

Scholars Circle Resource Guide

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Bridging Cultures: Discovering Commonalities between Jewish and Hindu Traditions

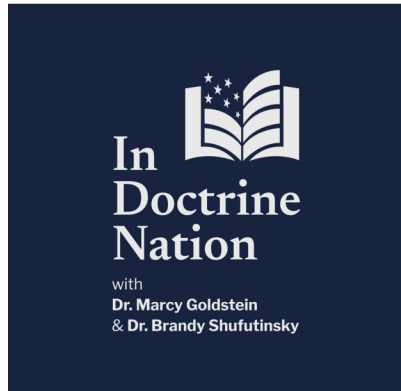


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The *In Doctrine Nation* podcast exposes and opposes radical ideology in K-12 schools and academia. It examines the illiberal education loop that is teaching students what to think, not how to think. This podcast will be released soon.



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Common Q&A's

What is similar and different about these ethno-religions?

Both are indigenous to a homeland. Jews are from Judea, and Hindus are from Bharata. However, they differ in that Jews live in diaspora initially by force and then by choice, whereas Hindus live in diaspora by choice.

What is similar about Judaism and Hinduism?

Both are "orthoprax" religions that emphasize "practice" as opposed to being "orthodox" with focus on belief in a creed such as faith-based religions like Christianity and Islam.

What similar social issues have these communities faced as minority groups in the US?

Misrepresentation in school textbooks and curriculum that compromises their sense of inclusion in our pluralistic society.

Key Takeaways

- ☑ Hinduism and Judaism are frequently misunderstood and therefore people might not notice and speak up to oppose "anti-semitism" and "Hinduphobia."
- ☑ Jews are indigenous to Judea (i.e. 1948, Israel) and Hindus are indigenous to Bharata (i.e. 1947, India). Both are communities living in diaspora whose experiences can inform one another.
- ☑ Hindus and Jews are allies who should advocate for each other: attend community events, join rallies, and speak at school board meetings.

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