Week 9: March 17, 19, 21

Topic: Judaism

Film: The Edukators
The reading will be a handout.


Readings:

Eastman:
“What is Judaism” pp. 289-293
“Nothing is Ordinary” pp. 293-300
“Jewish Mystical Tales” pp. 318-326
“Selections, The Holy Scriptures” pp. 301—313

Visual History:
“Judaism” pp. 58-9
“Judea and Arabia” pp. 102-3
“The Murder of the European Jewry” p. 520
“Israel” pp. 596-7
“The Arab World and the Near-East” pp. 598+

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Places to Find:

- Israel
- Germany
- Mt. Sinai
- Jerusalem
- Afghanistan
- Poland
- Egypt
- Rome
- Spain
- Palestine
- Jordan
- Lebanon

Study Questions:


2. Let’s say a Jew wants to marry a non-Jew. Explain how a mixed marriage might work within Judaism.

3. What is the ethical basis of Judaism?


5. Compare Moses and Lao-tse. Do they have anything in common? In what ways are they different?

6. Compare the books of Psalms and Proverbs with The Analects (Confucianism) and the Vedas (Hinduism).

7. Is there a parallel for the mystical tales in any of the other religions we’ve studied? What role do you think these stories play in Judaism?

8. There are people who claim that the Holocaust did not happen. What purpose could it serve to make such a claim? What function do Holocaust studies serve today?

9. Scarcely a week goes by without a news story about terrorism in Israel. In what ways did the formation of Israel resolve conflict? Why does conflict continue? Compare and contrast the formation of Israel with the partition of India.