

II. Intro to Judaism

Definition

Religion	a. Who wants to Know?
Racial	b. Why do they want to know?
National	
Cultural	NO SUCH THING AS RACE
Linguistic	
Ethnic	

History

- a. Hebrews → Israelites → Jews

4004 BCE	Creation
1250 BCE	Exodus
586 BCE	First Temple Destroyed
70 CE	Second Temple Destroyed
1492 CE	Expulsion from Spain
1648 CE	Chmelnicki Massacre
1880 CE	Russian Pogroms

Branches

- A. Ancient
- i. Temple – Sadducees – Priests – Sacrifice
 - ii. Synagogue - Pharisees – Rabbis – Prayer
 - iii. Communes – Essenes – Monks – Contemplation
- B. Modern Ethnicities
- i. Sephardic – N. Africa/ Spain
 - ii. Ashkenazi - Europe

C. Modern Branches

<u>Ultra-Orthodox</u>	<u>Orthodox</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Reform</u>	<u>Reconstruction</u>
Hasidim, Lubavicher	Israel	NY	Midwest	L.A., Pennsylvania
1760's	1880's	1900	1857	1920
Retreat	Settle	Middle	Change	Create
Anti-Zionist	Pro-Zionist	Mix	Mix	Anti-Zionsit

Function

- i. Scapegoat (Crusades, Black Death, French Revolution, etc.)
- ii. Blood Libel
- iii. Christ Killers

Religion

- i. Transgression – Exile – Redemption Cycle
- ii. Covenant: Three basic principles
 - a. Torah (Learning)
 - b. Service of God
 - c. Charity and Good Deeds
- iii. Monotheism – Henotheism – Polytheism
- iii. Texts
 - Torah
 - Tanakh
 - Talmud
- iv. Commandments (Mitzvot)
 - a. 365 Negative + 248 Positive = 613
- v. Pikuah Nefesh
- vi. Stranger
- vii. Kosher/Kashrut
- viii. Holidays
 - a. Yom Kippur (Fasting)
 - b. Sukkot (Thanksgiving)
 - c. Purim (Mardi Gras)
 - d. Passover/ Pesah (Liberation)
 - e. Yon Ha Shoah (Holocaust)
 - f. Yom Ha Atzma Ut (Independence)