

TEMPLE SOLEL VIDEOTAPES
(listed by topic - Revised 8/5/02)

BIBLE

Abraham

Starring Richard Harris and Barbara Hershey (150 min)

Abraham (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

When God told Abraham that he and his wife Sarah would have a son, Abraham was astounded, for Sarah was long past child-bearing age, but God assigned Abraham the honor of being the "father of all nations." Overjoyed at the birth of Isaac, Abraham was horrified by the next command from God, to offer his son as sacrifice to Him. This powerful story of love and testing faith is lent dignity by the skillfully life-like model animation. Ages 7 and older (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Bible Stories - Vol. I

Animated stories of the Creation, The Tree of Knowledge, Noah's Ark and the Tower of Babel. (35 min)

The Creation (Hanna Barbera) (1st & 3rd)

In the land of Nod, just east of Eden, a master storyteller relates the story of Genesis. He tells of the spirit of God moving over the waters, of the creation of all plants and animals, and of their naming by Adam. He tells of the creation of Eve. Then Adam and Eve disobey God's command and eat of the forbidden fruit. For their disobedience, God expels Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.

Creation and the Flood (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

The stories of Noah's ark and the Garden of Eden are woven together in this absorbing video. When the Flood come, Noah and his family begin life in the ark, and as the storm rages outside, Noah plays storyteller, weaving the tale of Adam and Eve, God and the serpent through the dark day on the water. Note: The first scene, which depicts the depravity of Noah's generation is very violent. It is recommended that teachers start the video immediately after this scene. Ages 9 and older (20 min) (Discussion Guide Available)

Creation Story

Produced by Dennis Price. Read by Gabrielle Winicki, Carrie Farley, Jonathan Rubin, Ben Farley, Andy Rubin (13 min)

Daniel (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

Political intrigue and unwavering faith are the cornerstones of the story of Daniel, held captive for many years under the Babylonian kings. Much loved and respected by the conqueror, King Darius, who appointed him governor, Daniel provoked great jealousy among the court advisers. Divine love and human resolve enter the lions' den together, emerging victorious. Ages 8 & older (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Daniel and the Lion's Den (Hanna Barbera)

Meet Daniel as he desciphers the mysterious "Handwriting on the Wall" and then meets the greatest test of all, as he is cast into the lion's den by King Darius! (Discussion Guide Available)

David and Goliath (Hanna Barbera)

Derek, Margo and Moki are saved from a lion's attack by David the Shepard boy. David befriends the trio and invites them to travel with him as he plays the harp for King Saul, and challenges the mighty Goliath. (Discussion guide available)

David and Saul (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

Power and humility are personified in the story of mighty King Saul and the humble shepherd boy David. As the latter grew up, his skills as a musician and a great warrior struck fear and envy into the heart of his former mentor. As Saul grew increasingly desperate, making several attempts on David's life, God's destiny unfolded, leading David to his throne as King of Israel. Ages 8 & older (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Elijah (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

It is always difficult to be an outsider, but Elijah's plight as a sole, persecuted prophet of God took true faith to overcome. Alone in bringing people to the true God, he had to prove that the prophets of Baal were false, incurring the anger of Queen Jezebel and her weak husband, Ahab. Despite the defeat of the false prophets, Elijah's work could not be completed until he found the one who would take up his mantle and his work. Ages 8 & older (25 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Jacob

Starring Matthew Modine and Lara Flynn Boyle (94 min)

Jonah (Hanna Barbera)

Jonah, now an elderly man, tells his tale of how God awakened him one night many years ago and told him to go to the great city of Nineveh and preach repentance, as their wickedness and violence offended Him. Believing they should be punished, he sets out on his journey. But Jonah disobeys God and goes by ship the opposite way to Tarshish. He is thrown from the ship and swallowed by a great fish. He lives there for 3 days and nights, until he prays to be saved.

Jonah (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

Jonah's flat refusal to preach the word of the Lord to the people of the wicked city of Nineveh leads to his upsetting an entire boat full of sailors, and being unceremoniously thrown overboard to be swallowed by a huge fish. Even after accomplishing his task, Jonah still has an important lesson to learn, which God teaches him by using the natural world as a metaphor. Ages 8 & older (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Joseph

Starring Ben Kingsley, Paul Mercurio, Martin Landau and Lesley Ann Warren (135 min)

Joseph (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

Joseph's privileged status as favorite son was shattered when his jealous brothers sold him into slavery. Through suffering and betrayal in Egypt, Joseph kept his faith in God. Interpreting Pharaoh's nightmares as warnings of famine to come, he was rewarded with the highest office in the land, and saved the people from starvation. When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt seeking food, he tested their honesty and humility before revealing his identity and being happily reunited with his family. Ages 9 & older (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Joseph and His Brothers (Hanna Barbera) (1st & 3rd)

Joshua and the Battle of Jericho (Hanna Barbera)

Derek, Margo and Moki join the Israelites as they are about to cross into the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. Joshua has ordered his army not to attack the walled city of Jericho but to march around the city. Thus the trio witness the Battle of Jericho. (Discussion guide available)

Moses

Starring Ben Kingsley (184 min)

Moses (Hanna Barbera) (1st & 3rd)

Derek, Margo and Moki are lost in the Egyptian desert. A slavemaster mistakes them for Hebrew slaves and puts them to work in the brickyards. From this vantage point, they witness Israel's redemption from slavery. (Discussion guide available)

Moses (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

All the elements of great drama are found in the stirring tale of Moses leading the Jewish people out of Egypt, thwarting Pharaoh's anger to search for a land flowing with milk and honey. IN he epicenter-of the-action-is the development of Moses from hunted, haunted young man to a wise leader. Besides overcoming obstacles from the Egyptians, hi must persuade his own people to have faith in God that this is the time of redemption. Good for Passover. Ages 7 & older (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Noah's Ark (Hanna Barbera) (K & 3rd)

Derek, Margo and Moki meet Noah and his family as they struggle to build the ark, despite the jeers of their skeptical and ill-willed neighbors. Once the flood begins, the three travel along in the ark and soon witness the making of the Rainbow Covenant. (Discussion guide available)

Prince of Egypt (Animated - Dreamworks) (1hour 39min)

Queen Esther (Hanna Barbera) (K & 2nd)

Ruth (Testament: The Bible in Animation)

This is the story of a woman whose name has become synonymous with love and loyalty. In a moving take, Ruth follows her mother-in-law Naomi back to Naomi's native Bethlehem after the sad deaths of both women's husbands. Working hard in the fields to feed herself and Naomi, Ruth meets Naomi's kinsman, Boaz. Prepared to marry Boaz for Naomi's sake, Ruth's loyalty touches Boax and he decides to challenge the claim of another relative for Ruth's hand. Good to show for Shavuot. Ages 9 & older. (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Samson and Delilah (Hanna Barbera)

Derek, Margo and Moki befriend Samson, Judge of Israel. As Samson visits beautiful Delilah, Derek realizes that the might Judge is about to be tricked into revealing the secret of his strength. Will Derek warn Samson in time? (Discussion guide available)

The Story of Joseph (4th & 6th)

The Ten Commandments (1st)

Filmed in Egypt and Sinai with one of the biggest sets ever constructed for a motion picture, C.B. BeMille's 1956 version tells the story of the life of Moses, once favored in the Pharaoh's household, who turned his back on a privileged life to lead his people to freedom.

ECOLOGY

Trees for Tomorrow (1st)

Features puppet and music background. The story of Honi M'agell, who teaches that planting trees for the future is everyone's responsibility.

HEBREW

HOP Video

Lamdeni - Teach me Alef-Bet

Use for supplement and reinforcement. There are individual segments for each letter and vowel. Each segment also includes a review of those letters and vowels learned in previous segments.

Teaching Z'man Likro (Barbara Stoner)

Z'man Likro - Time to Read

HISTORY

Fliegle's Flight

John Fliegel, the cartoon bird, on a magical tour through Jewish history. See characters and events from the past brought to life with photographs, archive films, and special effects. (Discussion guide available)

Masada

In the First Century C.E. Masada would become the last heroic chapter of the Jewish war for freedom. Here, 1,000 men, women and children surrounded by the legions of Rome would choose death over slavery, dignity over bondage.

The Road to New York From Eastern Europe

Jewish Immigration at the turn of the century. What was it like to leave the only home that you've ever know to come to America? This video traces the path of over thirty percent of all European Jewry from 1880 to 1914 as they left the "Old Country" for the United States. Life in the shtetl, arrival at Ellis Island, the harsh realities of life on New York's Lower East Side as well as the "American Dream" are all clearly explained through the use of photographs and detailed narration. Ages 10 and older (17 min)

The Shtetl

An introduction to the vanished world of East European Jewry-authentically recreated in sight and sound to take its place as part of the inheritance of a new generation of Jews. What it was like to grow up in the houses, schoolrooms, marketplaces and synagogues of a typical Jewish town in the Place of Settlement when the great-grandparents of today's students were children there. Traditional tales (funny and sad) about classic shtetle types-the impoverished melamed, the matchmaker, the shnorrer, the rabbi and rebbitzin. (Discussion guide available) 5th grade-adult (45 min)

HOLIDAYS

Animated Haggadah (The) (K)

The Children of Israel's liberation from slavery: Pharaoh's court, the burning bush, the ten plagues. . . A dream journey brought to life in colorful animation.

Back to Tishri (2nd)

Follow Leora as she is catapulted into a magical calendar. She won't be reunited with her mom until she journeys through the whole year and learns about each month's magic. This lovely video thoroughly reinforces the names and order of the Jewish months and their relationship to the seasons.

Benjamin and The Miracle of Chanukah (1st)

Tells of the journey of a young boy sent by Judah Macabee to obtain oil for the Temple in Jerusalem. Benjamin's adventure lasts eight days. Modern story, deals with the traditional values of Chanukah - the quest for religious freedom and the triumph of faith.

Chanale's Sabbath Dress (K)

A lyrical dramatization of a children's story of a little girl who is rewarded for performing a good deed.

Chanukah at Bubbe's (3rd)

Join in a joyful romp with a host of colorful puppet characters. There is Anton the bully who insists on having things his way, Rhino who "horns" in before he understands the situation, Chester who tries too hard to fit in, practical Zachary, adorable Muffin and of course, Bubbe herself. While preparing for Chanukah, we witness the past as Bubbe relates the story of the fight between the Greeks and the Maccabees-the miracle of the burning oil-the importance of religious freedom for all people.

Chanukah at Grover's Corner (2nd)

All characters are live actors. Theodore Bikel and David Grover take the children on a singing experience of Chanukah. They recite Chanukah blessings in addition to singing about latkes, dreidels and menorahs. They explain the story of Judah Maccabee and they also explain the meaning behind the menorah. (Appropriate for 3-8 year olds)

A Chanukah Mitzvah (K)

Alef-Bet Blast Off (Puppets). This entire puppet family is looking forward to another wonderful Chanukah-except for David who would rather play the part of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in the upcoming school play. But when their magical friend Mitzvah Mouse introduces them to Judah Maccabee, David and his sister Rachel join the Maccabee army to make sure that the light of Judaism is forever kindled. Ages 4-7 (30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Four Sons (Passover)

With Mom and Dad unable to join the family for Passover, the sons plan for the upcoming holiday with the help of Manny, the delicatessen owner, and his wife. The sons review the story of Passover in addition to its laws and symbols, through story, song and kibbutzing. Theodore Bikel adds his special touch as Manny.

Grandpa's Tree (Tu B'shevat Story) (K & 2nd)

An American student comes to Israel to take part in a Tu B'shevat concert, set to take place in Jerusalem. As soon as he arrives, his attention is focused on trying to locate a tree planted by his grandfather over half a century earlier in a Jewish National Fund grove. Clearly, finding one tree in a forest is no easy task, but the young man puts his mind to the task. In the course of the search, we learn about contemporary Israel, its emphasis on land reclamation and afforestation, and about Tu B'shevat. (Discussion guide available)

Lights (Chanukah) (3rd)

This is an award winning video of a young boy's heroic struggle in ancient Israel. Watch as he battles the enemy invaders to keep his Jewish identity.

Lights of Freedom (Passover) (2nd)

Alef..Bet..Blast-Off. Color animation. David and Rachel meet Talli, a Russian immigrant, who tries to teach the kids about freedom. The lesson is understood, when they magically become personal slaves to the Pharaoh. (24 min.)

Miracle Days (K & 2nd)

In this delightful film, Yoni Gershon, the Minstrel Man, takes us on a singing and dancing journey through the Jewish holidays. With his group of talented children, Yoni captures his young audience with the meaning and the fun that fills each holiday. This film gives students a clear and enjoyable perspective of the Jewish calendar year. (Video guide available) Ages 6-9

Molly's Pilgrim

This video retells the story written by Barbara Cohen of a young Russian Jewish emigrant who comes to the United States. It carries a message about values, growing up, Sukkot and Thanksgiving. (24 min)

New Years Leave (Rosh Hashana) (3rd)

A Jewish sailor on an American ship finds himself in Israel right before Rosh Hashana. Yaacov, the tour guide, takes him and the viewers on a tour of the country and some of the special sights and sounds of the approaching holiday. A light hearted and humorous look at Rosh Hashana from a "different" angle.

Parpar Nechmad-Lovely Butterfly (Chanukah) (K)

This video speaks to children about Chanukah with puppets, games, songs, and stories. (In the format of Romper Room and Sesame Street)

Passover at Bubbe's (K)

Join in a joyful romp with a host of colorful puppet characters. There is Anton the bully who insists on having things his way, Rhino who "horns" in before he understands the situation, Chester who tries too hard to fit in, practical Zachary, adorable Muffin and of course, Bubbe herself. While helping Bubbe prepare for her annual Seder, they are surprised by a talking Haggadah and are magically whisked back to Egypt during the time of the Pharaohs. There they personally experience the trials of captivity and ultimately, a triumphant escape to freedom.

Queen Esther (Hanna Barbera) (K & 2nd)

Rugrats Hanukah (2nd)

Animated. Explains the origins of Chanukah utilizing the Rugrat children acting as Jews battling against the Greek oppression in ancient times. The story then quickly shifts to a present day Rugrat Chanukah celebration where the children are enjoying eating latkes, lighting the menorah and receiving presents. After the celebration, the Rugrat family goes to a Chanukah play and a party at the Temple. The story concludes back in ancient times showing the miracle of Chanukah. (Appropriate for 3-10 year olds)

Rugrats Passover (2nd)

Animated. Trapped in the attic on Seder night with Tommy, Chuckie and three-year-old Angelica, Grandpa Boris spins the Passover tale into a riveting adventure. As the story unfolds, Angelica's imagination casts the babies as Hebrews and herself as the first female Pharaoh.

The Sabbath (2nd)

Four segments, each one a delightfully different look at Shabbat. The segments are: Faces, Haim's Hoedown, Manna, Timeout. Utilizing animation, clay animation and live actors the different segments can help trigger discussion about Shabbat, its function and significance, among students of all ages. (Discussion guide)

The Secret in Bubbie's Attic

A Torah, a shofar, a Hanukah menorah and a very special piece of cloth are woven together into the fabric of entertaining and educational holiday stories and songs by multi-talented storytellers.

Shabbat Shalom (1st)

Shabbat Shalom is a compendium of Shabbat stories, scenes and songs. The stories are in English and the songs are in Hebrew. The two stories are excellent, but the teacher must watch the video and find their location on the tape if he/she wants to show them. The first story is about how a poor merchant becomes wealthy because he makes Shabbat special and because he is a good person. The second story (towards the end of the tape) is about a boy who does not know how to pray, but knows the alef-bet. His letters become a special prayer to God. The scenes portray "Friday night Shabbat dinners" in various countries around the world. (45 min)

Shalom Sesame: Chanukah (1st)

Journey with Jeremy Miller on a trip to ancient Modin-the land of the Maccabees! Play an exciting round of *Dreidel of Fortune* with everybody's favorite host Lavana White! Watch as Joan Rivers, Alan King, Nell Carter and Joshua Rifkind pay special tribute to a famous Chanukah hero. Moishe Oofnik, the grouchy gourmet, creates his own Chanukah specialty-jellyfish doughnuts! And tune in to the *Rechov Sumsum World of Sports* as Kippi becomes the first porcupine to finish the Chanukah torch run to Jerusalem.

Shalom Sesame: Passover (Anyone)

Jerusalem Jones and the whole Shalom Sesame gang are about to have the Passover adventure of a lifetime. The afikomen has vanished and without it the Shalom Sesame seder can never end. So Kippi, the fearless porcupine, and the courageous Jerusalem Jones, leap into the pages of the Haggadah to search for clues. They find themselves in ancient Egypt where they escape from the world's largest matza ball.

Sheri's Passover Surprise (3rd)

Sheri Lewis, Charlie Horse and Lamb Chops make a fun filled Seder meal with Dom Deluise and Robert Guillaume. Lots of singing and fun as they go through a complete seder (55 min)

Small Wonder Puppet Theater #2

"Punch and Judaism" featuring *A Salute to the Holy Land* - A tale of escape from behind the Iron Curtain; and *The Cow Who Kept the Sabbath*.

A Whale of a New Year (1st)

Alef-Bet Blast Off (Puppets). David is always losing things. Though he tries to improve himself for Rosh Hashana, he still manages to lose his sister Rachel's beloved godfish. Rachel is so upset that she can't forgive David. But thanks to Mitzvah Mouse, a trip to a whale's belly, and a heart-to-heart with Jonah himself, David learns to accept responsibility, to say he's sorry and Rachel learns to forgive. Ages 5-7
(30 min) (Discussion Guide available)

Whole Megillah (The) (Alef-Bet Blastoff) (1st)

David and Rachel just aren't in the mood to celebrate Purim this year...this is, until they find themselves in ancient Persia, face-to-face with the evil Haman. Mitzvah Mouse and brave Queen Esther save the day.- Ages 5-7 (30 min)
(Discussion Guide available)

Why God Chose Mt. Sinai (3rd)

A series of three animated midrashim (stories) which teach value lessons.

Why God Chose Mt. Sinai (5 min)- All the famous mountains (Matterhorn, Poconos, etc.) ask God if He can choose them as the one on which He delivers the Torah to the Jewish people. They each brag about why they are best. Mt. Sinai is modest and does not ask. God chooses Mt. Sinai! (For Shavuot)

If Not Higher (5 min) - The Rabbi of Nemorov disappears the week before the High Holidays each year. A man secretly follows the Rabbi one year to find out where he goes. The Rabbi takes wood to a poor woman who is cold.

Beryl the Tailor - Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year. On that day, we ask God to forgive us for all of our misdeeds. Beryl the tailor reminds God that He too is guilty of allowing His people to be persecuted and oppressed. Beryl makes a deal with God; We'll forgive Him, if He forgives us. Lesson: we pray that God and others will forgive our transgressions. But we must also be ready to forgive others for hurting us and forgive God for giving us circumstances in life that make our existence difficult.

Wienville Hanukah (3rd)

The story begins at the Weinerville ski lodge. Space aliens arrive on earth dressed as large potato latkes. The aliens are looking for oil to fuel their spaceship. After the Weinerville characters meet the aliens, the Weinerville characters explain the history of Chanukah to the aliens. Finally, the story ends when a miracle occurs and a container of oil gives the aliens enough fuel for them to travel back into space. All the characters are puppets and the video contains a significant amount of silly rock music. (Appropriate for 7-12 year olds)

HOLOCAUST

Alicia at Temple Solel

Many Jews who died in the Concentration Camps believed that to fight back would only endanger others. Some did fight back, but their stories have seldom been told. Alicia not only survived the Holocaust, but saved others' lives. She also had the courage to tell the story of her life in her award-winning book, Alicia, My Story.

Courage to Care (The), The Other Side of the Story, The Reporters, When Love Has a Cost

This video has interviews with Irene Opdyck and others who helped to hide the Jews during the Holocaust. (See "Irene Opdyck" below). Very good video.

Diary of Anne Frank (The)

Written during two years of hiding from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic. A young Jewish girl conveys the tensions, claustrophobia and intense hardships suffered by two fugitive families.

Escape From Sobibor

Inspiring true-life tale of the largest prisoner escape from a Nazi death camp. Harrowing prison camp scenes elevate the suspense as the prisoners plan and then execute their daring escape. 120 min.

For the Living

Actor Ed Asner takes you on a tour of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. This video gives the viewer an inside look at the conception and construction of this museum, with special attention given to its architecture. The Holocaust Museum is dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust, and erected as a remembrance for the living. This is not an historical documentary on the Holocaust.

The Holocaust as Seen Through The Eyes of a Survivor

You and your family, including your grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives are about to begin a journey unlike any you have ever taken. The length of the journey and the destination will be decided for you. Upon completion of the journey you will be asked to cross out the names who did not survive. When the author returned home from the real journey in 1945, he had to cross out all of the names on the family tree except his own. How many names will you have to cross out?

Irene Opdyck at Temple Solel

Irene Opdyck is a hero. She saved the lives of 12 Jews by hiding them in the basement of a German officer's villa where she was a housekeeper. She is responsible for saving hundreds of Jewish lives from death by the Gestapo. She has earned international recognition and has been awarded the title of "Righteous". This title is given to gentiles who risked their lives in aiding and saving Jews during the war. She is among 5,000 people in the world who have been recognized for bravery and courage during the Holocaust.

The Liberators

Madeleine's Story

Madeleine Nussen tells her story about how she was saved during the Holocaust by being hidden in a convent.

Safe Haven

This video discusses how most all Nations closed their borders to Jewish refugees during World War II. It looks in particular at the United States. It wasn't until 1944 that any refugees were admitted into the U.S. At that time 1000 Jews were allowed into the U.S. where they found a Safe Haven. These were the only Jews admitted into the U.S. at the time. This video tells their story and looks into the difficulties the Jews encountered in finding refuge. Documentary style. Shown through actual footage, discussion with refugee survivors and U.S. officials.

Seventh Heaven

Simon asks a Holocaust survivor to speak at school. (60 min) (5th-7th grade)

Survivors of the Holocaust

Steven Spielberg, in association with Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation chronicle the events of the Shoah as witnessed by those who survived. The program weaves together archival footage with survivors' personal testimonies and photographs, chronicling life in pre-war Europe, the devastating impact of Nazism, the liberation of the concentration camps and life fifty years later. (70 min)

Suvivors of the Shoah

The Warsaw Ghetto

Black and White documentary about the 10-day resistance of half a million Jews cut off in a half-mile city area by Nazi forces. (50 min)

Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Recounts the events that led to the formation of the ghetto, the impassioned resistance, and the final conflagration. Their struggle remains a stirring episode of courage and humanity against a backdrop of horror. (22 min)

Weapons of the Spirit

Throughout Occupied Europe, people were forced to make a critical moral decision: how to react to Nazi actions against the Jews. Most stood by apathetically. But in France, where collaborators delivered 75,000 Jews, including 10,000 children, to the Nazi death trains, the people of the small village of Le Chambon-Sur-Lignon quietly sheltered at least 5,000 Jews over four years. It is the goal of the filmmaker, who was born in the village in 1943, to understand how this "conspiracy of goodness" came about. He looks at the power of their memories of persecution, the soli faith, the quality of their leadership, and the emphasis on individual conscience. (125 min)

The Eleventh Commandment

History of the Negev. From the settlement by the Nabeteans, who developed unique agricultural methods, through the arrival of the Jewish pioneers who turned the arid desert into a fruitful garden.

Israel

Experience the beauty and grandeur of Israel. Visit many different cities. (Includes many places important to Christianity)

Israel: History, Land and People

Israel: Never a Dull Moment

Capsulizes Israeli history and shows the country's changing society and progress in science, industry, and entertainment. Momentous events include Operation Magic Carpet, Abie Nathan's peace mission, the rescue at Entebbe, and the Intifada uprising.

Israel Yesterday and Today

A survey of Jewish history from the time of King David to current events in modern Israel. Through this encompassing, mostly objective and impartial narrative, we get a glimpse of major developments during 3000 years of history and the ties of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. Utilizes maps and still photographs. Good trigger film.

Israel, You Have it All!

This video is about two children who are making a reluctant visit to Israel. A mythical character takes them on a magical tour of Israel, and they end up loving the country! The video includes visits to many areas of Israel, including Ein Gedi, Caesaria, Safat and the Dead Sea. The people in the video are Orthodox. There is an Orthodox wedding, an Orthodox band playing music and an Orthodox mystical artist. Pre-3rd grade (30 min)

Jerusalem - Within These Multicultural View Walls

Fountainhead of three religions, the ancient heart of Jerusalem is a tiny world inside the modern Israel. Meet some of the people who choose to co-exist within its bounds while preserving their differences.

The Kibbutz

The founding and building of a Kibbutz in Israel.

Nfty in Israel

Shalom Sesame: Jerusalem

A visit to the old city, the modern city and meeting with some special people.

Shalom Sesame: Kibbutz

Bentz and Arik visit a kibbutz and learn how decisions are made by vote-from everything to who does what work to who is given which home.

Shalom Sesame: The Land of Israel

Kippi takes you for a mystery journey through Israel.

Shalom Sesame: The People of Israel

Madlik shows you what everyday life is like for Israeli kids.

Shalom Sesame: Tel Aviv

The Oofnick takes you for a tour through Tel Aviv.

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Topol's Israel

Chaim Topol (of Fiddler on the Roof) visits his home in Israel. He takes the viewers on an autobiographical tour, meeting friends from all over the country.

JEWISH IDENTITY

Cantor Weiser Video

Very short (7 min), but powerful video. A small part at the beginning has been erased, but it gives background about Lincoln Nebraska and the Weiser Family, that is being harrassed by a local officer in the KKK. This is an "inside edition" piece but worthy Judaism. Discussion follow up is needed in the class regarding the KKK and what actually took place in this town, so that the children can air their feelings. 5th grade and older.

The Chosen

This arresting drama illustrates the conflict between friendship and family loyalty experienced by two young men. Based on the story by the same name by Chaim Potok. The story centers on Jewish issues, transcending its setting to attain universal impact. (105 min)

A Class Divided

In 1970, a public school teacher in Riceville, Iowa, divided her all-white, all-Christian third graders into blue and brown-eyed groups for a lesson in discrimination. On successive days, each group was treated as inferior and subjected to discriminatory treatment. This FRONTLINE reunites the teacher and class after 15 years to relate the enduring effects of their lesson.

Confronting Anti-Semitism: For Jewish Youth (From the Anti-Defamation League)

The Discovery

Josh Saviano (The Wonder Years) plays twelve year old David, who is in the midst of preparing for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah. As the story unfolds, teachers, friends and family members try to tackle David's many questions as he comes to better understand his Jewish heritage and what it means to him. (58 min)

Don't Pick on Me

Most kids get teased by other kids at some time, but when teasing gets out of hand, it takes an ugly turn and becomes harassment. Program examines the dynamics behind teasing and being teased, and models effective responses to being harassed. Challenges the viewers to explore the issue of peer cruelty through thought-provoking discussion questions. (21 minutes - Discussion guide)

Evil in Clear River

This is a TV movie based on a true story. Lindsay Wagner stars as a woman who fights against the misinformation that's being taught about Jews in her son's High School history class in the small town of Clear River. The very popular High School teacher is teaching his students such things as; The Illuminadae are a group of Jews who have a pact with the devil to take over the world; The Talmud is the Jew's blueprint to take over the world.

Face the Hate

This video deals with racism in our society today. Different people talk about experiences that have occurred to them, and how it has influenced their outlook on life.

Inside I Ache

A reporter investigates the recent suicide of a young teenager. Through interviews with parents, rabbi, teachers and friends, and by visiting doctors and suicide prevention centers, the reporter learns the reasons for suicide, the warning signs, and how to prevent potential suicides.

Interfaith Discussion

Jewish "Fame"

An episode of the TV show "Fame". Storyline deals with a girl who denies her Jewish heritage and how she, with the help of a friend, reestablishes and comes to accept her Jewish identity.

Longest Hatred Video

Anti-Semitism's resurgence in Europe is observed in this 1991 documentary which begins by considering how problems between Christians and Jews evolved from the time of the Roman Empire to the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century. Also surveyed: Factors that led to the Holocaust; Muslim Anti-Semitism from the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Not in this Town

A TV movie about Anti-Semitism in a small town in the US.

Prejudice-An ABC Special

Sex: A Topic for Discussion

Presented in a question and answer format. (Discussion guide available)

The Valley of Tears/Tame the Flames

These are two short four minute music videos by Ally Sheer. These music videos include footage appropriate to the theme. The first one deals with terrorism and is hard to follow or understand. Tame the Flames is much better and deals with fighting hate and prejudice. Questions what will happen if we don't tame the flames of hate.

The Target is You

Alerts Jewish teens and their parents about the danger posed by Hebrew-Christian missionary groups. It offers a review of the key differences between Judaism and Christianity, a behind-the-scenes look at a Hebrew-Christian congregation, interviews with former members, and suggestions of how to combat missionary tactics.

The Wave

An outstanding re-enactment of an experiment that was conducted in a High School to show how attitudes and behaviors of a group of people can be influenced and manipulated. This is a strong, vivid film, especially suited for classes that deal with the rise of Nazism. (Video guide available)

When All You Ever Wanted Isn't Enough-Dr. Harold Kushner

Dr. Kushner talks about putting spirituality back into your life. This is an excellent video, very inspiring. 9th grade-adult (45 min)

Wonder Years (The)-Bar Mitzvah episode

The Writing on the Wall

Based on a true story about three boys who deface a synagogue. Instead of jail time, the three boys are required to spend time with the Synagogue's Rabbi. The Rabbi gives the boys lessons on Judaism and the Holocaust. Excellent "After School Special".

Yentle

Barbara Streisand stars as a woman who must disguise herself as a man in order to pursue an education among Orthodox Jews in turn-of-the-century eastern Europe. (134 min.)

You've Come to the Right Place (Alef-Bet Blastoff)

Eight year old David is troubled-why do Jews have to be different? Mitzvah Mouse renews the kids' pride in their heritage as he takes David and his sister Rachel to meet the first Jew in history, Abraham. Ages 5-7 (30 min)

JEWISH LIFE

Aaron's Magic Village (Chelm story)

Young Aaron, accompanied by his wisecracking pet goat Zlateh, journeys to the village of Chelm to stay with his Uncle Shlemiel, Aunt Sarah and their three daughters. Chelm is under attack by an evil sorcerer. With the aid of his wily fox, the sorcerer steals the magical "Book of Marvels". He conjures up a Golem, which he orders to destroy the defenseless town. Aaron embarks on an exciting, comical odyssey to foil the wicked wizard and prevent him from taking over the whole world. (80 min)

The Adventures of Rabbi Akiva

Join J.E.V.'s Shtetle Shticks Puppet Troupe, as Rebbe Akiva's adventures with his candle, rooster and donkey all turn out for the best.

Byron Bee Looks for God

Byron Bee's search for God is not really a fairy tale. It is a little history of the quest for God put in the context and language of a child's world. It is an allegory for children that recreates the evolution of the concept of God. As a child follows Byron through the meadow in search of God, he/she participates in the intellectual evolution and in a few moments, begins to gain an insight that took his/her ancestors thousands of years to grasp. (Video guide available)

Camera of My Family

The Day Grandpa Died

A young boy confronts the death of his grandfather. Covers the slow and painful acceptance of the reality of death as a part of life. Portrays the rituals of death in Jewish life, which give the individual time to accept the loss. (12 min)

The Eighth Day

The conflict between the Greeks and the Maccabees is at its peak. A young Jewish couple is faced with the decision of whether or not to circumcise their newborn son. Will the child's life be spared by breaking with the tradition of his forefathers? This moving account not only portrays an important moment in Jewish history, but raises a variety of questions relevant to our day. (23 min)

Gefilte Fish

This humorous film tackles the tough issue of the displacement of cultural tradition by the availability of ready-made products. Three generations of women share their personal method of making gefilte fish; each succeeding generation investing less effort, time and love into the process. Causes reflection on the various other cultural and religious traditions that have lost their value in contemporary society.

Hester Street

When Gitl, a pious Russian Jewess, joins her husband at Ellis Island, she finds that he has turned his back on his traditions-and on her. How Gitl deals with her new-found lifestyle is a poignant tribute to all those who traveled the same path. Her struggle demonstrates well the temptations of, and triumphs over, assimilation.

In the Synagogue

This imaginative video tells the story of twelve-year-old Emily Rudin, a "shutterbug," who sets out with her camera to discover the meaning of the synagogue. She visits several temples, where she meets congregants who pray, study, celebrate, and join together to perform acts of tzedakah. Through her photography, Emily captures the beauty of the synagogue. In the process, she discovers her own Jewish identity.

The Jewish Life Cycle

Presents Jewish holiday and customs within the framework of "Tradition" as seen in the movie "Fiddler on the Roof".

The Jewish Museum

The largest institution in the Western Hemisphere dedicated to preserving and interpreting Jewish culture.

Jewish Symbols

This video describes the creation and development of those symbols central to Jewish thought-The Menorah, The Star of David, The Seven Species.

The Journey

A young Russian boy and an American Jewish engineer meet in Leningrad during World War II and form a friendship that changes both their lives. This unique story explores Jewish values and raises a host of questions about the relationship between Jewish education and identity. (34 min)

Lights of Freedom (Alef-Bet Blastoff)

David and Rachel meet a talented young Russian immigrant, Talli, who tries to teach the kids about freedom. It's hard for the kids to understand how important freedom is until an unexpected twist causes David, Rachel, Talli, and even Mitzvah Muse to become personal slaves to the Pharaoh. Ages 5-7 (30 min)

Rambam Cures the King

The story takes place a long time ago where a mighty king falls ill. The renowned Jewish sage and doctor-The Rambam, known to the world as Maimonides, cures the king and is appointed to the prestigious post of Court Physician. Performed by the Small Wonder Puppet Theatre.

Rituals: The Portraits of Jewish Life

The Road to New York From Eastern Europe

Jewish Immigration at the turn of the century. What was it like to leave the only home that you've ever know to come to America? This video traces the path of over thirty percent of all European Jewry from 1880 to 1914 as they left the "Old Country" for the United States. Life in the shtetl, arrival at Ellis Island, the harsh realities of life on New York's Lower East Side as well as the "American Dream" are all clearly explained through the use of photographs and detailed narration. Ages 10 and older (17 min)

Uncle Pinchey Comes Home (and) The Unhappy King

Uncle Pinchey is a loveable, elderly gentleman from Russia who arrives in America and looks up some family...some very, very, very distant family. This sets into motion the fun, Uncle Pinchey Comes Home. In the Unhappy King, various roads to happiness are explored by a ruler who discovers that true happiness can only be acquired by helping someone else.

PEDAGOGY

Assertive Discipline - Sessions 1-5

How Difficult Can This Be?

This informative and entertaining film allows the viewer to look at the world through the eyes of a learning disabled child.

PERSONALITIES

The Fruit of Her Hands

On Sabbath Eve, four modern day young women take the viewer on a magical voyage through history to visit ten extraordinary Jewish women. The inspiring stories are told using poetry, song, klezmer music, legends, historic speeches, diary entries, Jewish holidays and ceremonies. A very unusual video that can be used to enhance the teaching of Jewish history, personalities and women's issues. (Discussion guide available)

TORAH

For Out of Zion

A film about the heart of Judaism...the Torah. Photographed in the desert, on the beaches, and in the fields of Israel, it captures the beauty and soul of the land in which the Law was conceived.

VALUES

Anderson Boy (Interdating and intermarriage) **To Market, Critic, Hangman** (Fear, Indifference, Prejudice and the Evil of the Bystander) **When Parents Grow Old** (Problem of responsibility to aging parents and society's treatment of the elderly)

Fixing the World

When Grandpa Abe (a member of this puppet family) gives a job to a homeless man, David and Rachel are determined to do their bit to "fix the world". But all their grandiose attempts seem futile until Mitzvah Mouse takes them to meet the great sage Maimonides, and the kids learn the value of giving of themselves. (30 min)

A Light Unto the Nations (Alef Bet Blast-Off)

When a famous writer and champion of free speech comes to visit, David and Rachel do not want to give up their room and their freedom. Enter Mitzvah Mouse who whisks the kids back to the 1880's, where they meet Emma Lazarus, whose poem is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. (30 min)

The Mailbox

Eighty-three year old Lethe Anderson waits in vain each day at her mailbox for a letter from her children. Neighbors try to fill the void, but cannot remove the disappointment she feels. Will motivate children of all ages to communicate with parents and grandparents.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Short video about Mazon, the organization that responds to world hunger.

Shelter Boy

In this moving piece of television journalism, we are introduced to the Metcalf family. The Metcalfs lost their home and possessions in a bitter tornado in Omaha, Nebraska. Glenda, Larry, and their children Lisa, and Richard describe their daily life in the shelter. Twelve-year-old, Richard, is particularly expressive about his fears, concerns, and pain regarding his vulnerable position as a human being, and as a classmate among children who do not understand. (Video guide available) Ages 9 and older. (15 min)

The Shopping Bag Lady

The shopping bag lady, who at first appears to be a bit eccentric as she talks to her inanimate friends in the park where she lives, is taunted by 14 year old Emily and her friends who are insensitive to the bag lady and all others who are "different" than they are. J.H-Adult (21 min)

Small Wonder Puppet Theater (K)

"Punch and Judaism" teaches ethics and pride. Tape 1: "Happy to be Me" and "Tzedaka Saves From Harm".

Trevor's Campaign

Tzedakah. A 12 year old boy's project to feed and provide shelter for the homeless.

WORLD JEWRY/WORLD RELIGIONS

Enigma - The Black Jews of Ethiopia

This film explores the centuries-old customs and ceremonies. We are present at Shabbat services, a wedding and various community events.

Great Religions of the World

Presents Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Christianity and Hinduism