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American Jews as a group are becoming more ethnically diverse due to intermarriage, immigration, adoption and conversion.

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Increasing diversity redefining America's Jewry

By **Stephanie Siek**, CNN

(CNN) — "But you don't *look* Jewish," Jen Chau remembers being told often as a child.

But then again, what is a Jew supposed to look like? The usual implication in those words was that it was not supposed to look like Chau, who was raised Jewish by her European-American mother and Chinese father.

"I still think society's idea of a Jew is someone who looks like Jerry Seinfeld or Woody Allen," said Chau, 34. "They don't look at someone like me and think, 'Oh, she could be Jewish.'"

But the face of Judaism in America is changing, as the community becomes more diverse through intermarriage, adoption, immigration and conversion.

The nonprofit group **Be'chol Lashon** — the name means "in every tongue" in Hebrew — is trying to foster an expanded definition of Jewishness, one that includes the diverse backgrounds of Jews around the globe.

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includes the diverse backgrounds of Jews around the globe.

Founder Diane Tobin and her late husband, Gary Tobin, started the organization in 2000 after adopting their son, Jonah, who is African American. Committed to raising their son Jewish, they realized that they didn't know any African-American Jews. Thus began a quest to create connections among Jews of different races, nationalities and ethnicities. The group runs a summer camp, educates people about Jewish diversity, and [connects Jewish communities around the world](#).

Gary Tobin, who headed the [Institute for Jewish and Community Research](#), carried out a 1999 survey about the ethnic background of America's 6 million Jews. It found that about 20%, or 1.2 million, were non-Ashkenazi Jews (that is, Jews not descended from Central and Eastern Europe), and about half of that number were Sephardi or Mizrahi Jews (whose roots are in the Iberian Peninsula, North Africa and the Middle East). The remainder were what the institute and Be'chol Lashon calls "ethnically and racially diverse Jews" – which includes people of African, Asian and Latin American descent.

But the survey's most important finding, says Diane Tobin, was that many of the Jews fitting into the latter category felt isolated, and sometimes unwelcome in their houses of worship.

It's a feeling Chau has herself experienced. As she prepared for her bat mitzvah – a coming-of-age ceremony for Jewish girls that welcomes them into the faith as an adult – her teachers at the Hebrew school she attended encouraged her father to be present at the ceremony, even though he was not Jewish. But shortly beforehand, her rabbi called a special meeting of the synagogue's ritual council, and announced that her father would not be allowed to participate. The reason?

"The ritual committee didn't want to promote intermarriage, didn't want the synagogue to promote intermarriages and didn't want us all to be up there together," Chau said she was told. "That was a huge turning point for me, because I felt like I had been excluded from a community on the basis of race. I didn't want anyone to have that experience again."

That experience was part of what motivated her to form [Swirl, Inc.](#), an anti-racist group that fosters dialogue among people of diverse backgrounds, in 2000.

Although the majority of Jews in the United States are descended from immigrants from Central and Eastern Europe, the global Jewish diaspora includes people from a much wider array of places. Historically Jewish communities exist in places as far apart as Portugal, Uganda, India, the West Indies, Argentina, Yemen and China.

Marc Dollinger, who holds the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Chair in Jewish Studies and Social Responsibility at [San Francisco State University](#), said that despite these diverse roots, many American Jews still have a hard time seeing and accepting Jews from nonwhite backgrounds.

"I don't think most people are ready for these changes, nationally," Dollinger said. "Tradition is very powerful, change is very scary, and nonwhite Jews are still different enough and enough of an anomaly that (in some places) they would be seen as at best a curiosity, and at worst, a threat to tradition."

Lacey Schwartz was raised in a secular white Jewish family, but learned at 18 that her father was black. She felt that her Jewish peers questioned whether she was really born a Jew. Schwartz, who is working on a [documentary](#) about her experiences, said her adult life has been marked by an effort to find a place in which she could be accepted as both Jewish and of African descent.

"I think it's more about feeling like I could walk into a room and feel like I would not be questioned... how to be one person, be yourself and walk into any door and not leave any piece of yourself behind," said Schwartz, who also works as an outreach coordinator for Be'chol Lashon.

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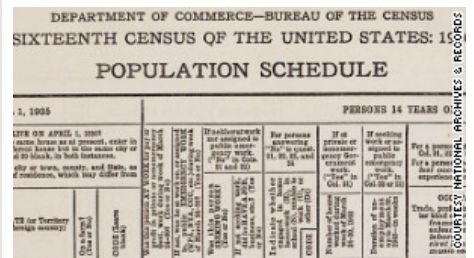
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Be'chol Lashon's summer camp activities, like this play about the book of Genesis, are designed to help Jewish kids of all backgrounds strengthen their connections with the faith.

Orthodox Rabbi Benjamin Blech said that mistreatment of converts and the Jewish children of intermarriages is forbidden by Jewish law.

"They are not representative of the mainstream of orthodox Judaism or anyone familiar with Jewish law," said Blech, who is an assistant professor of the Talmud at **Yeshiva University**. "In Jewish law we are supposed to be more warm and more receptive to these people and to converts, knowing that they have a more difficult row to hoe."

But Blech also said that marriages to non-Jews are prohibited under Jewish law, and that marriage outside the faith is a threat to the continued viability of the Jewish people.

"We Jews have survived, and the reason we have survived is because of this law. The minute it's bridged it takes a generation or two and there are no more Jews. If (the couple) promises to raise their child as a Jew, and if they will, they might be an exception to that rule, but the rule is not to go down that road, because it's too dangerous."

Diane Tobin said that the history of persecution against Jews has made the community as a whole more wary of those perceived as outsiders – even if those persons meet most rabbinical definitions of Jewishness by having a Jewish parent and following Jewish traditions. But she notes that it doesn't have to stay that way.

"We should be more welcoming, and it's not helpful for us not to be part of the marketplace of religions," said Tobin.

Erik Ludwig, Be'chol Lashon's chief operating officer, said it's important for the community as a whole to recognize that there is no one way to be Jewish.

"Judaism is not monolithic," Ludwig said. "Different cultures bring different practices, which should be celebrated, to the experience."

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soundoff (824 Responses)**Tikvah**

My point is that most American Jews come from Europe. I know that most people in America either immigrated themselves or their parents or grandparents did – but I was specifically commenting on your post that distinguished between European Jews and American Jews. Most American Jews have close European roots and some Jews in Europe celebrate Hanukkah the same way that European Jews do in America. Hanukkah is post Torah – celebrating it is not a Toraitic commandment. The very first Jews didn't even celebrate it. It's okay for us to celebrate Hanukkah in different ways or not at all. I really don't get your line of commenting/questioning. In looking at my original post, where do you see Hanukkah? I've tried to respond to your comments, but I really don't get where you're coming from.

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Mik

My question is why do americans jews feel they are the minority and they need to make Hanukkah a big celebration when it's not. then they say they don't control anything in America.

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Tikvah

Well, per the most recent US Census Statistical abstract, Christians are the religious majority by a long-shot. I can't speak for all Jews, but for some of us who say we are a "minority," we are referring to religion. The term "minority" isn't always linked to race. It can be linked to religion, gender, etc. Those who practice Judaism are not a part of the religious majority, so that's why some of us say we are a [religious] minority.

As for Hanukkah, what's your definition of a big deal? I lit candles and said blessings every night and went to one low-key party. Why do you even care if some Jews like to celebrate Hanukkah more festively than others (I know that not all Christians celebrate Christmas in the same way)? In Israel, they celebrate Hanukkah just as much as we do in America, if not MORE. For example, in Israel, the first day of Hanukkah is such a big deal that it's a federal holiday and no one goes to work – even though it doesn't go against Halacha to go to work. In America we go to work, instead of taking it off along with the other non-working holidays.

Celebrating our religious holidays festively is not a matter of controlling America. You're honestly starting to sound like you're trolling. Jews can celebrate Hanukkah just like members of other faith communities celebrate Christmas, Ramadan, etc.

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Mik

Every single December comes around people are offended when someone says Merry Christmas. See now you say it's religion gender or group. Well you don't need to respond. Jews are not the minority because there's not a race. Then I am not talking about you I am talking about the ones saying Merry Christmas is offensive to them. Oh they don't how do they celebrate Christmas? You don't hear Christians saying I am a race religion and a minority in America. If they want to celebrate it then why can't they do it and not be hypocritical about it?

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LookITup

The Jews of Jesus times are not the same Jews you might see today. In fact, even Hitler made a distinction. He often described the Jews he hated as being "dark and bearded eyed." There's a difference between the Jews of Eastern Germany and the Mediterranean Jews who may have lived in Germany during Hitler's reign of terror. The Jews of Eastern Germany, or the Ashkenazi (?) Jews actually adopted the Jewish religion as their own. They were not the original Jews mentioned in the Bible. Originally, Hitler targeted the "dark and bearded eyed" Jews living in the Germany and not the fair-skinned/blue-eyed Jews (who adopted the religion). He blamed all the ills of Germany, the failing economy, rising crime rates, etc. on those Jews (pretty much the same way America today is blaming all its ills on its black and brown population). Do your own research. Learn the real history. Otherwise, we are all doomed to repeat it.

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Mik

the sad thing is we are already repeating it with Barack Hussein Obama! Plus saying all Jews have genetic features which they don't.

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Tikvah

The Jewish Bible explains that, during exile, the Jews were cast to all four corners of the earth. Regardless of who Hitler targeted as a Jew, the sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah come in ALL colors and can be found all around the world. We don't all look middle eastern because, during the exile, those who came before us ended up all over the world. The Ashkenazi Jews are just as Jewish as the rest of us.

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Mik

so why do they say there a minority in america? You dont hear the christians saying we are a race and religion and we are a minority in america

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Tikvah

I really can't explain the rationale behind everything that a Jewish person has ever said personally to you or in the media – we don't all think the same way and we have different opinions. I will say that just because Jews reside all over the world, doesn't mean there's more of us than any other people. Christians can be found all over the world, as well as Muslims, etc. and, based on the stats that we know, there are more of them than there are of us.

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Mik

There maybe more but Judisam is the oldest religion and the Jews in america make Hunnakah more important then it really is because european jews dont celebrate like american jews

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Tikvah

Where are you getting your information? Most of the Jews in America are European/Ashkenazi Jewish. If they didn't immigrate here, their parents or grandparents did.

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Mik

and so did everyone else so whats your point?

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Tikvah

By the way, Ashkenazi Jews are not just from Eastern Germany and they don't all have blonde hair and blue eyes. Jews that come from most European countries are Ashkenazi – regardless of their complexion.

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steve

i detest all this crap about race, religion etc.

no one cares people!

be who you are and live your life the way you want.

i am white and I am very proud of that fact. I come from a catholic family for generations and am very proud of that!

so do what I do, be proud of your race and your religion and tell everyone else to scart!

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Mik

I agree with that but why do some take offense when christians are knocking on your door and asking about you to believe in god. No one forces you to listen to those people you can be nice and say I am of the jewish Muslim Hindu etc etc and say I am not interested but thanks for coming out thats it

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Simple Simon

Abraham was an Asian – Go check it out

He also indulged in inter-racial marriage with Hagar (not to mention Jacob – those maids were not exactly European whites)

A true Israelite is an Asian – Somew here along the years Europeans think they are the true Jews

Can most Europeans jews trace their ancestry to the 12 tribes – through their mothers?

Arabs are descendants of Abraham – Jews and Arabs are brothers – yet they fight – why – maybe racism from both

sides??

Now you get it – this whole discussion is racist – Not Jewish -

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Mik

How the heck was Abraham oriental? I would say its bias not racist

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lilicCONE

This not a new phenomena. As Jews and Blacks in the old segregated south, specifically the state of Louisiana, records show, pretty much inter-married regularly.

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Mik

It may have happened but the majority of jews didnt want that to happen you would figure since blacks and Jew s have had hardship they would join forces and surprisingly they dont come together.

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Anorthodoxjew

Its sad how the majority of people here truly dont know what they are talking about and choose to comment anyway. Jews have strict laws against intermarriage not because of racism, but because they arent Jewish. There is no racism against black jews, white jews, or asian jews. If a white jew marries a christian black there will be problems because of the intermarriage, not the race! Jews have laws (halachos) that clearly outline who a Jew can marry, but no where does it have any law against another race- only those of other religions. If you look at the statistics, most children of intermarried couples stop being jewish. Thats why there are strict laws in Judasim. Furthermore, you cant simply practice Judaism- you have to either be Jewish (have a Jewish mother) or you convert by a trained Rabbi. Seriously, people have huge misconceptions and need to learn when to stop talking if you dont know anything about the subject.

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MikeM

Indeed. With hope enough intermarriage will occur.

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Mik

And become more Jewish? Since in there eyes they are of the chosen race.

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Mik

then why do people say consider Whoopi Goldberg Daniel radcliffe Zac Efron Jews? Since they are not practicing jews? Furthermore having the law if your mother is jewish your jewish doesnt make sense since Daniel Radcliffe in his EYES a JEW BY BLOOD! So wouldnt that law say his kids are jews BY BLOOD! I know more about there stupid laws then you do.

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Tikvah

Wow, you're really filling up my inbox with your comments. Anyways...in regards to your comment about people being considered Jews even though they don't practice Judaism, per Jewish law, once you're a Jew, you're a Jew. Even if you decide to stop practicing Judaism, you are still a Jew. This is evident in the Torah and other portions of the Tanakh, when Israel strays from Him and the Torah, G-d doesn't stop seeing them as Jews. Instead, He hopes they will return to Him

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Mik

well your responding so I keep responding. SO but by Jewish Law Daniel will have to marry a jewish girl to have his children be Jews by jewish law.

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Tikvah

That was actually just my first time responding personally to you – but I opted to receive all posts to this article and so I am getting a ton of posts from you anyways. I don't know too much about Daniel's situation. I will say that per at least the Orthodox and Conservative movements, you are only considered Jewish if your mother is Jewish – in some cases you also have to be raised in the Jewish tradition. In some of the other Jewish movements, like reform, you are considered Jewish if you were born to at least one Jewish parent (father or mother) and participate in Jewish life. Karaism is separate from mainstream/rabbinic Judaism and only permits tracing through the father. So, no, a Jewish man wouldn't necessarily have to marry a Jewish woman for his children to be considered Jewish. It all depends on the Jewish community he chooses to become most involved with.

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Mik

So why do jews say there a dying people? See how contradication are in the Jewish faith? How can jews say Whoopi is Anti-semitic when she herself idntifies with being Jewish?

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steve

thanks for the info, helps me understand a bit more.

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SeekAndFind

Anti-semites you are santan's tools

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Mik

and the jews rule the earth making it appear the christians own the world

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AngryBlackMan

Jews have a superiority complex. Leads to anti-semitism..

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Mik

I agree completely! and a inferiorty complex at the same time

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jason

And what "angryblackman" leads to anti-black racism?

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Mik

EXACTLY! Only when whites realize they do have power and come together ans unity and we all know we have value then there wont be racism or anti anything.

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Mike Moore

Jews are the most racist people I know behind closed doors.

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Mik

yeah but they are the ones in power in Hollywood and you don't go against them in Hollywood. Because there are the ones with the power and money.

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SeekAndFind

Anti-Semitism of Satan because he hates God's plan and chosen people

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Mik

and the arrogance of the Jews continues

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Now-I-see

RELIGION vs RELATIONSHIP! If you don't remember anything else from all these posts, please know this: Though I have gone to church most of my life, I have learned there are people in and out of the church that do not walk in love. God abhors this. I pray, hope and believe one day we will ALL realize that GOD did not create Religion, he created RELATIONSHIP with him. Religion divides his children. Relationship gathers his children to him and with one another in LOVE!!! Ultimately, we can ALL agree that LOVE is key and we cannot mess up anything if we walk in love DAILY. Anyone who doesn't agree that LOVE is key...well they are suffering from the opposite EVIL / HATRED, and God has no part in that. How do we love more effectively, pray daily asking God to "come into your heart, rooting out all evil." He will do it, if you believe. If you doubt, don't even bother to try this. I love you all! Happy 2012!!!

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Lew

That's why in Israel they have been sending all Ethiopian Jews back to Africa...

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Bill

This is a lie. I suspect you know it's a lie.

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becky

The Ethiopian Jews still are in Israel. They did have cultural issues but the new generation is catching up fast.

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Mik

and I am sure the black Jews are being discriminated against and the Chinese Jews

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Mik

that's why white Jews love and hate black Jews. They call them converted Jews since there are only white Jews

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MashaSobaka

I really wish that religion was a strictly private matter...not a method of judgement and violation. Keep your faith to yourself and allow others to keep their faiths to themselves. It has no place in the public sphere.

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Mik

but the Christians who go door to door how is that offense to people you can say I am not interested and that's that.

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MS

Race is a social construct and has nothing to do with biology. Skin color has to do with DNA. "White" is simply a skin color and has no relevance to country of origin (and realistically, who can prove [let alone know] where our families originated)? The notion of the "white race" is simply a myth. 7+ billion human beings on this planet share about 98% (or close to) of the same DNA. Jews are united by a shared religion and religious traditions; "race" has no bearing.

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Mik

Exactly since any person can be a jew anyone if they practice the religion then you are a JEW

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Didier

The fact is that jews in general don't want to be call racist , and mistreatment against the palestinians is more than unhuman!They can justify the act for the reason of survival or protection of the communities ,while their treatment toward other races especially blacks are also questionable.People should change their behavior towards other races nad communities if their want to be respected , don't be hypocrite .

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Dan

I think one could make a sceinific argument for a european jewish race they were cut off from the west of the populations a lot of the time escpically 300-1950s time so maybe a sub race. Just saying they probably are more gentically simiar to each other then say a frech person and a flemish person. Maybe not the "science" behind race and genitics is forever changing and how ever said on the message board we are all 98percent the same. Ah were more like 99.9 because chimps are 99 the same as us but ya that little tiny .1 changes alot i mean race is about more then skin color its also effects bone structure skull shape different dieses like sickle cell just saying because i think people think the only differences between races is purely just skin color and thats just false not saying it makes a race any better then another (although looking at some psedoscience jargin it sure looks like asians are the "smatter race iq wise" so maybethe white extremist should tone it down a bit lol) and i am white (sicialian and slavic so im sure its got a little something extra in it and roma too.)

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Rob

Here we go, this is nothing but an example of the great melting pot, or perhaps "Jew Stew". Look at it as you may, its like taking scrambled letters GWRND and ask you what it spells. Some will say "Grown" others "Wrong". Who's right? Truth is, who knows? It's going to play out the way nature intends it to, get ready we may actually witness darwin's theory occur before us.

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Heil Hi t l e r wonderful leader

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obsthetimes

Its just good old fashioned ra-ci-m and this article spends a good deal of time rationalizing it.

The truth is that in Israel and the US, to be Jewish means to be Caucasian. Jews of all people should understand discrimination.

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DoOver

Uhhhhhhhhhhhh...really? More than 65% of the Israeli Jewish population is actually Middle Eastern, African, or Asian in origin, coming from countries like Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Syria, India, and Ethiopia. Open mouth, insert foot.

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Problem?

The primary problem here is the confusion of religion and race. Calling a person a "jew" is like calling a person a "christian"...it defines their religious preference. Race has nothing to do with it.

That being said, religion is the number one evil in this world. Not in and of itself, but when any ideas are widely spread those ideas are adopted and modified by the culture and thoughts of the singular mind and almost always modified to fit their own core values and beliefs, hence, you have religious extremism and religion being in places where it should never be such as government. Religion is the single most imposing barrier to human beings of all races and ethnic groups finding harmony and peace with one another. Cause every religion tells its followers to get out there and find more.

Keep religion in your churches. Keep peace and civility out in the open.

It is all mythology anyways.

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ambi

All the main religions are "clickish" If you are not "them" then it's amazing how their "kindness" often does not apply to you. And yes I know this is not everyone in all these faiths but the majority. I organized religion over all very narrow minded and this article even mentions how "they want to preserve their People, so don't marry anyone else" even if you take that as don't marry anyone who has not become or born a Jew, it's still really "exclusive" funny kinda how Hitler wanted to preserve "his people" which again was those who thought like me. Since we are just human animals we still have this "pack" "tribe" "stick with those who look like us, anyone who does not =danger" mentality...blah guess it's to be expected just shows that we really have NOT evolved since cave days

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The Guy

The more reformed movement of Judaism does not condemn interfaith marriage. As a Jew, I was able to marry outside my faith with the blessings of my parents, and with the synagogue that we currently attend. Like with every religion, there are more conservative and radical thoughts that believe their view is the only "right" one. It's human nature to be stubborn. However, they aren't like Hitler in trying to "keep the bloodline pure". This article is great at showing that there is no bloodline with a belief. Hitler was a madman that tried to keep racial purity by committing genocide. Try to see the difference. Jews do not commit genocide.

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Mik

Yes you are but they commit crimes people cant fathom why is it every CULTURE Has organized Crime but the Jews dont?

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ReneldaMoorehead

I wish it weren't so, but you are right.

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elizabeth

I think one of the reasons so many people get hung up on race vs. religion is the law of return issue of who is a Jew. If you are Jewish by virtue of being born to a Jewish mother (orthodox rules) or to a Jewish parent (reform rules), then Judaism sounds genetic, or somewhat like a "race". It makes not a bit of difference, though, what race that Jewish parent is - so it's a religion one joins through inheritance. Nobody "looks" Jewish, but someone may have Semitic (Middle Eastern tribal) features, just as one may have Chinese features, Indian features, Egyptian features, Spanish features, etc. There are classical stereotypical appearances associated with ethnic looks - like it or not. These are race identifiers, though - NOT religious signifiers.

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elizabeth

Rabbi Benjamin Blech is my new hero for speaking out and pointing out that mistreatment of converts and intermarrieds is prohibited of ALL Jews. As a Jew who chose to rejoin the faith and married within it, I am ever so tired of the suggestion that I am less than Jewish because I was not born that way. I keep an observant home. Does Ha Shem care if I "look" Jewish??

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The Guy

I couldn't agree more, elizabeth. As someone who was converted at a young age to Judaism, and married outside the faith, I have gotten my own fair share of snubbings, especially from the more religiously rigid in my own family.

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Tikvah

I am wondering if Jen Chau misunderstood her rabbi when he told her that her Chinese father could not participate in her bat mitzvah because the bar/bat mitzvah committee does not support intermarriages. I would be very surprised if the rabbi meant the committee is opposed to racial intermarriages. In my experience, when the term "intermarriage" is used within the Jewish community, they are referring to a situation where only one of the spouses is a Jew. Yes, per Jewish Law, many synagogues do not promote Jews marrying non-Jews – it's not about race at all. I assume her father isn't a Jew because the article describes only her mother as a Jew. If her father is a Chinese Jew – then perhaps it was really a race thing...but I highly doubt that her rabbi was making a racially motivated statement.

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Tikvah

I reread the article and it explicitly states that her father was not Jewish. I really think that she did misunderstand her rabbi. Her mother married a non-Jew and thus is involved in an intermarriage – she married outside of her faith. There are Chinese Jews (some were born Jewish, others converted). If he had simply been a Jew (even if had converted), there wouldn't have been an issue. Regardless of ethnicity – all Jews are one people...so an intermarriage in the Jewish world involves marrying outside of the faith. I know a lot of people don't realize that, as they are used to intermarriage being affiliated with race.

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The Questioner

Tikvah-the synagogue was still wrong in excluding Chau's father from her bat mitzvah. B'nei mitzvah are allowed to invite anyone they wish to their ceremony, and plenty of ceremonies I've attended have had Jewish and non-Jewish attendees of all backgrounds. And several of the ceremonies I've been to have included the non-Jewish parent of a bat or bar mitzvah.

If a bat mitzvah can invite her Christian and Muslim friends from school to her ceremony, why can't her own FATHER be there? Methinks the father's exclusion was for a reason other than the shul's fear of "condoning intermarriage."

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Tikvah

I agree that her father should have been allowed to participate – even if he wasn't a Jew – but I also know that not all synagogues approach bar/bat mitzvah's in the same way (being female, if they had went to an orthodox synagogue, Jen wouldn't have even had much of a bat mitzvah synagogue experience). I recognize the possibility that it was a racially motivated decision, but based on the fact that not all synagogues share the same perspective and some really are concerned about promoting intermarriages, I am not willing to automatically "read" this situation as a race issue. For me, this article really didn't provide any details that would lead me to jump to the conclusion that her dad couldn't participate because he's not white – especially since Jen is half-Chinese!

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Ailon M

To people of all religions posting here. Most of the comments are a testament to the dark side of religion, promoting hate and fear of people of other faiths. Whatever your beliefs are it would be nice to concentrate on them and on how you can improve this shaky universe, instead of blaming and hating others for a murder which did or did not occur 2000 years ago or promoting the idea that you were chosen to shed light and show the way to all other people. Peace

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Mik

But how do we come together with religion? Everyone is divided on religious beliefs

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Jews are CHRIST killers !

Jews killed Jesus Christ, but they try to blame it on the romans. That is how Jews operate – they blame it all on others, and since Jews own and operate most of the media and academia, they get away with it !!

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sad

If Jews controlled the media and did whatever they wanted, then who is portraying Israel as the killers they are NOT? Who is carefully, smoothly, deceitfully showing only half the story? Conveniently leaving out the terrorist attacks coming from Iraq towards innocent Israeli's?? How can you explain that one?

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Mik

How does the media do that? I haven't heard that.

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Ophir

Hmm and where would your retarded Christianity that worships a MAN be without Jesus' death? Ever think about it that far? No because your mind is too shallow. Christianity is such a man-made religion its amazing how blindly most people follow it.

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Aeon

You must be so furious with Britain over 1812 if you're still blaming Jews for the death of Christ!

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elizabeth

If ignorance is bliss, you are undoubtedly the happiest person alive.

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Dina

I would not call Jews as Jesus killers, I would not call Muslims as terrorists. Who are you or me to judge a religion, which has billions of followers. If you claim Christianity (for example), then you should act based on its value and show off the world your decent manner and values that are derived from your own religion. This is my perception about religion. Unfortunately, this is not the case, people use Jews name to harass Muslims worldwide and use Christians name to do the same. Religion is not to be blamed for the crazy world we live in now but crazy people are to be blamed for creating crazy world.

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John

So, now there are White, Black, Asian, Brown, and Jewish?

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Kenny

No, we now have White, Black, Asian, Brown as Jewish!

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Mik

Oh there were always black Chinese British Spanish jews Whoopi Goldberg is a JEW and Yahpett Katto

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mikrik

Diversity has been a trait of the Jewish people for centuries.

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Rahamim

Yes, exactly. Not only centuries, millenia!

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Mik

So why do the Jews say they are a minority in america? They say Blacks cannot be jews and they fight the blacks about that

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usedtobeajew

Humans are ignorant. Millions have died because of the idea that one person can determine another persons religion by their race. Religion is a learned state of mind. An opinion. A belief. No religion is right and non is wrong.

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David

So much for the "chosen" people.

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Amir

Jews were "chosen" for one thing and one thing only. To recieve, study and spread knowledge of the Torah to all nations of the world. There is no other way Jews are chosen. This is an idea that mass media and non-Jews have distorted as part of their propaganda campaign against Jews. Also, if you are Christian you are supposed to believe that you are now the "Chosen" people and that that "Chosenness" has been transferred to you. Hence, it is Christians and not Jews who are supposed to be "hated" for being "Chosen."

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Mik

Christians have never said they are the choosen one Jews say they are a race and religion and the only people who can be jews are the white jews. as for sharing diseases why cant jews just admit they married too close to the blood line? Jews say they are the chosen people and are against Christmas from day one since they feel they cant celebrate it so they go out of there way to say we need to say Happy Holidays. I like how Ben Stien says its okay if you want to say Merry Christmas to me I am all for it.

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GOODMAN JESUS

<http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Dht1u4xeF-r4&h=5AQEUV6mIAQGkMYwSL0Ssyfrc8AW0hSBELCuzqJGcoanjgQ>

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GOODMAN JESUS

LUCKILY I AM NOT A JEW, JESUS KILLER

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3rdEyeOpened

If you are Christian, I find it ignorant to hate Jews for allegedly being responsible for his death. If anything, you Christians should rejoice. They played a role in fulfilling the covenant of Jesus dying on the cross so that "all mankind" would be saved. So technically, the Jews had a hand in potentially saving you. Are you Catholic?

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alsmeer1

I am a born-again, Spirit-filled, Blood-bought Christian. actually... Jews did not 'murder' Jesus. His death was foretold from the Old Testament, generations before Christ was born. yes, Jews 'played' a hand in it, but if you want to be specific, it was mankind that 'killed' Him... He came to take on the sins of the world, to bridge the way back to God, and to be even more specific, He wasn't killed... Jesus gave His life freely and willingly. no one took it. He could have come off the cross if He wanted, but then His purpose would not have been fulfilled as to why He came.

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3rdEyeOpened

I never once said they murdered him. I said they were "responsible" for his death. And the Old Testament foretelling you speak of is the fulfilled covenant I mentioned. I guess you cherry-picked what you wanted to read in my post. BTW, you are preaching to the choir and really don't need to tell me the purpose of Jesus.

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Bonnie UK

No, you just murder the English language with poor grammar and an inability to use a Caps Lock key appropriately

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Amir

LMAO if Jesus was God how could he ever possibly be killed? God cannot be killed it is against monotheism. That's why Christians always crack me up saying they believe in one God. Ha NO THEY DON'T. Christians pray to a MAN. Where is this type of hypocrisy seen?! This is idolatry pure and simple. Something that both Judaism and Islam vehemently reject. Christians pray to plastic statues of people. It is disgusting. If anything you should be thanking Romans for killing Jesus so you have someone to pray to you IDIOTS!

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Lynda

The only thing funny here is how misinformed you are. You have ZERO understanding of Christianity yet here you are spewing foolishness. Do not speak on things you have no knowledge of; it just shows everyone that you are a fool.

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maryam

@Amir...had to sign in when I saw your post. I get so tired of people saying Christians pray to statues. Statues are simply the same things as a picture being displayed!! NO ONE prays TO THEM. The Muslim artists creating images of Muhammad, and the public who beheld them, understood that the images were not objects of worship. It's the same for other religions, including Christians. However, scholars of Islam concede that such images have "a spiritual element", and were also sometimes used in informal religious devotions celebrating the day of the M'raj. Amir, you have no right to berate other religions. Are you hiding under a Muslim's name or are you Muslim? If you are Muslim, you are the LAST person who should be criticizing other faiths. You are ignorant to say they pray to plastic, when they pray from their hearts to God, but YOU, you talk about Muhammad as much or more than God. Christians do not pray to a man. You misinterpret their religion the same as extremists misinterpret yours and allow the wrong things that they do. They and people like YOU are the reason so many of us are leaving or have left Islam. We are becoming more spiritual, less religious, because Islam's arrogance of calling people infidels is not appealing to the rest of us anymore. Islam is dying because of radicals. Some think it's growing but in fact, we know we can be killed for leaving Islam, and WHY would we want to stay in a hateful, murderous religion, just because we want to leave Islam or not wear a chador? This isn't a peaceful religion, and you're throwing stones, when your own faith is causing the problems all over the world. Be respectful of other faiths and people or go back to or stay in your country with sharia law, because most of us don't want it.

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John

Amir, as a Jew, you are NOT supposed to judge other people and what they believe in. Just leave them alone. We do not preach our religion and try to convert because we believe that there are many ways to be righteous!

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Bill

Your statement shows you do not understand death. Death is not non-existence, merely a change of existence. You and I do not have the ability to change back from death to life at will. Jesus does. And he could change others such as Lasserus(sp?) back to life also.

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Rochelle

Maryam, your post was enlightening and touching. Thank you very much for posting a solid response.

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Aaeon

Do you hate the English over the War of 1812?

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Bruce

I am a 28-years-old uniformed guy(working in Air Force), down to earth and cute but still single. I wanna find my lover who can give me real love, so I joined in the "Kissinguniform.com". It's a 10-year-old club for uniformed personnel finding their intimate encounters. Well, being in military service do not mean to be lonely, you can meet the Mr. or Mss. Right there. p.s. The admirers of those uniformed person are also warmly welcome there.

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Lance

Well, if you don't ask, I won't tell

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skpfrmdc

Lonley losers.com this would be a better place to whine.

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shawn

These converted Ashkenazi Jews from central and eastern Europe are not the real Jews nor are they the chosen people. Black people in America are the chosen people. Those Ashkenazi so-called Jews were never in bondage and enslaved in Egypt or anywhere in the world. Black people in America were the once who were stolen from their land and taken to a strange land to be enslaved for 400 yrs as the Bible states. The financiers, buyers and owners of the horrific trans-Atlantic slave trade were mainly Ashkenazi Jews who are not the real Jews but are of the SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN as the Bible states. Get these books: THE SECRET RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BLACKS AND JEWS, volume 1 and 2. The second book is called JEWS SELLING BLACKS.

In the Bible, Jesus is having an argument with these Ashkenazi so-called Jews where he proved that their father is of the devil and not of God. Read from John chapter 8 verse 31 to verse 58. Here in these verses they try to trick Jesus when they said they were from God. But Jesus got them to admit that they were like their father the DEVIL, that he was a liar and murderer from the beginning as they are today in 2011. And because Jesus caught them in their lies, they got angry at him and accuse him of being born of fornication.

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3rdEyeOpened

The ancient Nubians (today's Sudanese) and the Ancient Axum (Today's Somalis and Ethiopians) are actually Semitic and thus have genetic ties to Shem and Abraham. BTW, the Ancient Kingdom of Axum is actually the true birthplace of the first Christian Empire and State. Not Eastern Rome (Byzantine Empire).

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Rochelle

Exactly @3rd eye open.

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skpfrmdc

Get a real job and stock up on some reality checks.

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3rdEyeOpened

Be careful who you speak to with that sharp tongue. i may be the one who is actually signing your pay checks. Think about that.

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Tikvah

Hmm...per the Torah, Jews/Israel were enslaved IN EGYPT for four hundred years, not America. Yes, many African Americans experienced slavery, but not in Egypt, under the rule of pharaohs. Moses also wasn't the one who led them out of their slavery. Yes, Ashkenazi Jews have roots in Central and Eastern Europe and did not experience enslavement in Egypt. During periods of exile, Jews were scattered to all corners of the Earth (including Europe) – which makes your claim that African Americans are the only Jews in the world impossible. Prior to exile and prior to even reaching the Promised Land for the first time, the early Jews were enslaved in Egypt. This happened before some Jews were scattered to Europe and way before the transatlantic slave trades.

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Rochelle

Wrong. Abraham in Gen. 15 didn't dream of Egypt the land, but Egypt the definition of bondage. Please do not go there Ashkenazi or Sephardic Jew. The entire Torah doesn't mention not one word JEW in it. Egypt means land of blacks in Kemet. So how in the world do brown and black faces end up on the hieroglyphs, but not your face? The slavery of African Americans was foretold in Deut 28th and the rest of the Hebrew Bible. They are Israelites. Their history of bondage matches the Hebrew Bible completely. Everytime the Israelites disobeyed Yah, they went into slavery, treated more harshly than any group on the face of the earth. The African American and other enslaved descendants lost their entire heritage. None of that happened to Jews of Europe.

Just stop with the plausible deniability. Hebrewism existed in Africa longer than Europe, so how do you call yourselves, Israelites when your history was intact? Jews of Europe contradict their own Torah because you're not Israelites.

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Mik

How do you know that Egyptians were black? As for the Blacks losing their history their history is still there but they don't want others to know about the history of black slavery

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Rochelle

Your other comment makes no sense. Everyone and you're momma know black history, so there is no way the entire black race is hiding their history from the world. lol. You may want to ask why certain groups are hiding the real black history from blacks, especially the lost history from slavery and afterwards. Start there instead of blaming the wrong group who lost their real heritage.

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Mik

Blacks don't want to admit what they did to their own PEOPLE and the blame is always put on white people and the slave trade. If Americans talk about the slave trade it's never discussed about what Africa did. Only what America did and blacks write books milk and honey. Well if it wasn't for that milk and honey you wouldn't be where you are today.

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Tikvah

Why do you assume that just because I disagree with you that I am Ashkenazi or Sephardic? Some Sephardic Jews are African Jews by the way. I'm of East African descent and a mixture of other things. I definitely don't look "white." Anyways, since you wrote your response based on who you think I am and commented on some things that I never asserted and some other things I just don't agree with...I'm just going to let you be. I said my perspective in my initial post and that's all I have to say.

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Tikvah

I do know that "Jew" is not mentioned in the Torah. No one is asserting that it is. It's just another name for people of Israel that has become common in this day and age. We know we're Israelites, we also call ourselves Jews.

Why don't you spend a little less time spewing out assumptions about my ethnicity, what I'm thinking and what I would or would not want to talk about and focus on sharing the benefits of your religion. I've interacted with people who share your views and they all seem to spend a lot of time doing the following:

- 1) Automatically assuming that anyone who disagrees with them is white. If they discover that the person is not white, they assume that the person just doesn't want to see the truth.
- 2) Asserting who is and who isn't of Israel and using race/skin color as an indicator.

Being Jewish is not about the color of your skin – G-d is on a higher level than that. Yes, post-exile, certain tribes are believed by some people to have ended up in certain areas of the world. Regardless, anyone can be Jewish. You can either be born Jewish or choose to join the Jewish people like Ruth did. Being Jewish is about having a relationship with G-d, keeping Torah and fulfilling our purpose in life. So why don't you stop running around trying to tell everybody who is Jewish and why and start fulfilling what it means to be Jewish or whatever term you like to call yourself.

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Rochelle

Wrong again. The word "Jew" is most certainly not another name for Israelites, otherwise the term would be in the Torah. It is not. Jew comes from Judea/Idumea/Edomite origins. So your just asserted that Jew means Israelite, when it doesn't, thus contradicting the Torah and yourself. Not even the Israeli call themselves Israelite, so it is not "common" at all. You are implying it is when it's not. Yah did not call the house of Jacob, Jews, nor did He call Israelites, Jew. He makes specific nations. Not even Yeshua in the New Testament called Jews, Israelites. He made specific distinctions between both groups. You may think your Israelites, but the word of Yah doesn't support this premise. Anyone can convert to Judaism, but not Israelite. One has to be born into the nation of their forefathers. You don't now who I am either or what my full views are, so just as you told me not to ASSume your ethnic background, do not make the same mistake with me. Like I said, your response was a typical fallback position which is why I made note of it. And unlike the "people you've interacted, I'm well educated on history, anthropology, and comparative religions, so do not ASSume anything about me from this point on. I am an individual.

And no, you don't want to see the truth because if you did, you would of addressed the verses I posted in my previous posts. You are deflecting away from that in order to post conjecture. Not doing a very good job of rebuffing my posts, just trying to draw negative perceptions of my posts. I get the feeling you are passively aggressively trying to accuse me of being some kind of heretic. Like I said, you should tread carefully because you error. And if being Jewish isn't about color, then there is no need for articles like this, and mainstream Judaism would of long ago acknowledged darker races of Hebrew lineage, especially in ALL PARTS OF AFRICA, not the North and not Ethiopians Jews. It is sheer hypocrisy on your part that being Jewish isn't about skin color because that is exactly what mainstream Judaism is all about. And while you acknowledge that certain tribes were spread throughout the world post exile, you seem to have a real problem addressing Africa. I don't know why since the majority of nations written in the Hebrew Bible deals with Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, Canaan, land of Ham, Genesis 2:10 names Ethiopia as the first nation in the Torah. But you have the nerve to imply that I'm all about skin color. PFFT. More like people of religions conveniently ignore what's written right in front of them.

Now you've made illogical errors. Fact is Jewish is not Israelite, this is why I reference the entire Torah. And if you don't like what I have to post, simply ignore it. I will not stop posting my views because you feel some kind of way about it. There is a lot of deception going on and I will speak out on it, especially the hypocrisy regarding Judaism.

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Tikvah

It was not my intent to make assumptions about you – I was really going off of your comments. You made assumptions about my ethnicity, the shade of my skin, topics that I wouldn't want to talk about, etc. – you may potentially know more than others I've talked to, but your assumption-filled comments and similar "history lessons" haven't given me any indication that you're any different from the others. Just as you think I am making "fallback" comments, I find you to be making "fallback" comments as well.

We are obviously two different people with two very different readings on the Torah. I can understand you wanting to educate people about your perspective – I just don't agree with your perspective and I think it takes away from what Judaism is meant to be. Yes, there are stories of racism/discrimination in Israel that makes race a current Jewish issue, but that doesn't mean race is a big deal to G-d. I find the treatment of my people to be upsetting in Israel, but that doesn't mean I want race to always be at the forefront of Jewish current events.

Race/ethnicity is an issue because WE have made it that way. All of Israel is to be one and I long

for the day when we can all be one and not get caught up on social constructs like race. I don't have a problem with talking about Africa (I'm African and proudly defend my Ethiopian Jewish brothers and sisters), but I have a problem with assertions being made about the color of the "original Jews" and what not. I don't promote division within the body of Israel and I don't care what color Abraham was or the Jews that were enslaved in Egypt.

I see Jews and Israelites as being the same people, you may not. Fine, but that doesn't mean that I just don't want to see the truth. There are so many perspectives in Judaism developed by people who all want to see the truth. You don't want to see the truth anymore than everyone else who is seeking truth does. I think you're wrong and you think I'm wrong – who can be the judge?

Try not to argue with people so harshly and your comments may be more well received. Judging by the way you spoke to me when you thought I was Ashkenazi or Sephardic, it sounds like you're not interested in interacting with such communities. If I'm wrong, it's nice to know that you do interact with other communities. I personally would have a hard time connecting with someone with your perspectives – especially if you speak as harshly as you write – but I think, regardless of color, all who love Torah should learn to come together.

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Tikvah

And no, I am not avoiding the truth from responding to your Biblical references. I have heard your arguments before from other people and it's clear that we have two different perspectives. Stating my opinion would probably be a waste of time, as you'd probably just tell me I'm "wrong" as you did in your previous posts. Who wants to discuss something with someone who responds to your opinions with a forceful "wrong" or "wrong again." It's pointless and obnoxious.

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Ethiopia

"So your just asserted that Jew means Israelite, when it doesn't, thus contradicting the Torah and yourself. Not even the Israeli call themselves Israelite, so it is not "common" at all."

For someone who claims to know Scripture - you don't seem to know it all that well. Israelis in Hebrew is Yisraelim, the word used in the Bible for "Israelites" is, yup, Yisraelim. English translations of the Bible for whatever reason used an archaic term Israelite. But the word in the Bible and the word to describe citizens of the modern State of Israel are the same.

It is true, that "Jews" are from Judaea, or the word's origins are from that. But all the tribes of Israel are from the House of Israel. Biblically speaking, it would be a misnomer to say that someone from the Tribe of Asher was Jewish. But since at least Roman times, "Jew" has been the term used for a people of a common, Hebrew heritage from the Levant.

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Tikvah

I'm not even sure if you are talking to me, but if you are, you have grossly misunderstood me. I never said the words "Israelite" and "Jew," once translated into Hebrew are the same word because they obviously aren't. The two different words refer to the same people – just like "Beta Israel" and "Ethiopian Jews" are the same people...just depends on who you're talking to, as we all have our preferences. It's okay for a people to have multiple names.

I didn't say that "Israelite" is commonly used amongst the Jewish people, I said "Jew/Jewish" is commonly used in this day and age. Rochelle seems to be saying (she can correct me if I'm wrong) that the Israelites and the Jews are two different people. I say they are two different terms for the same people – "Jew" came into use post Torah times.

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Tikvah

Oh, sorry "Ethiopia," I now see that you were quoting from Rochelle and responding to her post. Looks like you weren't talking to me after all. Sorry about that.

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Rochelle

@Ethiopia

"Israeli" is modern Hebrew NOT BIBLICAL Hebrew. So, um NO, Yisraelim is NOT the biblical definition in Hebrew for Israel. Your post confirmed my previous point to regarding two different terms to be correct. The word Jew is not synonymous with Yehudim either. Jew comes from the origin, JUDEA, or Jerusalem Jews/Idumea. The tribe of Judah/Yehudah didn't refer to themselves as Jews either, but as Yehudahites/Judahites/Yehudan. Idumean/Judean are found in the earliest text of antiquities. I know that modern Hebrew is not mishnaic, medieval, or biblical Hebrew, just as American English is not the same as United Kingdom's English. Yisraelim may be the modern English translation for Israelite, it is not the biblical term for Israeli because Israeli is a

modern word deriving from Yisraelim. You also proved my point based on your quote that "the word to describe citizens of the modern State of Israel are the same. It is true, that "Jews" are from Judaea, or the word's origins are from that". Therefore, JEW origins are from Judea/Idumea/Hasmonean/Edom. What do we think Rebecca's warring word was about? Jews and Arabs? Nope. Symbolically yes due to Israel being the holy land, and the wars going on, but not literally.

Regarding Roman times, that is another topic altogether.

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Ethiopia

Do you actually speak Hebrew? Israelite is an English word. The word used to describe the people of Israel, in the Bible, is "Yisraelim". Modern Hebrew may not be ancient Hebrew, but its not a different language altogether. The words are the same. The word Jew and Jews (Yehudim) does appear in the book of Esther, and in the New Testament several times. In common lexicon, since Roman times, "Jewish" was used to describe someone of that faith or ancestry. I really cannot comprehend why you are getting so worked up over this. "Jewish is not Israelite" - that's like saying a New Yorker isn't an American.

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Tikvah

@Ethiopia. I was about to say the same thing. "Israel" and "Israelite" are English versions of Hebrew words.

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Rochelle

@Ethiopia, if you can't comprehend my posts, then why are you bothering responding to them? Again, modern hebrew isn't biblical hebrew, which is why I wrote that just because Israeli is the modern derivation of Israelite, doesn't mean they're the same. You implied they are and I said they weren't, which is why I gave historical references regarding the origins. I wrote this in english, can you comprehend and read english? Jew is not synonymous with Israelite, which is also why I referenced biblical hebrew origins of Yehudah/Yehudan/Yehudahite. Clear for you now? And Jew comes from Idumea/Judean which means that they're origins are from JUDEA, as a resident of the Israelite nation, not the descendant. Again, thank you for proving my point because a New Yorker is an American because that is one's nationality, but New Yorkers aren't NATIVEAMERICANS. Get it now? And had you read my responses to Tikvah, it would of been clear to you about why Jew is not synonymous with Israelite. And while you reference Jew in the book of Esther, last time I checked, that wasn't the Torah. Had you read my previous posts, it would of cleared up your

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Tikvah

@Rochelle. "Israeli" isn't modern Hebrew either. It's an English version of a Hebrew word. I am still learning Hebrew, but I know enough to know that "Israeli" or "Israelite" are not modern Hebrew or Biblical Hebrew terms - the English version is kind of similar to the modern Hebrew, but they are not identical. I'll let "Ethiopia" explain it further, because he/she seems to know more about Hebrew than myself.

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Ethiopia

"Again, modern hebrew isn't biblical hebrew, which is why I wrote that just because Israeli is the modern derivation of Israelite, doesn't mean they're the same."

No, it is not the modern derivation of Israelite. Israelite is an English word. A bunch of white British people saw the Hebrew word "Yisraelim" and they translated this as Israelite in their Bibles. That's all there is to it. Nothing more one can extrapolate from it than that.

"And Jew comes from Idumea/Judean which means that they're origins are from JUDEA"

You had 12 tribes of Israel, one of them, Judah (Yehuda). By the 6th century BC, Judah became the most prominent, and after the northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians, Judah and Judaeans, with their Torah, became what people used to describe a group of Hebrew speaking persons who believed in a particular God and followed particular laws in a particular book. If someone says they're Jewish, even if, technically they came from the tribe of Dan f/e, everyone understands what they're talking about.

No one is trying to deny Africans here of anything. There are black Jews, there are Africans who may, among many things, have ancestry from Israel (though it is unlikely to be among West Africans). You're free to believe anything you want to believe, but it is not in accord with modern science or archeology or history. That's not a knock against blacks. A black person hardly needs to be an original Israelite to have validation in my eyes, God's eyes, or anyone else's.

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Rochelle

Thank you for stating the obvious because I've long since known I was free to believe what I choose to believe. As I posted, you and Tikvah may not be. When I referenced the Torah numerous times, to prove my points, I can also prove it with history. Now that you've posted about west Africans, then please tell me why Ashanti, Igbo practice Hebrew customs? This disregard by you and your ilk is extreme arrogance and ignorance. This is exactly what I wrote about the arrogance of Abrahamic Religions and truth. It's not in any of them. You think that speck of country called Ethiopia is that size? The borders changed through colonialism. Do you think west Africans were always there or was it due to migration from east Africa to get away from being enslaved in Islam and the Roman empire? Last time I checked, it was. And this is why I backed up my posts with the Torah and the rest of the Hebrew Bible, while you and others have not. This speaks volumes, but not really because it reminds me of what Joseph went through. The validation I seek was already fulfilled by Yah and Yeshua, obviously not by my brethren. Academic scholarship through archeology and anthropology of certain African tribes, excluding Ethiopia proves that Hebrewism existed longer in Africa than any Abrahamic religion.

Now most of the Lemba tribe have said, and I'm talking the leaders of their tribes, that the majority of Israel was taken overseas to the Americas, to the New World. So I would trust what they have to say over you or anyone else. You see that is what being part of the community is all about, and living in truth. Same as Igbo. The majority have also confirmed the prophesy of Deut. 28th chapter. A friend of mine from Zimbabwe from the Lemba tribe told me 22 years ago told me that certain tribes in Africa are hiding this truth. Reading your response reminds me of how tribalistic many Africans, excluding my friend is. Now I know Christian Ethiopians have shared this truth over the years, the fact you went out of your way to play this tribalistic game proves my previous statement that Israel has not returned, but still scattered abroad, and the classic avoidance of facing the truth.

Like I posted, if you can confirm through history and the use of the Torah how the Blacks in the African Diaspora that were taken into slavery, losing their heritage, culture, native language, customs, and how they do not fit the blessings and curses of the Torah and Hebrew Bible, then I will concede the points. But I'll not hold my breath.

I thank you for proving how "diversity" in the Jewish nation is a farce. You did a better job of contradicting and ignoring the Torah than Tikvah.

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Mik

How is Judiasm not a farce? Yaphett Katto Whoopi Goldberg are Jews and you run Whoopi out of the religion NOT race.

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Rochelle

Two of my favorite actors. Whoopi is a convert and Yaphet has Hebrew roots he can trace back to Israel. His family ancestry is from Cameroon, proof that West Africa had Hebrew roots. My issue is with the farce with "embracing diversity" when it has always been there. And take up racism with the Jewish leadership and Rabbis who pretty much do not acknowledge, publicly and vocally, generation in other parts of the world.

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Mik

So why do the WHITE Jews say she was anti-semitic? We all know the white Jews hate black Jews. Oh now Yaphett is an actual Jew so the questions remain who is Jewish? Anyone can be a Jew.

You know that's what they said about Whoopi she has Jewish roots. Yeah more like black roots. No what the farce is Jews say there everything and there not.

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Rochelle

I have no idea why other Jews called Whoopi anti-semitic since she's Jewish, and since she is, it would make more sense to call her a "self-hating Jew" instead. Other Jews don't seem so keen on acknowledging her roots? But if one is from China, it's let's celebrate publicly. That is clearly prejudice. Yet I'm the one who is focused on race? Pfft. This is what I mean about the hypocrisy in Judaism. There have always been Jews and Hebrews of different ethnic backgrounds, yet the mainstream Jews seem to think they can pick and choose who is Jewish when their standards aren't in line with the Torah. Most Jews believe that being Jewish comes from the mother, but when one reads the Torah, it is patrilineal. The lineage is through the Father, ergo Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.

Also, have the mainstream Jews publicly acknowledge Yaphet Kotto's heritage? NOPE. His

ancestry is West African from Cameroon, so how come they don't celebrate that heritage since they've been so vocal about "finding the lost tribes of Israel". That is why I call it a farce because of the gross hypocrisy. Sure this article finally acknowledges the diversity in Judaism, but how old are both Yaphet and Whoopi? Clearly over the age of 60.

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Mik

Isn't there enough self-hating Jews out there? Well, I agree with you there on they can pick and choose. When they can't. What does their age have to do with anything? Well, why do Jews say it's the mother line when if Jews are a RACE both parents would give their DNA to the child? There is no DNA according to the Jewish religion about the father who is Christian or other. Even if he converts to Judaism, their children are not true Jews. See the hypocrisy?

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Rochelle

BINGO!!! Regarding the matrilineal aspect of Judaism, that is what I disagree with because that contradicts Numbers 1, specifically the 18 verse where Patrilineal descent and tradition is listed in the Torah. In that respect, Judaism is based on matrilineal, which contradicts the entire Torah. Thank Yah he made a way for everyone to become part of Israel, but doing so means the truth must come out. Judaism contradicts its ownself because one can convert to the religion, but that doesn't make one a descendant of Abraham. Spiritually of course, but not physically. This is another reason why Jew is not synonymous with Israelite. And the great thing is that Yeshua made a way for all to receive Salvation and fellowship with Yah.

Earlier, I referenced ages because both Whoopi and Yaphet are clear examples of Jewish and Hebraic ties, and the children in the photo illustrating the diversity of Judaism as a shallow gesture. And I've never liked that term "self-hating Jew" because it's such a nasty, dismissive, and negative connotation created to smear some Jews who question and leave the Jewish faith, expose the hypocrisy of Jewry Diaspora, and most Jews convert to a different faith. It's a smear tactic.

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Mik

then I agree with you that you are against if your mother is Jewish your Jewish since race comes from both parents not just one parent. then why do white Jews hate black Jews and the rest of the world? well then how are their children Jewish when we are all Jewish since when God died on the cross the Jews that believed in God become Christians. Jesus was a Jew. I hate the Holocaust but think about if we never had it? when people talk about that we never talk about the blacks, disabled, gay GERMAN MAN gypsies. The Jews want a separate memorial for everyone everyone needs to know about the JEWISH Holocaust we know nothing of gay German men who were castrated and they did not give their consent to have their penises chopped off. But yet the gay German females were not in the internment camps with their gay brothers. Gay men were considered the more evil one. Not females.

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Rochelle

Again, Mik, that is a good question as to why white Jews hate black Jews. That is a question better answered directly by them since the burden of proof is on them to explain where their disdain and hatred comes from. This is why I keep going back to the Bible. I've read it more than once over 20+ years, and history, and I have not found a valid explanation. The only thing I realized is that Israelites aren't those people calling themselves Israeli Jews and the mainstream Jews. They're not the same group of people. Jews shouldn't hate the rest of the world since that isn't written in the Torah nor Tanakh either.

I do agree that Yeshua died on the cross for all people, however, Yeshua was not a "Jew", he was from Galilee, and from the tribe of Judah, an Israelite. During that time under Roman occupation in the biblical era, many of the territories in that region were considered city-state. Even though Yeshua was born in Bethlehem, his family settled in Galilee.

Regarding the Holocaust, that was such a tragic event in history, but there is one that predates the Jewish Holocaust called the Namibia Holocaust, also ran by Germany. What happened in Namibia was a hidden crime that is absolutely criminal not to highlight in history.

And you are right, it is sad that gays, gypsies, blacks, and Germans that died in the European Holocaust are hidden, no, removed from history because it's such a callous way to diminish those lost, innocent lives. This should tell you that the Jews that are thoughtless and inconsiderate of other lives lost during the Holocaust is not in line with what the Torah says about Israelites and the reason they were chosen by Yah.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle in my initial post that you responded to, I did make mention of the Torah and was willing to further elaborate...but then you told me I was "wrong" and then proceeded to nastily call me an Ashkenazi or Sephardic Jew and make mention of other things that I wasn't talking about. Based on that response alone, you're not really someone I'd like to have a serious Biblical/Historical discourse with. I think it would be a waste of time because you've already made your mind up about things and you can't seem to respectfully hear someone else's opinion.

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Rochelle

And you did the same things to me in your accusatory responses. Like I wrote, disappointment goes both ways. None of you are interested in Ann exchange and I agree, a real waste of time for close minded. Again your ASSumption is that my mind is made up. Look in the mirror because you've not been respectful to me either. thank you for proving my posts.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle, you initiated communication with me. I responded to your comment based on the tone you took with me. I try to respond respectfully even when someone uses a disrespectful tone – but you went over the top in assuming my ethnicity...I mean, really? Who does that? If you use a disrespectful/inappropriate tone with someone, don't expect respect in return. You got what you dished out.

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Ethiopia

"Do you think west africans were always there or was it due to migration from east Africa to get away from being enslaved in Islam and the Roman empire?"

Africa, and Africans are richly diverse. As diverse as any place or peoples on earth. West Africans, no, it is not the case that until 2000 yrs ago, West Africa (where most African-Americans trace lineage to) was a barren land with no population. You are making things up in order to feel validated in a silly claim that almost no one (and very few people of any race are obsessively concerned with race)– the skin colour of characters in the Bible.

"Now most of the Lemba tribe have said, and I'm talking the leaders of their tribes, that the majority of Israel was taken overseas to the Americas, to the New World. So I would trust what they have to say over, you or anyone else"

1) Cite your source; 2) How would they know? The Lemba, according to research done, do seem to have Jewish lineage (probably by way of Yemen). That being said, they were not a part of the trans-atlantic slave trade, so, how exactly would they know that "most of Israel has been taken overseas to America". Just saying it does not make it so. One should have to prove it.

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Rochelle

Again staying the obvious about diversity in Africa. That was not my point, but specifically Hebrewism throughout Africa. You just agreed with me in you're rush to be contrary, lol!!! I already wrote that most east African tribes migrated to west Africa due to escaping slavery from both Rome and Islam, so no, I didn't make that up, lol. You are not actually reading what I wrote and responding quite reactionary.

I back up my post with the verses to the Torah. Regarding the Lemba, read and watch what they say very carefully before responding to me:

<http://diggingforthetruth.net/season1episode8.html>

http://touch.dailymotion.com/video/xenvzk_the-lemba-tribe-of-israel_people

So no, I did not just make it up and your accusation are once again, baseless.

how would they know? They come from Israel. Lol@you. You whine to me about race when I have repeatedly wrote that this is about acknowledging the past and the full truth. Now the Torah said Israel would go back into slavery, written by Mbshe AFTER THE EXODUS OUT OF EGYPT, so why would the Israelites go back to the same place they walked out of by SHIPS? Have you read your own book?

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Mik

so if its the truth why do white jews hate black jews and anything that isnt jewish?

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Rochelle

Brilliant question! Before I found the truth, I looked into history to see if Blacks did something horrific to white Jews in order to of garnered such inexplicable hate by them. And this sentiment goes beyond the creation of Islam in America where black muslims have said hateful things about Jews and other whites. Historically, Blacks have been enslaved by Jewish slave masters in America than vice versa, and white Jews were given more land than Blacks when they immigrated to America and moved down South, and to the West during early America. I've still not gotten a straight answer as to why white Jews hate Blacks, so I went to the Bible and read up on the Israelites. The more I read, the more I saw Jews are different from Israelites. It's like two different groups of people. And still nothing in the Hebrew Bible warrants such hate from white Jews towards Black and Black Jews. It is not Godly, nor biblical/islamic text, the hate is palpable, though irrational towards Jews by the prophet of Islam, but nothing to do with how that would translate to such disdain by white Jews. So the hate by white Jews comes from a different place within their culture.

I want to note that I've never had a problem with diversity, nor am I prejudiced because I know the word of Yah says Israel would be scattered, how he loves the world, but hates sin, everything in his commandments I find religion divisive and a tool of Satan because it still separates mankind from Yah. As much as I acknowledge African Hebrews and Jews, I've been led by the Holy Spirit to researching Southeast Asian region for a number of years.

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Mik

well what has your research said about southeast asia? Since there are chinese JEWS so again my question is always how is Judasim or anything related to jewishness a race its a religion not a race.

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Rochelle

Confusing isn't it? While some definitions of Jewish define an individual as being ethnoreligious, a member of the Jewish faith, and/or descendant of Israelite, there is still some question as to why does a descendant have to convert? According to Bible, the word Jew, and it's biblical hebrew definition didn't exist. Not even with the split of the Israelite kingdom, does not make the inference to Judahites as Jews in it's english translations. No one has posted a verse from the Hebrew Bible to back up the claim that Jew = Judahites.

You are right, there is not DNA test to determine Jewish, but there is DNA testing to determine Hebrew DNA. I've found that due to the slave trades of Trans-Sahara and Trans-Atlantic slave trades, conversions to Islam, and other religions, the majority of Southeast Asians. Notably, I use to have a Fijian roommate, and he told me about certain tribes with Hebrew customs. However, I'm still in the early stages of research.

Hypocritical racist jews ignored Chinese Jews until they were caught giving the cold shoulder to Chinese Jews. Then a year later, the "return of Jews to Israel" story came to light. LOL.
<http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/35337/olympic-shame-israel-ignores-chinese-jews/>

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Mik

So again who is a jew since some jews dont even use the dreidel or anything like that and Hannukah isnt a big celebration within the jewish faith but in america its like no tomorrow there jealous of the christians and there holidays

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Rochelle

I'm not sure why Jews don't observe their holidays in a public manner. Could be because they're a smaller minority, but I'm not certain. In my area, there is a synagogue where mainstream Jews observe their holidays in a private manner. If they're role is to bring people to Yah, then how come there isn't a "joyful noise" about doing so from the Jewish people? This has given me great pause for a long time now. All I know is that the exclusivity is not correct.

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Tikvah

@ Rochelle. Okay, since I do like to engage in Biblical discussions, I will briefly address the issue of "Jew" vs "Israelite" and the link to Judah using the Hebrew Bible.

Here is the JPS English translation of Esther 2:5-6 (I capitalized some of the key words):

"In the fortress Shushan lived a JEW by the name of Mordecai, son of Jair, son of Kish, a BENJAMITE. Kish had been exiled from Jerusalem in the group that was carried into exile along with King Jeconiah of JUDAH, which had been driven into exile by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon."

This verse clearly refers to a descendant of one of the twelve tribes of Israel as a "Jew." This Jew is a descendant of those who went into exile with the King of Judah.

There are of course historical texts that explain the shift in terminology in much greater detail – "Ehiopia" shared a bit of his research – and you can certainly explore those texts at your leisure.

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Rochelle

Oh I thank you for describing the origins of Jewry because clearly it goes back to Babylon according to the Bible. That is separate from the House of Jacob.

According to Jewish Encyclopedia. MORDECAI (; probably = "belonging to Marduk," a Babylonian divinity), Now that is interesting, indeed. Babylon. The same Babylon where Yah ordered Abraham to leave in Genesis 12:1. Ur of Chaldees is modern day Iran, which was under the Babylonian Empire. And Jerusalem is in what was known as the Southern Kingdom of Judah correct? That is where Mordecai was exiled under King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. Shushan was in what is now called Iran (Persia-also under the Babylonian Empire). Shushan was a region during the time of Esther was ran by Elamites of Edom who are also Semitic peoples, again, where the Semitic origins of Jewery comes from. Since Mordecai was from the tribe of Benjamin, Benjamin had

Anyone born in Judea and Jerusalem was a Jew, according to 2 Kings 16:6 which is before Esther 2:5. In 2 Kings 17:24, Yah replaced the children of Israel with the people of the Persian (Iran), Turkey (Sephard), Syria, Ava, Hamath. Bath is in Edom found in 2 Kings 16:6 verse and this is where the Jewish Hebrew lineage comes from-Edom. They all merged with each other. This is both biblical and historical. 2 Kings 16:6 says, Rezin, King of Assyria recovered Bath to Syria, and the Assyrians came to dwell in Bath to this day.

And once again, I disagree regarding your definition of Jew origins. Jew was not short for Judahite, it was short for Judea, the Greco-Roman name of the land of the tribe of Judah. Operative word is "of", not descendant. Idumea/Edom was south of Judea, and became the capital once King David conquered Jerusalem. Jerusalem was an independent city-state.

And this begs the question, if Jews are descendants of Israelites, why do Jews who claim to be descendants of Israelites have to convert to Judaism when that is not required under Mosaic Law nor the rest of biblical text? There is no verse confirming Jew=Israelite in the TORAH. You made the distinction between Benjaminite and Jew, yet not Judahite. I can read the Bible for myself and see that distinction isn't clearly made between Jew and Judahite. And the book of Esther is not the Torah where in Numbers 1 & 2, the nations were established by Moshe for the 12 tribes of Israel.

This is where the confusion lies, and Yah is not the author of confusion.

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Tikvah

Per your point in regards to Bnei Anusim being required to convert, those who enforce that policy do believe that Jews and Israelites are the same people – so Bnei Anusim being forced to convert (even if some people, including myself, believe that conflicts with Torah) does not support the claim that Jews are not descendants of Israelites. The issue is that conversion related issues are viewed and addressed differently than they have in the past.

As for etymology issues concerning "Jew," I don't typically link "Jew" to "Judahite" or "Judea." Since we are dealing with an English form of a Hebrew word, it's better to go back to the Hebrew. In my JPS Hebrew/English Tanakh, the Hebrew version of "Jew" is very similar to that of the land of "Judah" (Y'hudi vs Y'hudia).

I know you said such doesn't prove that Jews are from the tribe of Judah (a Judahite, as you put it), but that doesn't mean Jews weren't/aren't Israelites. Per the passage I previously quoted from Esther, Mordecai was a Jew who is actually a descendant of the tribe of Benjamin. Claims are made as to where the term "Jew" came from, but that doesn't mean everyone is assuming that a Jew only comes from the tribe of Judah.

I know "Jew" isn't in the Torah, but the names we choose to call ourselves over time can change. Furthermore, Jews still do refer to themselves as "Israelites," only we use the Hebrew version. We use "Yisrael" – we say it every time we say the Sh'ma. The common English translation of "Yisrael" is "Israelite" (see a JPS Tanakh) – none of us have forgotten who we are.

The bottom line is that, today, people who refer to themselves as Jews accept the same Torah that was given to Moshe on Mount Sinai. Even if you were right in saying that a Jew is not an Israelite, what does that even matter? In your eyes, what is the difference between a "Jew" and "Israelite" and how and why do those differences matter in the body of Israel? No offense intended but I just don't get what you're driving at.

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Rochelle

@ Tikvah, the conversion to Judaism is a contradiction to the Torah, this is why you can't even find me one verse from the Torah where JEW = JUDAH. You are going round and round with

going to your "J.F.P.". I explained about The origins of Jew, and you dismissed it because you found the word "Jew" in Esther 2:5-6, which is outside the Torah. Now if Mordecai is both a Benjamite and Jew, then it would be redundant since Benjamin is brother to Judah, making them ISRAELITES. It is illogical to refer to Mordecai as both Benjamite and Jew if he's also from the tribe of Judah. When one reads the Hebrew text, not even in your Hebrew version, the word JEW does not equal Judahite.

And as you wrote Jews didn't forget who they were, that once again contradicts the word of Yah where he specifically said Israel would lose their entire heritage. This is not my interpretation, but the word of Yah.

Deut. 28:63, "And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it".

Jews can refer to themselves as Israelite to describe themselves all they like, but it's not the truth because it contradicts Rev. 2:9 & 3:9. Here is another scripture where Yah said Israelites would lose their heritage. Verses like this are prevalent throughout the entire Hebrew Bible. And when Yah refers to Israelites, it's always House of Jacob, children of Israel, House of Judah. Yah makes clear distinctions. This is why I went back to Abraham's vision in Gen. 15 where he dreamed of his seed going into spiritual darkness in a land that he never knew, and how they would serve foreign masters. So again, while Jews were chosen to take over as I referenced in 2 Kings 16:6 and 2 Kings 17:24, they're simply not the descendants of the house of Jacob. I've made this crystal clear throughout this exchange that JEW does not equal Israelite because the origins of Jewry contradicts the very Torah. Anyone can convert to Judaism, so does that mean converts are considered the literal seed of Abraham? No. That contradicts Numbers 18.

Biblical prophesy does not match Jewry at all. The history of Jewry in the world doesn't match the Torah, the blessing and curses, and the loss of the entire heritage that befell the Israelites. Deuteronomy 28:48 "therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the LORD sends against you. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until he has destroyed you".

And the truth matters a great deal when we talk about the word of Yah and truth of biblical scriptures. It makes a big difference because Jeremiah 15:14 "I will enslave you to your enemies in a land you do not know, for my anger will kindle a fire that will burn against you." and Jeremiah 17:4 "And you, even yourself, shall let go of your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you know not: for you have kindled a fire in my anger, which shall burn forever".

These verses directly contradict your claims that the people calling themselves Jews today are the people of the time of Moshe. I gave you direct verses from the Torah where in Deut. 29, Ezek. 36, Lev. 26, all of those verses said Israel would go lose their entire heritage. So you just contradicted Moshe. This is why Jewry contradicts Moshe, and he is the one who wrote the Torah. Because while Israeli Jews and Ashkenazi Jews are "celebrating the law of return", they're not telling the whole truth, and that is the problem.

So how in the world are you telling me that Jews refer to themselves as Israelites when YAH NEVER DID. You can't find the verse because it never happened. Not one prophet of Israel referred to Jews as Israelites.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle...I am very familiar with the passages in Deuteronomy that mention the results of disobedience – it's written in our Sh'ma!

The truth is that Hashem has declared that Israel can NEVER permanently lose her heritage – which is outlined in Deut. 30. Deut. 30:3 specifically mentions Israel's fortunes being restored when she turns back to Hashem. It goes on to discuss how Hashem will bring us back to the land we were expelled from. This is clearly evident in the miraculous wave of Jews from around the world (Poland, India, Ethiopia, China, Morocco, Spain, Brazil, etc.) returning to the Promised Land. We didn't lose our heritage.

You seem to have missed a fundamental theme within Judaism. And FYI, Ezekiel is not in the Torah, as you've asserted.

Furthermore, because you've quoted Revelations and mentioned "Yeshua" dying on the cross in a previous post, I see that you are using passages that I do not uphold as the word of Hashem. We are obviously not of the same religion. The NT does not belong in the body of Israel. If you say I contradict something written in the NT – so be it, it's not my religious text. I don't think it's going to work for us to continue this discussion.

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Ethiopia

"When one reads the Hebrew text, not even in your Hebrew version, the word JEW does not equal Judahite."

You really need to learn some Hebrew. Judahite, Israelite, etc. are all English words, translated from the Hebrew by a bunch of white people (who you don't particularly care for). Judah (Yehuda) is a proper name. Yehudi is a person of Judah or from Judah. This has often been translated as Jew, and it is where the term Jew comes from but you could just as well translate it as 'Judahite'. For some reason you think Black people, broadly speaking, are the "true Israelites", but trust only the King James Version of the Bible authorized by upper crust white

Christians.

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Rochelle

@Ethiopia. I keep asking you guys to post where in the ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF HEBREW where Yah referred directly to Judahites as JEWS, and you haven't. I've learned "some Hebrew", and found that the origin of JEW as I've already wrote about, is NOT the same as Judahite. And I know you don't have the nerve to criticize Christianity since the majority of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ to fund Israel's war against the muslim Middle East, and spend \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ of tourism to Israel. No, don't go there with foolish accusations. And I'm an ex-Christian. You need to be very carefully when you criticize the book where most Christians still believe in the lie that Jews = Israelites. And also, LOL @ you for ASSuming that I have a beef with white people. So white people equal JEWS according to you? Stay in your lane. Last time I checked, it took how many years for Ethiopian Jews to be acknowledged by mainstream white Jews after 1948? Something like the late 70's, early '80's. The majority of you aren't in positions of power and still treated with inequality. LOL!!! Just stop. And again with your ASSumptions about generalizing black people. Aren't Ethiopians "black"? LOL!! Don't play this foolish game with me. Before I go further, did you actually read and listen to what Zimbabwe Hebrews said, or are you envious of them because they're not the only Hebrews of color? I noticed you have not addressed that since our last exchange. And if you bothered to READ and understand what I've posted, I wrote that SPECIFICALLY, as CONFIRMED by the honest Lemba tribe of Zimbabwe, that according to the Torah, the Hebrews were taken into captivity to the four corners of the world. So don't put words in my post because I have no problem being clear with my points.

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Ethiopia

@Rochelle:

You're nuts aren't you? "I keep asking you guys to post where in the ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF HEBREW where Yah referred directly to Judahites as JEWS"

And we keep telling you - who the heck cares about the English. The Hebrew Bible is in HEBREW! Judahite, Israelite, those are English words. Or do you believe God revealed Scripture in 17th Century English? Moreover, do you believe that "if it is not somehow in the Bible it isn't pertinent to the discussion"? As if history, linguistics, archeology, etc. have no place in elucidating the text.

"You need to be very carefully when you criticize the book where most Christians still believe in the lie that Jews = Israelites"

There's a reason most people don't hold your view - your view is ridiculous and contrary not only to Scripture but to history, linguistics, common sense, and tradition, that being that the people we call Jews (derived from Judah/Judaea) are a Semetic people and the remnants of ancient Israel.

"And also, LOL @ you for ASSuming that I have a beef with white people. So white people equal JEWS according to you?"

I know you can't understand Hebrew but maybe English comprehension is difficult for you as well. White people do not equal Jews, don't know where you could find I even implied that. You do seem to put all your stock in a book written/translated by British white people while at the same time having a strange obsession with showing how West Africans are really Israelites. You're obsessed with race in a way neither myself, nor Tikvah, nor most other people are.

"Before I go further, did you actually read and listen to what Zimbabwe Hebrews said, or are you envious of them because they're not the only Hebrews of color?"

The Lemba actually have some solid evidence to back up claims of some Hebrew ancestry. Good for them You're the one obsessing over the colour of people's skin.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle, if you could at least read Hebrew and stop demanding that I show you how the meanings of two ENGLISH words are equivalent, this conversation would be a lot easier. Our people's original language was Hebrew - we don't obsess about English words. I did show you how the Hebrew version of "Jew" and "Judah" were very similar, but you refused to accept that. I keep going back to JPS because that's where Hebrew readers can look at how Hebrew words have been translated into English.

At any rate, per your previous comments, it's already been established that you are coming from a Christian viewpoint - which you didn't make immediately apparent - AND you don't even know how to read Hebrew. What kind of discussion could you expect to take place about etymology. Go learn Hebrew and then come back and argue.

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Rochelle

@Tikvah. I've read Hebrew and you keep bragging about your "JFP". This conversation will not get easier for you because you can't post where Yah called Judahites, JEV. I post in English for the other readers. I know the original language of the Israelites were Hebrew, there is no need to state the obvious. Suffice it to say, you contradicted yourself with Jew vs Judah, and the redundancy of Mordecai's lineage. Additionally, matrilineal and conversion aspects of Jewry contradicts . So while you harp on English vs Hebrew languages, you failed to address the other contradictions I've written about Jewry and the Hebrew Bible. It's nothing to do with similarities, but with the truth. And now more than ever, I have confirmation from you and Ethiopia that JEV = ISRAELITE because Yah never referred to Judahites, Jews, the english translations are not in the Torah, the history of Jews in the world do not match the Torah, at all, and the matrilineal lineage contradicts Mosaic Law. Uncanny. I asked you to post the Hebrew verse from "JFS" and you . Like I told your co-signing buddy Ethiopia, I'm not a Christian, and I warn you do not go down that road of criticizing Israel's most loyal supporter, the Christian Church, that sends \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ of aid to Israel. I know history very well, and I know when something doesn't line up with the truth.

And when are you and Ethiopia going to answer the question that Mk asked me about why white Jews hate Blacks? Or is it just black non jews? How come Yah's "chosen people have more hate for blacks than muslims"?

Yes, our exchange is done. The flimsy premise of this article has to do with "diversity" and all I've read and experienced are contradictions by Jews who have an inexplicably hard time explaining why "Chosen people of Yah" contradict themselves with Jewish doctrine vs the Torah.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle. You haven't left Christianity if you still believe in the Christian texts. I do not have a problem with the church. I have a serious problem with Christians who masquerade as Jews while simultaneously quoting scripture from the NT and telling me my view contradicts scriptures Jews don't even believe in – which is what you did in a previous post.

I've already responded in numerous ways in regards to the whole "Jew" vs "Judah" issue, I don't know how else to further break things down for you. You ask where Hashem Himself explicitly refers to "Judahites" as "Jews?" Do you realize that in the entire NT, Hashem is barely quoted from (unless you count your Yeshua/Jesus) and that a bunch of "disciples" narrated various happenings – yet you quote from the NT as if it were truth? Why are you so adamant about having an explicit quote from Hashem in this matter and not others? Furthermore, He didn't speak to us in English, so don't bother us about English words.

@Ethiopia, LOL. Indeed, we don't care about the English.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle. Okay last comments:

On second thought, instead of requesting a place in the Bible where Hashem is explicitly quoted as saying "a Jew as a Judahite," are you simply asking if such a relationship can be found anywhere in the Hebrew Bible? If so, why won't you accept quotes from non-Toraitic books such as Esther, yet you personally use non-Toraitic books (Kings, Ezekiel, etc.) to prove your own point?

Furthermore, you first argued that a Jew is not an Israelite. I gave you proof IN ENGLISH through Esther that those referred to as Jews are also Israelites (Mordecai is a Jew and Benjaminite), then you turned around and asked for proof that all Jews are of Judah! Per Esther, those referred to as Jews may have a certain locality in common but they do come from more than one tribe! Some Jews are of the tribe of Judah and others aren't, so don't ask me to prove that all Jews are of Judah.

OK, so that's it. If you actually read this and my previous quotes, you'll see that I did answer your question...it just wasn't what you wanted to hear and that's why you kept asserting I'm not answering you.

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Rochelle

Wrong again @ Tikvah. Just as I posted to Ethiopia, if one converts to Judaism, after being a non-Jew for so long, then how in the world does that make that person a descendant of Abraham, when that contradicts the Torah? I asked you more than once to post a verse, ONE VERSE from the Torah, not the non-Torah verses, where Yah called Judahites-Jews. You didn't, and you were the one who posted Esther FIRST. Go back and read the posts before telling me to do it. I'm keeping track unlike you.

LOL, nope, I'm not a Christian, nice try though. You can accuse me of masquerading all you like, your still wrong, and desperately reaching for solid ground. And you still can't answer why white Jews hate blacks and discriminate against Ethiopian jews. LOL. It's uncanny that this propaganda has gone unchallenged in the media. Jews keep contradicting the Torah based on Jewish religion that one can convert to the religion, believe in matrilineal lineage, and still be a direct descendant of Abraham, except as I posted before, Judaism contradicts Mosaic Law.

And excuse you but I posted NUMEROUS VERSES FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE, and you seem to glossed over that fact in order to focus your counterpoint on the NT. FAIL. You can't break anything down because your Jewry doctrine contradicts the Torah, where the derivative word Jew is not in your HEBREW TEXT. LOL!! Come on.

Diversity in Judaism is such a hypocritical concept because the people claiming to be direct descendants of YAH aren't. Ashkenazi and Sephardic are what Ethiopian Jews follow, yet your group wasn't acknowledged until AFTER 1948, LOL!! So while you are clearly avoiding my question as to why there is so much discrimination and prejudice in Jewry, you are now trying to draw negative perception of Yeshua. Yeshua is the LORD, the Adonai, the Living word of the Hebrew Bible. Messianic Jews believe in Yeshua ben Josef, just as Yeshua said there were some Jews who believed and some didn't, the more Phariseedic mainstream Judaism. Christians should think twice about supporting \$ to fund Israel when most Jews like you don't believe in their messiah. LOL!! Truly perverse and that is bold hypocrisy if I ever saw it.

So again, how come mainstream Jews hate blacks? Oh who am I kidding, you will deflect and ignore that question as you've done now for two days. There is nothing in history to support this, yet you keep avoiding this question in an effort to make me out to be some kind of fool. I can look at the hieroglyphs in Egypt under the Pharaoh's tombs and see people of color, yet not one face that looks like Ashkenazi and Sephardic because those groups claim to be directly from Israelites, yet their history in the Bible, in the Torah does not match. So while you want to harp on my skills in Hebrew language, in which I did not imply I was an expert, however, you keep avoiding and ignoring what I posted about how Jewry contradicts the Hebrew Bible. Jews claim anyone can become "Jewish" through conversion, being a descendant, or matrilineal lineage, which contradicts MOSAIC LAW. LOL. So while you claim our exchange was "a waste of time for you", it was a great help to me because you clarified and strengthened my premise that Jewry contradicts the Hebrew Bible.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle. "I can look at the hieroglyphs in Egypt under the Pharaoh's tombs and see people of color, yet not one face that looks like Ashkenazi and Sephardic because those groups claim to be directly from Israelites, yet their history in the Bible, in the Torah does not match."

The fact remains that you seem unnecessarily bent on revealing the skin color of the first Israelites and proving that certain groups couldn't possibly be direct descendants of Abraham

Because you are not of Yisrael, you do not understand that we don't find it important to be able to trace our roots all the way back to Abraham. Ruth was not a direct descendant of Abraham, yet G-d favored her enough for King David to be among her descendants and Jewish movements who believe in a future Mashiach believe that he will be a descendant of King David. Furthermore, Rabbinical literature expresses the perspective that converts are the dearest to G-d because their souls were not present on Sinai, yet they made the long journey to join the Jewish people. Whether or not that's how G-d actually views converts, it shows that our people do not have an obsession with valuing being able to prove we are direct descendants of Abraham

What you are trying to prove is simply not important to the body of Israel.

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Rochelle

@Tikvah. Your opinion on accurate and credible historical facts of the Egyptian hieroglyphs and the Torah are futile attempts to debunk and discredit me. Nope, the people you follow aren't from Yisrael, which is why you failed to post JEW=ISRAELITE from your own book, and why you insist on presenting inadequate rebuttals about European Jewry not matching the Torah. And hello, did you not read the article because it's dealing with SKIN COLOR and DIVERSITY IN JEWRY! LOL!! I understand completely the game, no make that con game and scam that has been played on the world by Jewry. You claim to trace your roots back to Abraham, but you can't match your Torah, your own blessing and curses in the first five books of Moses to your own history. Jewry contradicts the Torah on the simple fact that patrilineal lineage is dominant throughout the Torah, not matrilineal lineage prevalent in Jewry. LOL!!

And here is what Jeremiah says about Jews who have "the law". And there is no way Yah blessed praying and wailing at the wailing wall because that goes against the Torah. LOL! And you claim that "I don't understand". Oh please, it's your deflection that's making my argument stronger with each post. I know Yah gave the law to Jews because Israelites kept breaking their word to follow Yah, so he kept putting them into slavery. hmmm this has not happened to Jews. Nope. Not ever. And your point about Yah's relationship with "converts" supports my previous point about 2 Kings 17:24, and previous verse 2 Kings 16:6. And no I disagree that most Jews are direct descendants of Abraham considering the majority of Jewry are converts, LOL!! Actually what I have proven is in line with the Hebrew Bible. In which you have responded in a weak way by not posting more verses to back up your argument.

This is Jeremiah speaking to Jews-Jeremiah 8:8 "How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain."

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Tikvah

"Ashkenazi and Sephardic are what Ethiopian Jews follow, yet your group wasn't acknowledged until AFTER 1948, LOL!! So while you are clearly avoiding my question as to why there is so much discrimination and prejudice in Jewry, you are now trying to draw negative perception of Yeshua."

"LOL" – You find certain negative experiences of the Ethiopian Jews laughable? Don't you think you're going a bit overboard in trying to desperately prove your point? What's wrong with you?

There are some things you don't know about us. Furthermore, many Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews defend us and support our well-being in Israel and the Diaspora.

The reason why I haven't addressed a lot of your comments is because I've been perplexed as to how they are even applicable to the discussion or something that I should be responsible for answering. For example, how should I know why some Jews discriminate against Jews of color? You should ask those who do the discriminating. All I know is that Jews aren't perfect.

As for "Yeshua" – could you tell me you can find a Hebrew translation of the NT that lists "Jesus" as "Yeshua?" – or is that some 20th century Hebrew speaking Christian, in knowing that "yeshua" means salvation, found it necessary to his ministry efforts to give Jesus an appropriate Hebrew name?

My goodness, you really went overboard in laughing at our situation. You really do sound crazy. Take your nonsense views elsewhere. There's no point in talking to you any further.

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Ethiopia

@Tikvah and Rochelle: Rochelle's assertion that Ethiopian Jews weren't recognized as such until 1948 is flat out wrong. In the 9th century a Jewish traveler noted that the "Jews of Cush" were "of the tribe of Dan" and Rabbi David Ben Zimra, born in Spain, recognized Ethiopian Jews as Jews religiously and 'Israelites' ethnically (being from the Tribe of Dan) in the 16th Century. Rochelle's ignorance and bigotry is appalling.

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Tikvah

Yeah and I read somewhere that there were Ethiopian Jews (a few) who had somehow made to the land of Israel before it officially became a modern state in 1948. 1948 is the date Israel became a modern nation, not the date we became recognized as Jews. I forget to correct Rochelle on that. We did have a hard time being fully recognized as Jews – but at least some people recognized us prior to 1948.

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Rochelle

@Ethiopia. GO BACK AND READ WHAT I POSTED. I wrote in 1948 Ethiopian Jews were NOT in Israel, until 1975 when Operation Moses was initiated to "return Falasha Jews back to Israel" PUBLICLY. Did that go over your head as well in order to gain some kind of higher ground? Oh please.

Look in the mirror hypocrite because you are yet another one trying to project your ignorance and bigotry on to me like your cosigning buddy Tikvah. So this is what "tribalism" is. I called you hypocrites out for following a false doctrine that contradicts the Torah and rest of the Hebrew Bible, including history. You are the one who tried to tell me that there weren't Jews/Hebrews in Western Africa and the Americas until I posted info about the Lemba Clan and other African Hebrew groups outside of Ethiopians, who CONFIRMED MY ASSERTION. Then, acted as if you were "educating" me on the migration of Jews from east to west Africa, when you inadvertently ended up agreeing with me. Next, you are the one who claimed that Hebrews weren't in West Africa, until I posted John Williams "Hebrewism of West Africa" that included Igbo, Yoruba, Cameroon, Angola, and other notable west African clans that practiced Hebrewism LONGER than European Jews, in which the tribe of Dan are following.

And this is funny that you had the nerve to write something disparaging about Hamites, when ETHIOPIA is a HAMITIC COUNTRY from HAM LOL!! So, once again, your claim that Hamites aren't included in Israel contradicts your own Jewry history since AbrahAM and the rest of the Israelites dealt with Hamites since time immemorial. Goodness gracious your tribal name says it all- ETHIOPIAN JEWS!! LOL!!

And you are not in a leadership position over me since you and your ilk are subservient to converts of Jewry, namely Ashkenazi and Sephardic, LOL!! You guys are hysterical. Your smug arrogance is amusing and duly noted. You have not power in your own community, yet you are wearing a mask with me as if you do. Oh please. And your purposeful ignorance

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Rochelle

Correction: "Israeli Interministerial Commission officially recognized the Beta Israel as Jews under Israel's Law of Return, a law designed to aid in Jewish immigration to Israel. The Beta Israel were ready to come home".

Operation Moses started in 1984 when the Ethiopian Jews "returned" to Israel. Once again you proved my post about Jewry racism since Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews "returned" to Israel in 1948, yet according to your own sources, "In the 9th century a Jewish traveler noted that the "Jews of Qush" were "of the tribe of Dan" and Rabbi David Ben Zimra, born in Spain, recognized Ethiopian Jews as Jews religiously and 'Israelites' ethnically (being from the Tribe of Dan) in the 16th Century". Thank you once again for proving my point. The aforementioned groups knew this info about Ethiopian Jews, then why did it take Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews 38 years AFTER the Israel state to bring Falasha Jews back to Israel? UNREAL!! LOL!!

Operation Moses – November 18, 1984, and ended six weeks later on January 5, 1985

Operation Joshua – 1985.

Operation Solomon – November and December of 1990.

pfft @ your false accusation of my supposed racism and bigotry. Oh no that would be hypocritical Jewry that has yet to answer why white Jews hate and have discriminated against Black Jews. Your foolish accusation are without merit.

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/source/Judaism/ehist.htm#operation1>

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Ethiopia

@Rochelle:

"The aforementioned groups knew this info about Ethiopian Jews, then why did it take Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews 38 years AFTER the Israel state to bring Falasha Jews back to Israel? UNREAL!!"

You know about Israel as much as you know about Hebrew - little to nothing. Why did it take them 38 years? Well, could have something to do with in 1948 Israel barely survived and then for 3 decades onward faced major wars of annihilation set against it and Israel was hardly a wealthy country in the 50s, 60s or even 70s. The Sephardic/Mizrahi Jews were saved because they were a priority - the Arab governments and people were bent on persecuting their Jews to extinction. In the 1980s there was famine and civil war in Ethiopia, the Jewish community was in grave danger, and as Israel did in 1950s for the Jews of Yemen, Iraq, and Egypt, Israel rescued the Ethiopian Jews and brought them home.

"your false accusation of my supposed racism and bigotry. Oh no that would be hypocritical Jewry that has yet to answer why white Jews hate and have discriminated against Black Jews."

You are a racist because you are absolutely obsessed with skin colour. I may go so far as to say anti-semitic as well. "Mainstream Jews hate black people"? That would come as a surprise to Martin Luther King, as it would to all those Jews who took part in the civil rights movement. A disproportionate amount of whites who took part in helping African-Americans in this country were Jewish. Your accusations are baseless and disgusting.

Why have some white Jews discriminated against black Jews? Because Jews are like anyone else. There are good people, bad people, ignorant people, intelligent people, racist people, and tolerant people. Being Jewish doesn't immunize one from being a human being with all our good and bad characteristics. Grow up and stop peddling hate.

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Rochelle

@ Ethiopia. I was right, you can't find anything in Jewry history to substantiate the bias that white Jews have against blacks and black jews. And your overused civil rights knee-jerk response didn't answer my question, only diverted. Again. So once again, how come white Jews hate Blacks and Black Jews OUTSIDE of the very few that helped with NAACP and the Civil Rights movement? Mk isn't black, and since he isn't, he has noticed this bias that white Jews have against Blacks as well.

In your round about way, you answered my question as to why Ethiopia Jews were not considered "PRIORITY" until AFTER 1948. How come white jews hate Blacks and Black Jews? Why is it hard for you to answer the question? You are trying to deflect and play ad hominem conjecture, and projecting racism on me, only because I dare question the validity of Jewry. Guess what? Your group isn't above reproach, not in the least bit.

According to you, Israel was facing "annihilation" due to wars in the region for "three decades", and it took the Israeli government to bring Ethiopia Jews back to their homeland. The Sephardic/Mizrahi jews were considered "priority", back in 1948, yet not Ethiopian Jews who were acknowledged by your sources in both 9th century A.D.? Do you realize how you keep proving my points? LOL!! The Israeli and U.S. government that formed the state of Israel in 1948 didn't think "Ethiopian Jews" were a PRIORITY in 1948, until THREE DECADES LATER. But I'm the "racist"? Such illogical reasoning by you. And I know of the war and famine in Ethiopia predating the "80's, and yet, your people's return didn't happen until that time. LAUGH OUT LOUD. Your own Israeli government didn't think you were a PRIORITY until 34 years LATER.

Give an example of which post you deem racist and anti-semitic. I will wait. Do not accuse me unless you can prove it. Who am I kidding, you can't, but this will be fun nonetheless. Post what you deem as racist and anti-semitic by me, or shut up. Do not throw labels around if you can't back it up in a response.

And no, I didn't think you wanted to go further with matrilineal lineage contradicting the Torah, Hanities and Jewry, and Africa's Hebrewism PREDATING European Jewry. Such hypocrisy is

staggering. You are telling me to grow up? Look in the mirror, immature font.

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Ethiopia

@Rochelle:

"Hw.come.white.jews.hate.Blacks.and. Black.Jews? Why is it hard for you to answer the question?"

I have answered your question: they don't. You're a lunatic and a racist obsessing over skin color.

"According to you, Israel was facing "annihilation" due to wars in the region for "three decades""

Not only do you not know Hebrew, you don't know how to use quotation marks. From 1948 – 1978 Israel was engaged in conventional warfare with its Arab neighbors each decade. That is three decades, not "three decades". You're an idiot.

"The Sephardic/Mzrahi jews were considered "priority", back in 1948, yet not Ethiopian Jews who were acknowledged by your sources in both 9th century A.D.? Do you realize how you keep proving my points? LOL!!"

Regardless of the fact that the Mzrahi Jews predate any other Jewish community in the world, including in Black Africa, yes, the Mzrahi Jews were facing pogroms and persecution and were in desperate straights. I'm sorry, but we're not all as obsessed with race as you are. When 1 million Jews were in immediate danger, it made sense to use Israel's very limited resources to rescue them; the Ethiopian Jews were not in a comparable situation nor was there as well organized a Jewish leadership in Ethiopia, as there had been in the Arab countries, to assist in logistics. Israel didn't just bring the Ethiopian Jews in one day in 1984. It took years of planning and organizing and logistics. But of course, to a race-obsessed person like yourself, reality doesn't matter. You have a race-based narrative and you are sticking to it no matter what.

"Africa's Hebrewism PREDATING European Jewry."

Who ever said that the Jewish communities in Africa don't predate those in Europe? News flash, not buying into nonsense about all West Africa being Israelites isn't the same as saying only white Jews are real Jews or that European Jews were around first. You are an absolute nutjob.

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Rochelle

It doesn't matter what ou buy Hamitic Jew, history proves your wrong and so does your own book.

And no, I didn't hnk you could prove that I'm a racist and anti-semitic, nor could you answer the basic question as to why white jews hate/have bias against blacks and black jews, yet there is nothing to support their bias. And Einstein, have you read this article in this thread? It's about increasing diversity in American Jewry. But according to hypocrites like you, you act as there is not problem. So much so you've tried and failed to deflect and divert away, then had the nerve to accuse me of being a racist without proof. Pay attention because the basis of this article has to do WITH SKIN COLOR!! My 17 year old nephew has more common sense than you.

You can call me all the names you like, but you have NOT, and can NOT present a strong rebuttal. Such foolish dribble by you about. You failed to support your own Torah with your matrilineal doctrine in Jewry, LOL!!

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Rochelle

@ Ethiopia, your own Israeli government didn't think Ethiopian jews were a "priority" until after that fact, but you accuse me of being a racist! LIVEBO!!! Hysterical blindness I tell you. And btw the way immature font, Albert Pike was a Jew who created the KKK, and there were many, MANY white Jews in the KKK. And there is only ONE instance of Jews being lynched by the KKK, so don't talk to me about history, when you clearly know nothing of the KKK.

Of course you aren't going to answer the question as to why white jews hate/have bias against blacks and black Jews. You just responded that you, Hamitic Jew, wasn't a PRIORITY until AFTER 1948!! LOL!!!! Pure comedy.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle. I should note that I am not saying that "Israelite" and "Jew" have the same Hebrew translation, because that it isn't true. What I am doing is using the Hebrew Bible to support the claim that a Jew is an Israelite.

I know that you seem to be voicing that a Jew is not an Israelite, which is fine...but you now you can at least see that I do have Biblical evidence to support my claim. If you have Biblical

evidence that counters what I've said, feel free to share it.

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Mik

are you crazy? thats like saying a gay is a nationality. My god you invent things and then make them fact.

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Rochelle

Deuteronomy 28th, LEviticus 27th, Ezekial 36, etc. are not talking about European Jews. Do you really think Yah would forsake his people forever? 85% of African Americans are religious and spiritual because they recognize their Heavenly Father. The enslaved Africans knew Hebrew, customs, and their history and the slave masters beat it out of them. All of this is foretold in the entire Hebrew Bible. The enslaved Africans were taken to ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD, THE NEW WORLD -Asia, North America, South America, and Europe. there's your four corners of the world. You are not the only one that understands the Hebrew Bible. The book of Jeremiah prophesied about bondage as well.

No wonder some Jews of Europe are prejudice and paranoid. You can't hide the truth forever. Gen 15 is where Yah told Abraham that his descendants would wake up from their spiritual sleep. is

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Rochelle

@ Mik, read Genesis 9:20.

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Rochelle

@ Mik, read what I posted because you are repeating your previous point. I've already addressed your statement. And if by Africans you mean Moors and Muslims, then be specific. Colonists already knew where to go because they had help from both groups. And I didn't know you knew the black community so intimately because I know that the majority of blacks DO ACKNOWLEDGE rival African tribes that helped colonists to sell my ancestors into slavery. And if you had read Genesis 37 where Joseph was sold into slavery by his own brothers, then it would make sense to you. So to answer your statement, most blacks do not know their history, unless they start thinking of themselves as Israelites and not as Africans. Just like Abraham and the rest of the Israelites mixed with Hamites, so did the Israelites. And this bit of truth is kept out of so-called Abrahamic religions due to racism.

@ Tikvah, your fallback position is similar to mainstream Jews. However, I've noticed Muslims parrot the same talking points of Sephardic Jews being African. Since you claim to be East African, then you should know of Madi Jews as well as Ugandan, Lemba Jews. You don't need to agree with me because the facts speak for themselves right in the Hebrew Bible and history of African Diaspora concerning slave trade of both Arab Islam and TransAtlantic slave trade. You should also know that the majority of West Africans have Eastern African origins due to the migration patterns. I know you don't want to go there because then we'd have to address why Eastern Africans are part of the genocide and curses found in the Torah.

@ Tikvah,

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Mik

So how are Jews a minority in UK, America, Canada, and Australia? Plus how did Chinese become Jews?

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Rochelle

I've already addressed this. If you read the Hebrew Bible, then at different parts of history, including 70 C.E. Expulsion from Israel, then you'd find out why certain tribes were scattered. I've referenced a few Bible verses. "Mosaic" is appropos.

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Rochelle

@ Tikvah, You've posted very little on how Hebrewism and "Jewry" spread throughout Africa. Poor you. Here are more sources outside the Bible from scholarships. Your opinion of me means

very little when you have not proven your argument. Just flimsy conjecture and ad hominem

In "A History of the Jews", by Jewish Historian Solomon Grayzel, he wrote " in the ninth century CE (AD), a man appeared in north Africa among the Hebrews there, his name was Eldad from the tribe of Dan, he was a Danite. He said the members of his tribe had escaped Israel after Sennacherib had conquered Israel, and other Hebrews from other tribes also live in the land from where he came from

Menasseh ben Israel, the author of "The Hope of Israel," said in his book there were Hebrew/Israelites that had been scattered into the Americas since the time of Sennacherib.

Mr Lichtblau, the writer of "Jewish Roots in Africa," speaking of the Jews said, "Pressed under sweeping regional conflicts, Jews settled as traders and warriors in Yemen, the Horn of Africa, Egypt, the Kingdom of Kush and Nubia, North African Punic settlements (Carthage and Velubilis), and areas now covered by Mauritania. More emigrants followed these early Jewish settlers to Northern Africa following the Assyrian conquest of the Israelites in the 8th century B.C.E..."

Rabbi Dahton Nasi, the author of the "Basic Jewish Studies Handbook," has placed the Hebrew/Israelites all over the African continent. There are so many more. And since you claim to be "Ethiopian Jew", you should have posted about this, but no, you thought, no make that ASSumed you knew where I was going. Big mistake. There are more, countless information on how Hebrewism is spread throughout Africa. This is why I find most of your ilk hypocrites. The current nation of Israel is not fulfilled biblical prophesy because the majority of Israel is still scattered. I noticed you didn't address that point, but went out of your way to try to disparage me, which is a big mistake on your part.

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Tikvah

Like I said, your views are mashugana. Nothing more to say here.

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Ethiopia

Agreed Tikvah, this woman is nuts. But you know what Rochelle, I'll make you happy:

West Africans are the real Israelites and descended from Yah. White people, especially White Jews are from Satan. They hate black people, even the white Jews that were lynched by the KKK for helping black people hate black people because black people are from Yah and white Jews aren't. Mazal Tov, you win.

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Tikvah

@Ethiopia. Yes, let's just let her "win" so she can move on to disturb someone else.

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Rochelle

@Tikvah, you don't have a strong response, so you rely on ad hominem and conjecture. LOL!!

@Ethiopia-the HAMTIC JEW, I did not write all West Africans were Israelites, that the LEMBA already confirmed that most of the Israelites were taken to Americas, just as my sources BACKED UP MY POSTS. LOL!! And you had the nerve to say that Hamites have no Israelite blood. You outsmarted yourself by proving how dumb you are because you are in fact a HAMTIC JEW with Hebrew blood! LOL!!! this was awesome.

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Tikvah

Oh I have a lot more that I could say, but I find it pretty futile to attempt to have a discussion with someone who seems to be mashugana.

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Rochelle

You wrote what I posted as "mashugana", eh? Your insult to fits your whatever response you think you have to me, two o face. "Let me win"? Whatever low priority hamitic jew. LOL!! 34 years AFTER 1948.

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Tikvah

@Rochelle

"Whatever low priority hamitic jew. LOL!! 34 years AFTER 1948."

mmm...my point exactly, mashugana...you've got to be to think that funny. does your yeshua feel the same way? wow what an amazing joy and love he has brought to this world...

okay, take care.

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Rochelle

@ Tikvah, more hypocritical nonsense from you. It is of no consequence to you to bring up Yeshua of since you don't believe in him as the Son of Yah and the NT. And yet you bring him up? LOL!!! Yeshua warned against this, but how would you know since you don't believe in Him? Jews curse Yeshua more than Mohammed himself who actually H A T E D Jews. No wait, this is more contradictory foolishness from you. LOL! Yep, your mashugana indeed. 34 years AFTER the fact, low priority Hamitic Jew, LOL!!! Your own government didn't acknowledge you, and there is no hebrew blood in hamites, except Ishmael was both Semitic and Hamitic, LOL!!!

FAIL!!!! My goodness, LOL!! Don't take your frustration out on me because ;ow priority Ethiopian (HAMTIC) Jews don't have Semitic blood in them because Hamites don't have Semitic blood in them Except, the tribe of Dan from Ethiopia, LOL!!!!

Thank you for the biggest laugh of this exchange Tikvah and Ethiopia.

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Tikvah

you claim "yeshua" is the god you serve, so i was just asking if the way you talk to people is something your god condones and did himself while he was on earth – or if it's just you who is mashugana.

but yes, keep on laughing if that's works for you. i don't really care.

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Rochelle

@Tikvah, more double minded foolishness by you. I serve YAH, understand? And you don't ask questions of me, expecting an answer, while disregard and avoiding mine. That isn't how this works. And like I said, since you don't believe in Yeshua, there is not need for you to bring him up, especially in a two-faced way. He didn't hate Jews like Mohammed, and I hear more Jews like you bring up Yeshua in a mocking and insulting way more than Mohammed, the one who actually HATES Jew s. LOL!! you remember the mohammedans that are fighting wars with Israel? Utterly hypocritical and hysterically foolish group you are. It's as if you need Christians to help fight your battles, then you turn around and mock their Savior in the most passive-aggressive and sneaky way, while stealing \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ to support Israel agenda. SMH, a perverse nation Jewry is indeed. More of your mashugana.

And if you don't care, then stop responding. Simple as that, since my posts are now deemed mashugana by you. Carry on low priority Hamitic Jew with no Hebrew blood, except in "selective cases" according to the tribe of Dan. LOL!!!! 34 years later.

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Tikvah

Ok, you're right. I think you're mashugana, so I really should just leave you be instead of being tempted to argue more – I love to debate, but it is really futile to bother to debate with someone who is mashugana.

ciao

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Rochelle

@ Tikvah. Yes, that's right, move on double minded hypocrite. You better keep your mouth shut in front of supportive Christians spending \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ to support Israel's war against Mohammedans who hate your nation. Move on, and bye,bye low priority Hamitic Jew that had to get permission to arrive in Israel 34 years later. You didn't debate, you ran into a corner and couldn't get out of it. BYE

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Tikvah

@Rochelle

"Whatever low priority hamitic jew. LOL!! 34 years AFTER 1948."

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okay, take care.

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Now-I-see

I agree, and you will love the DVD called Tribal Revival by Messianic Jew Ralph Messer. What is interesting is that no one on here has mentioned the fastest growing group of "Messianic Jews", who are Jews who believe Jesus is the Messiah. They also believe in the Trinity. They are of all colors and many Christians (Blacks, Whites, Latino, etc) are converting from various denominations (Baptist, United Methodist, etc) as they are learning the truth about the Jewish Jesus and the various tribes we all came from. I am African American, grew up Baptist, but ready to denounce man-made "RELIGION" and focus on "RELATIONSHIP" with God/Jesus. I'm excited and happy to learn the truth of the old testament when it describes that most Blacks come from the tribe of Ephraim and when the Bible says they would be scattered to the ends of the earth (a result for serving other gods in rebellion to the most High GOD)..God honors obedience! Unfortunately...slavery scattered us due to the disobedience of the ancestors in serving false gods. We of course have been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus. However, God still loves obedience vs sacrifice. We still have daily choices. Obey and be blessed. Disobey and be cursed. Deut 27/28 That goes for all God's children who are grafted in by covenant. You can find the 5 DVD series on torah.tv "Tribal Revival". It's an amazing eye opener.

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Rochelle

Excellent post. And I've noticed most of the Jews in the thread ignored your post. I wanted to say great post, and I agree with you 100%, and you used the torah to back up your posts. Genesis 15 about Abraham going into a deep sleep is also descriptive language based on spiritual symbolism of how the Israelites would go into the same "sleep" and serve other nations that Abraham and their forefathers never knew. And while others will ignore your post, I celebrate yours because YAHs word never lies.

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3rdEyeOpened

The meaning of the word "Jewish" is not an ethnicity, nationality, or race. It is simply a religion. Anyone can convert. But that doesn't make many who claim to be Jewish, descendants of ancient Hebrews or "children of Shem and Abraham". The majority of the people who claim to be Jews in the USA and Europe today actually have no genetic ties to Shem, let alone Abraham. Their ancestry lies in Eastern Europe (Russia, Poland, Germany etc.)

This is why the term "secular Jew" is actually an oxymoron. Many so called "secular Jews" ignorantly identify themselves as "Jewish" based on some cultural mishaps. In Judaism, religion is the culture and Semitic is the language and heritage. And if you are anything outside of that, then you really aren't who or what you claim to be. FYI, Semitic is NOT exclusive to Jewish people. Just about all of the Middle East, North Africa, and East Africa can make that claim as well.

If you research every Prime Minister and their parent's ethnicity who resided in Israel from the days of the "The Great Exodus" out of Europe in 1947- to present, you may be shocked to find out that their ancestry is from either Russia, Poland, or some other Eastern European Slavic country. Only the present Netanyahu was actually born on Hebrew soil. But alas his parents were not. Basically, the country is completely controlled by immigrants. This is what is called the fleecing or raping of a birthright and claiming it as your own. And the sole reason Zionists around the world are ridiculed and hated.

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My nose

I have a nose like a Jew and have been picked on for it. I have also been picked on by Jews when they realize I only look like a Jew. I'm really of German and Iranian descent of which both peoples sometimes can have proud noses.

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Bonnie UK

That's because you have a Semitic nose (common to Arabic & Jewish people), the race is Semite, the origin is the Middle East.

Bigots aren't a race either, nor are they just of one religion. Sad but true. Sorry to hear you had to put up with it, though.

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Your nose, yes. It's yours already!

They treated you differently because of your nose and not because of anything about the inner you, which they obviously cannot know simply because of your nose?

Aren't people terrible about things like that?

Your clothes, appearance and whatnot all are judged about as shallowly as anyone could wish and are worthless as a judge of character, yet everyone is different and most only want to be part of some social grouping, to "belong" to a group of some sort, even an extended family ideology left over from tribal days and

old tribal religions.

Don't worry about your nose. It's fine. Just find something to do and quit worrying about what other people think of you.

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skpfrmdc

Love is Kosher.

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Kenny

If you're a Jew, we can tell, and that Chau girl is certainly NOT a Jew, so is her father. This whole Jewish thing about 'intermarriages' is bogus. Go to Los Angeles, NY, SF or even Boston, you see nothing but Jewish men marrying Asian women (of course these 'Chinese' women have no idea what Jewish means, they only see the skin color). Jewish people are the largest in number when it comes to marrying outside of their own (race), yes I call it race because that's what it is. This article is nothing more than some cheap propaganda and trying to prepare and to promote this so-called 'faith' in the new age. Who are we kidding here?

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atlhebrew

Are you a moron? Jewish a race? No. Being Jewish is a religion you twit. My religion is Judaism and my race is white. When I fill out a piece of paper I put my race as white not Jewish. Sorry to break it to you but you're completely wrong on that fact. That is like saying if I go convert to Christianity then I change my race to Christian. Is Christian a race? No, it's not.

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Kenny

atlhebrew,

No, I'm not a moron, Jewish is RACE not a religion. Deep, deep down inside that synagogue, the rabbis would anything to tell one that he/she is not fit because he/she did not look of it. Learn your history.

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3rdEyeOpened

Take away oxy from the word moron, and we have you. Jewish is a race? Do you even deserve pity?

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skpfrmdc

Damn you dumb! Everyone, these are the type of people prominent in '30s Germany. He's so brainwashed he actually believes his own BS. Kenny, read a book other than Mein Kampf. "We can tell." that your typing in your undies and Stahlhelm

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Kenny

Also, you guys are the most RACISTS people I know of. Don't try to convince me otherwise.

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skpfrmdc

...and YOU deserve every ounce of that racism.

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Bonnie UK

The Jews are not a race, they are part of the Semitic race (which includes Arabs). So the drive to preserve their culture is not racist. People often confabulate racial & cultural issues.

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Kenny

BonnieUK,

To some extent you are right, but the Arabs will disagree with you on regarding them being a part of the 'Semite' race. 'Moors' is something that they would categorize themselves.

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Bonnie UK

Fair point but they can't argue with genotypes or DNA. Can't shoot it when it disagrees with them, either.

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Friend

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nat

Please do not embarrass the rest of us Germans by using the language to justify what seem to be comments that are along a racist line. English please. Our German background already has a not really fair reputation – and as a nice German Jewish girl it saddens me greatly. Proud of both the German and the Jewish – btw

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skpfrmdc

You sound remarkably like Himmler or Goebbels. Your admiration of Aryan ideals is showing. Wo ist der Schwerpunkt?

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Kenny

skpfrmdc,

Willst du mich auf den Arm nehmen?

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Rahamim

How can you tell if someone is Jewish? Jews are white, they are black, they are brown and they are yellow. There is no unifying physical feature of a Jew. Of course unless you buy into the idiotic propaganda of the nazis. Look at a Jew from Ethiopia and then tell me he is the same race as a Jew from Mexico.

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Mik

Exactly and they can't

Oldeye

Wow, CNN hit the nerve on everyone here!

It's really interesting and vexing at the same time that so many people are so emotional about Judaism. This proves that, at least, a lot of people are aware of the religion. Good or Bad.

In my opinion, we should keep religion strictly private. Never try to influence or impose your religion on others. Back in old days, when we had no internet or universal education(at least to those who live in industrialized nations), our parents were the last words. So, most of us old farts were "educated to be Christians, Buddhists, Jewish, Mormons, Hindus, Muslims, so on and so forth. But with the lightening information age, everything is changing. One can learn about any religion. So who cares a hoot about what a Jewish person looks like? I, for one, am too busy trying to figure out how to live in the main-stream, in the USA. Life is difficult enough nowadays, and yet we still try to sort ourselves into different categories based on race and religion. This is pathetic.

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Mik

yeah it is but the jews say the christians knock at your door and then ask you if you want to believe in god and then they say we dont bless the menorah but they pray over the menorah or give it a blessing

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