

Judaism and Israel: Then and Now combines PowerPoint visuals with hands-on interactive learning activities involving artifacts, props and maps.

Teachers have **flexibility** in choosing **one or more** of the **four subject modules: Ancient Jewish History, Judaism During the Rise of Christianity and Islam, Modern Israel, and Jewish Religion: Holidays and Customs.** Each module lasts 40-50 minutes and complements existing social studies curriculum in 6th-9th grades.

The curriculum conforms to Minnesota 4-12 Academic Standards in History, Social Studies, and Geography. *Judaism and Israel: Then and Now* has been very favorably received by local area social studies teachers who appreciate the flexibility the modules afford them and the standard of learning provided. *Judaism and Israel: Then and Now* is the culmination of over thirty years of work and experience by volunteers who started earlier versions of this program (Impact Israel & Hello Israel) in an effort to provide information about Jewish history, Judaism, and Israel in order to promote mutual understanding and respect for ethnic diversity.



"I know I learned a lot and it was presented in such a way that the students were really engaged. About a week after you came, I asked the students on a test to tell me about something they had learned about a Jewish holiday, and I was pleased with how much they remembered. Their comments immediately following the visit were positive too!"

6th Grade Teacher

ABOUT NCJW

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

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- Ancient Jewish History
- Judaism During the Rise of Christianity and Islam
- Modern Israel
- Jewish Religion: Holidays and Customs



FRIENDLY, KNOWLEDGEABLE PRESENTERS...

Would you like to have a primary resource person in your classroom to help your students learn about Jewish history and Judaism?

Would your students enjoy an interactive presentation that incorporates visuals and authentic artifacts?

Do you want your students to understand the history of the Jewish people and Israel as a precursor for studying the Middle East conflict?

Would you like your students to extend their thinking skills by analyzing Judaism's 4000-year longevity?

NCJW's JUDAISM AND ISRAEL: THEN AND NOW...

provides educators with an opportunity to step out of the role of teacher and into the role of learner as they participate along with their students in a journey of discovery. Covering four major areas of study, these curriculum modules can stand alone or be used in combination to extend the often limited overview of Jewish history and Israel in current social studies textbooks.

The information in the modules is designed to enrich the study of ancient civilizations, world history, Middle East studies, and comparative religion in public, charter and parochial school classrooms at sixth grade through high school level. Presentations can also be provided for teacher education workshops, church groups, and youth organizations.

Module I >>>

Ancient Jewish History

Our subject comes alive as students learn about the origins of monotheism and the geographic region regarded as the birthplace of the Jewish people. The module follows the migration of the Jewish people through their enslavement and journey through the desert where the first laws of Judaism were received by Moses. Students learn how governance and religious life changed after the building of the Temple and the expulsion of the Jews from their Ancient Homeland.

Module II >>>

Judaism During the Rise of Christianity and Islam

Students learn what the Jewish world was like as Christianity came into existence and how Jews living under Muslim rule survived and flourished during the Middle Ages. To complete their understanding students will also briefly explore how terrible acts of persecution and genocide, including the Russian Pogroms and the Holocaust in Europe, further contributed to Jewish migration and led to the founding of the modern State of Israel.

Module III >>>

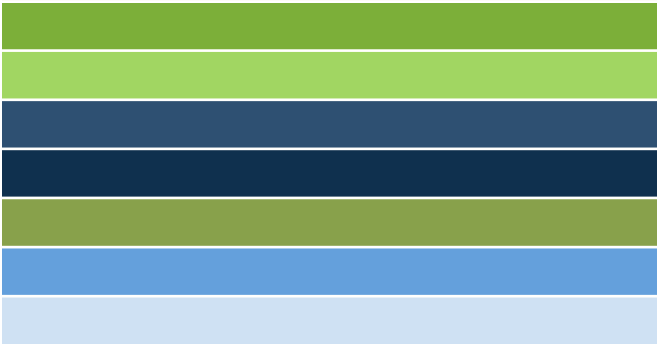
Modern Israel

This study of life in Israel today is separated into five interactive units utilizing items that help students comprehend Israel's geography, topography, government, cultural diversity and urban life. Students also learn about the technological innovations that Israel has contributed to modern world civilization.

Module IV >>>

Jewish Religion: Holidays and Customs

By examining objects related to Jewish holidays, rituals, and life-cycle events students gain an understanding of the order of the Jewish calendar and how Jewish traditions have endured for 4000 years. Their curiosity will be satisfied as they learn about the meaning of Jewish symbols, dietary practices and holiday customs.



Our two-and-a-half hour, hands-on Hello Israel presentation is designed for 6th grade. Through a variety of cooperative group activities, using authentic artifacts

From Israel, students learn about Israel's geography, topography, government, history, culture and language. A popular feature of this presentation is the interactive Jewish historical timeline stretching from the origins of Abraham to the present day. Examples of Israeli ethnic and modern clothing as well as a film engage students' interest. By the end of the day students are even able to play "Simon Says" in Hebrew!

Benefits of *Judaism and Israel: Then and Now* >>>

- No-Cost, Taught by Volunteers
- One Class Period Presentation PowerPoint Presentation
- Complements Minnesota State Standards in History and Social Studies
- Flexible Scheduling on a First-come First-served Basis
- Four Modules to Choose From
- Political and Topographical Map Displays
- A Brief Hebrew Language Lesson is Optional