

Internet Resources for Themes in
Reuven Fenton's *Goyhood*

1. How has the South's cultural history affected Jewish life below the Mason-Dixon line and elsewhere?

Daniel Lechuk, [The Surprising History of Jews in the South](#), *The Bulwark*, June 6, 2021.

[Courage and Conformity Explored in History of Jews of the South](#), AIB Network (YouTube)

Evan Krame, [Southern Jews and Jewish Values](#), *The Jewish Studio*, Feb. 2, 2023.

Institute of Southern Jewish Life, [Sephardic Jews in Atlanta and Montgomery](#), April 26, 2022 (YouTube)

Bonnie K. Goodman, [Unconditional Loyalty to the Cause: Southern Whiteness, Jewish Women, and Anti-Semitism, 1860-1913](#), excerpt from MA studies

Arno Rosenfeld, [Jews in the South Experience More Antisemitism than Other Regions. Survey Finds](#), *The Forward*, February 13, 2023.

2. Judaism encompasses a broad spectrum of beliefs, practices, norms, expectations, and identities. Tolerance for differences vary. Who gets to decide who is a Jew, and whose version of Jewish life is valid?

[Who Is a Jew?](#), The Pluralism Project, *Harvard University*

Emily Harris, [In Israel, A New Battle Over Who Qualifies As Jewish](#), *NPR*, October 10, 2015.

Ofer Oderet, [Who is a Jew?](#) *Haaretz*, reprinted by *Jewish Voice for Labour*, December 22, 2022.

Elli Fischer, [Want To Know 'Who Is A Jew'? Ask: 'Who Is The Gatekeeper.'](#) *The Forward*, September 26, 2018.

Oshman Family JCC and Z3, [Who Decides Who Is a Jew?](#), *Unpacked*, January 20, 2021.

3. Is the study of Jewish texts a mitzvah if it doesn't lead to empathy and moral action? Can a Jew lead a good life without immersion in canonical writings?

What are moral actions according to Judaism?

[Jewish Ethics: Some Basic Concepts and Ideas](#), *Encyclopedia Judaica* cited in *My Jewish Learning*

Yossi Goldman, [The Good Life](#), *Chabad*, September 2008.

Rabbi Gideon Rothstein (Orthodox), Rabbi Wayne Allen (Conservative), and Rabbi Laura Geller (Reform), [What is the essence of "a good life"?](#), *Jewish Values Online*, n.d.

Rabbi Mark L. Shook, [Judaism, Happiness, and the Good Life](#), *Interdisciplinary Journal of the Dedicated Semester*, 2010 (Volume. 1 , Article 12).

4. In both of the year's selections, families accept and enforce a social-behavioral code that requires cleaving only to people within one's ethnic, faith, or racial community. Is this the norm in the Bay Area and across the United States? How do these strictures and definitions help or harm our relationships?

Race/ethnicity: [Nurturing Diversity and Increasing Equity are Critical to our Region's Future](#), *Bay Area Equity Atlas*, 2023.

Dannah Boyd, [Self-Segregation: How a Personalized World is Dividing Americans](#), *The Guardian*, January 13, 2017.

Rabbi Sandra Lawson and Rabbi Donna Cephas, [Racism in the Jewish Community](#), *Evolve: Groundbreaking Jewish Conversations*, March 7, 2018.

Laura Kiniry, [Where San Francisco's Spirit of Tolerance Came From](#), *BBC*, May 7, 2020.

Joseph Epstein, [Maybe It's Time for Jewish Self-Segregation](#). *The Wall Street Journal*, September 19, 2024.

Larry Smith, Smith: [Examining Self-Segregation](#), *The Indianapolis Recorder*, January 19, 2023.

Margery Austin Turner and Solomon Greene, [Causes and Consequences of Separate and Unequal Neighborhoods](#), *Urban institute*, n.d.

5. Most families have awkward rituals, hidden suspicions, and embarrassments. Does discovering the truth beneath family secrets present opportunities for repair and teshuvah, or exacerbate discord?

Lela Moore, [How Much of the Truth Should You Tell Your Kids?](#) *PsychCentral*

Tarra Bates-Duford, [Harmful Family Lies, Secrets, and Legacies](#), *PsychCentral*

Grouport, [Mending Broken Bonds: Regaining Trust in a Relationship After Lying](#), Grouport Online Group Therapy

Rabbi Paul Kipnes, [6 Steps of Teshuva](#), *Congregation Or Ami* (Calabasas, CA)

Rabbi Yehudah Prero, [Teshuva – Four Steps to Greatness](#), *Torah.org*

6. How can a single misdirection, fabrication, or outright lie alter history? Do Jews have an inherent moral obligation to expose the truth? Are there situations in which it is honorable to leave a fable buried?

Martha Beck, [When Is It Okay to Lie?](#), *Oprah.com*

Mordechai Lewis, [Lying in Judaism source sheet](#), *Sefaria.org*

Aryeh Citron, [Telling the Truth ...and When It Is Permissible to Be Less Than Honest](#), *Chabad*, December 2020.

Rabbi Dan Moskowitz, [The Mitzvah of Lying \(Vayeira, Genesis 18:1–22:24\)](#), *ReformJudaism.org*

Rabbi Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, [When is it Permitted to Tell a Lie?](#), *Orthodox Union*

7. Further learning about Jacob and Esau, and other siblings in the Torah

[Judaism on sibling relationships](#), *My Jewish Learning*

Jenny Singer, [It's Siblings Day so we ranked the siblings from the Torah](#), *The Forward*, April 10, 2019.

Yanki Tauber, [The Cosmic Twins](#), *Chabad.org*, December 2005.

Yehuda Shurpin, [Twins in the Bible](#), *Chabad.org*, November 2017.

[Tamar's Twins](#), *Chabad.org*, December 2005.

Rabbi Ed Bernstein, [We are our Brothers' and Sister's Keepers](#), blog

Rabbi Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, [Sibling Rivalry](#), *The Rabbi Sacks Legacy*