

Can We Talk About Jews?

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Questions to consider, discuss, or journal.

What is your relationship with the Jewish people? Have you experienced the community wide fascination with the Jewish people that the author mentioned? Have you considered this before?

Learning about all of the different ways to be Jewish, did you have any preconceived notions or biases that were corrected by the author?

Did you know there were so many different groups of Jews and the appropriate way to refer to them? Prior to reading this article have either given or received misinformation about the Jews?

Are there any language terms which were discussed that surprised you? Which ones and how?

The author shares some of the damaging side effects of stereotyping she has experienced. Have you been a victim of stereotyping? How did you recover? What kind of biases are prevalent in your community and ecclesia?

Have you been excited about signs of prophecy fulfilled and lost sight of human suffering? Have you witnessed this in your ecclesia? How can you respond? Over the course of the Pandemic, rather than seeing it for the tragedy and loss of life, have you witnessed excitement around it as a sign of the times? How can we humanize current events and do justice for the loss and suffering that often accompanies it?

What is your main takeaway from this article? Can you talk about Jews?