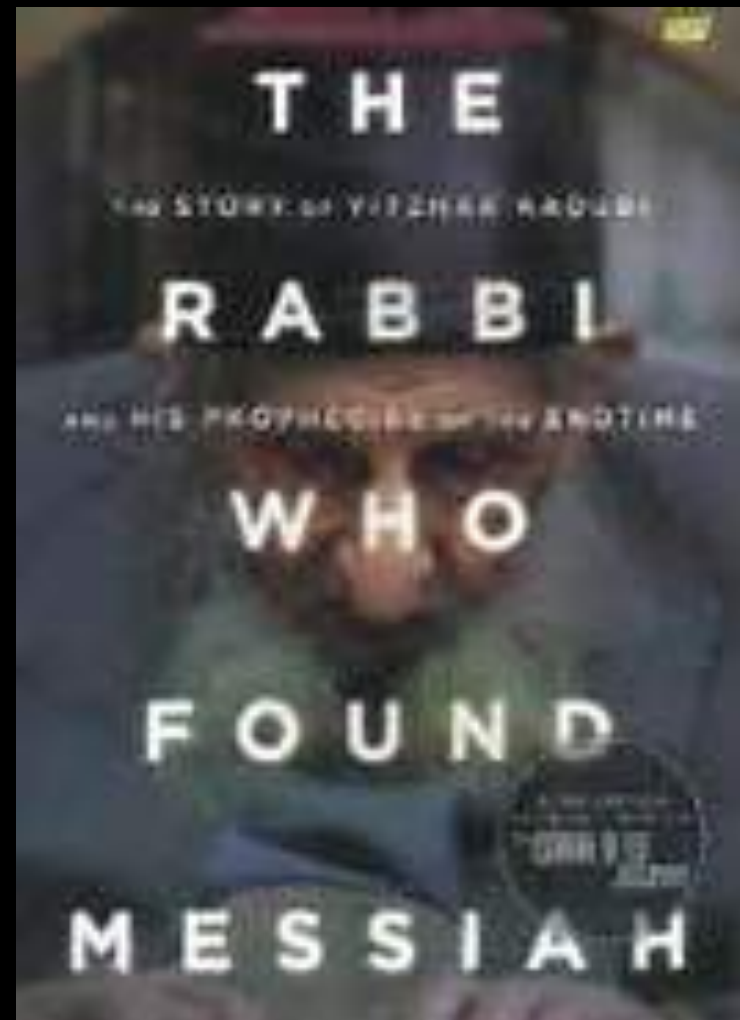
YITZHAK KADURI

- Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri was a renowned rabbi and kabbalist who devoted his life to Torah study and prayer on behalf of the Jewish people. He was known for his photographic memory and his memorization of the Bible, the Talmud, Rashi and other Jewish writings.
- Kaduri was not only highly esteemed because of his age of 108. He was charismatic and wise, and chief rabbis looked up to him as a Tsadik, a righteous man or saint.
- When he died, more than 200,000 people joined the funeral procession on the streets of Jerusalem to pay their respects as he was taken to his final resting place.
- “When he comes, the Messiah will rescue Jerusalem from foreign religions that want to rule the city,” Kaduri once said. “They will not succeed for they will fight against one another.”



KADURI AND JESUS

Shortly before he died (January 28, 2006), one of Israel's most prominent rabbis wrote the name of the Messiah on a small note which he requested would remain sealed until now. When the note was opened, it revealed what many have known for centuries: Yehoshua, or Yeshua (Jesus), is the Messiah.



REFORMED JUDAISM

Reform Judaism (also known as Liberal Judaism or Progressive Judaism) is a major denomination within Judaism, which emphasizes the evolving nature of the religion, the superiority of its ethical aspects compared to the ceremonial ones, and a belief in a continuous revelation not centered on the theophany at Mount Sinai. It is characterized by a lesser stress on ritual and personal observance, regarding Jewish Law as of basically non-binding nature, and great openness to external influences and progressive values.



MESSIANIC JUDAISM

- Today, it is estimated that there are over 350,000 Messianic Jews in the world, and the numbers are growing all the time. Messianic synagogues have also become very popular, and recent estimates number more than 200 congregations in this country.
- Messianic Jews continue to celebrate the Jewish festivals and feast days as prescribed in the Hebrew Scriptures but they do it in a way that demonstrates how Yeshua has already fulfilled these Holy Days. Jews who now follow Yeshua the Messiah understand that everything given in the Old Covenant was a “mere shadow” of the better things to come in the New.



II. MAJOR THEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES ... JESUS

- A. We do not believe that it is prophesied that the Messiah will be crucified.
- B. We do not believe that the Messiah will be the son of G-d.
- C. We do not believe that he will be raised from the dead any more than anyone else.
- D. We do not believe that he will appear twice, in what some Christians call a second coming.
- E. We do not believe that the Messiah will be our "savior" in the sense that he will redeem us from our sins.

What is the Messiah supposed to accomplish? The Bible says that he will:

- A. Build the Third Temple (Ezekiel 37:26-28).
- B. Gather all Jews back to the Land of Israel (Isaiah 43:5-6).
- C. Usher in an era of world peace, and end all hatred, oppression, suffering and disease. As it says: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall man learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4)
- D. Spread universal knowledge of the God of Israel, which will unite humanity as one. As it says: "God will be King over all the world—on that day, God will be One and His Name will be One" (Zechariah 14:9).
- E. The historical fact is that Jesus fulfilled none of these messianic prophecies.

Christians counter that Jesus will fulfill these in the Second Coming, but Jewish sources show that the Messiah will fulfill the prophecies outright, and no concept of a second coming exists.

III. WITNESSING SCENERIOS

IDF / Work Projects

Sons of Issachar - Israel: Then & Now

Footprints of the Messiah

Jesus and the Feasts of Israel

IV. RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Replacement Theology

The Palestinian Myth

The Two State Solution

The Battle for Jerusalem

BDS

V. ISRAELI ESCHATOLOGY

144,000 Jewish Evangelist

The Two Witnesses

The Refuge in Edom

Hosea 5:15

Isaiah 63:1-2

Joel 3:2

SHARING YESHUA WITH JEWS

There are different ways to share Yeshua with Jews.

1. One is to point how Yeshua is in the Torah with the prophetic types and symbolism pointing to Him.

2. Another is to point out that there are over 300 prophecies of the Messiah fulfilled in Yeshua. This is a statistical impossibility to happen by mere chance.

(<http://www.accordingtothescriptures.org/prophecy/353prophecies.html>)

SHEMA

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God,
the Lord is one! ⁵ You shall love
the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, and with
all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

One - The Hebrew word for one here is 'echad'.
This word is used for UNITY - the two become one in a
marriage and the people of Babel had one heart, mind
and goal.

Another way to share that Yeshua was the Messiah with Jews is to point out that there are several appearances of God revealing Himself in person to different people in the Bible.

“There are two Yahweh figures in Old Testament thinking—one invisible, the other visible and human in form.

Judaism before the first century, the time of Jesus, knew this teaching. That’s why ancient Jewish theology once embraced two Yahweh figures (the “two powers”). 6 But once this teaching came to involve the risen Jesus of Nazareth, Judaism could no longer tolerate it.”

Heiser, Michael S. (2015-09-01). *The Unseen Realm: Recovering the Supernatural Worldview of the Bible* (Kindle Locations 3183-3187). Lexham Press. Kindle Edition.

THEOPHANIES

Adonai appeared to Abraham in the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:7-9)

Adonai re-appeared to Abraham (Genesis 17:1)

Adonai appeared to Abraham on the plains of Mamre on the way to destroy Sodom (Genesis 18:1)

Adonai appeared to Hagar (Genesis 16:7-11)

Adonai appeared to Isaac (Genesis 26:1-5)

Adonai appeared to Jacob (Genesis 28:13) Recalled in (Genesis 31:13)

Adonai wrestled with Jacob (Genesis 32:25-30)

Recalled in (Genesis 48:3) Confirmed by (Hosea 12:3-4)

Adonai appeared to Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3:2)

Adonai appeared to Gideon (Judges 6:11-12)

Adonai appeared to Moses alone on the mountain (Ex 19:20

Adonai appeared to Moses, Aaron and the 70 elders (Exodus
24)

Adonai appears to Balaam (Numbers 22:23)

Adonai appeared to Manoah and his wife – the parents of
Samson (Judges 13)

The Spirit of Adonai fell on David when he was anointed
(1 Sam 16:13)

John 8:58-59 – Yeshua said “That was me”

JEALOUS

- NOW I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order to somehow make my fellow Jews jealous, and save some of them.

- How do we make Jews jealous? (Romans 11:13)
- By serving and blessing (See Romans 15:27)
- By our intimacy with God. Remember there is not temple for sacrifices so Judaism has become a works based religion.



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HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS



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Article - The Miracle of the Dead Sea
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A Place among the Nations - Benjamin
Netanyahu

A One State Solution - Caroline Glick

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Other Ministry Links

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Ministry to Israel - ministrytoisrael.com/

Fountain of Tears - www.castingseeds.com

Wilderness Tabernacle - berean-to-berean.com/virtual-tabernacle-tour/

Holy Ground Explorations -

www.holygroundexplorations.com