What Jews Believe

Lesson Three: The Jews

Text 1

The Seven Laws of Noah

- 1. Believe in the one G-d.
- 2. Respect G-d.
- 3. Respect human life.
- 4. Respect marriage.
- 5. Respect property.
- 6. Respect G-d's creatures.
- 7. Maintain justice.

Text 2

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of princes and a holy nation.

(Exodus 19:6)

Text 3

The Jewish people, the Torah and the Holy One, blessed be He, are one.

(Zohar III, 47a)

Questions for Discussion

- 1. How does our understanding of G-d (Lesson 1) and Torah (Lesson 2) inform our understanding of Jewish identity (Lesson 3)?
- 2. How does a metaphysical definition of Jewishness differ from a cultural, racial or even religious definition of a Jew?
- 3. What does Jewish "chosenness" really mean? When were we chosen and how?