

CAJE Videos for Adults

MOSHE DAYAN: PORTRAIT

x000 1992 50 min color

A documentary tracing Dayan's childhood, military service, and importance in Israeli history.

CONVERSATION WITH ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER

x000 1986 30 min color

Wonderful interview with the great man! Scenes of Isaac Bashevis Singer's European lifestyle, stories of his childhood, his observant (and not so observant) practice, and much more.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. KING

x000 1985 28 min B/W

Through recitation, poetry and song, children narrate the story of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the movement he led, and the principle of non-violence. With teacher's guide and student activity sheets.

CONVERSATION WITH MENACHIM BEGIN

x000 1986 30 min color

Rather dry interview of Manachim Begin. Discusses his childhood, career, etc.

VISIONS: JEWISH AMERICAN HALL OF FAME

x000 1997 30 min color

Sponsored by the Judah Magnes Museum, this video is a compilation of famous Jewish lives including Hayam Solomon, Emma Lazarus, Judah L. Magnes, Henrietta Szold, Golda Meir, Hank Greenberg, Elie Wiesel, Houdini, Barbara Streisand, and many more. A wonderful review of famous Jewish individuals!

DAVID BEN-GURION

x000 8 min color

The life of Ben-Gurion, prepared for the centennial celebration of Gurion's birthday. Depicts his accomplishments in creating the modern State of Israel.

QUESTION OF AUTHORITY, A

x170 1992 25 min color

Horizons in Bioethics Series. Deals with euthanasia and who has authority to terminate life support. The case deals with a pregnant woman brain-damaged in an accident.

FOCUS

x170 53 min color

Deborah Palmer interviews Rabbi Harold Kushner and Elie Wiesel.

MOSES

x220.922 1999 100 min color

An A & E Biography on Moses! Entertaining and informative with a slightly different look at the greatest prophet of all times! This biography looks at Moses' reluctance and self-doubt as well as his strength and ability to be a great leader. The story of the exodus from Egypt is depicted in rare paintings, artifacts, and interviews with biblical experts. A & E Biographies are designed for the general public.

ARCHAEOLOGY: MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY LAND

x220.93 1994 75 min color

Written for general audiences, the Torah is called the "Old Testament". Once past this (and a few other things), the video is very informative and entertaining. Investigations about Joshua's destruction of Hatzor, and about Lot's wife (among the many pillars of salt) are intriguing. There is also a wonderful section on the cave where Lot and his daughters lived. "Archaeology has a special power and responsibility to the Bible" - agree?

JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS

x220.95 1990 30 min color

The Hanna-Barbera animated Bible story of Joseph rising from a slave in Egypt to Governor.

GREAT FIGURES OF THE BIBLE: ADAM AND EVE

x222.1 2000 30 min color

Excellent academic examination of the Adam and Eve story in Genesis. Elie Wiesel dissects the portion, adding Midrash, sociology, history, psychology, and humor. Format is such that it can be stopped periodically for discussion. Excellent for adult chavurote.

GREAT FIGURES OF THE BIBLE: DAVID

x223.14 2000 30 min color

Excellent discussion questions and probing insights are offered in an incredible video about King David. Elie Wiesel presents an academic look at this section of the Bible with additions from Midrash, archaeology, sociology, and psychology. One of a six-video collection.

MEGILLAT RUTH: JOURNEYING TOWARD THE SACRED

x224.42 1999 14 min color

The story of Ruth is read as a play and discussed. Sections are read by professionals, discussed, and left open for workshop discussion. The Study Program, designed by the UAHC for the night of Shavuot, has a number of different program ideas, with schedules, questions, activities, and references. Ideal for adult chavurah or synagogue study group. Appropriate for college and high school students.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK: RUTH THE CONVERT

x224.42 1997 30 min color

The story of Ruth through dramatic recreations filmed at the actual Biblical sites.

JEWISH CUSTOMS

x240

50 min color

Explanations of some of the most important institutions, symbols and holidays in Jewish life.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

x240

75 min color

A family reviews the Jewish calendar and rediscovers the history and practice of eight major holidays, with the traditional songs, foods and games, prayers and rituals.

EENIE'S KITCHEN

x240

40 min color

Chef Eenie Frost introduces us to traditional foods eaten during Passover and Hanukkah while making reference to Jewish traditions.

SABBATH, THE

x241

1987 30 min color

Four trigger films: *FACES* relates Shabbat to people. *CHAIM'S HOEDOWN* deals with relationship to nature. *MANNA* confronts "making a living" as an end in itself. *TIME OUT* looks at interplay between people and technology.

SHABBAT EXPERIENCE, THE

x241

1989 50 min color

An extensive explanation of Shabbat activities and observances, with nearly 300 practical examples of what is permitted and what is not.

PASSOVER SEDER, A

x243.2 1994 30 min color

A model Seder is conducted with the use of live action, original illustrations and animation.

PASSOVER ADVENTURE, A

x243.2 29 min color

Relates personal journey of American born Israeli to sites of the Exodus. Shows baking of "Matza Shemura", a seder at Kibbutz Kitura, and "Aliyah L'regel". (Pilgrimage to Jerusalem) which culminates in dancing in front of the western wall.

HA SEVIVON (DREIDLE)

x244.1 1992 10 min color

The story of a lonely dreidle in search of a friend to share the joys of Hanukkah. In Hebrew.

HANUKAH

x244.1 30 min color

A dramatic presentation of the historical background of the festival with Edward Asner.

BENJAMIN AND THE MIRACLE OF HANUKAH

x244.1 24 min color

The traditional values of Hanukah - religious freedom and the triumph of faith - are dealt with as a young boy is sent by Jacob on a difficult journey to obtain the needed oil.

NEVER ENDING BATTLE, A

x244.2

3 min

color

Depicts the devastation on the environment, property and livestock that raged from a fire in July, 1995, in Jerusalem corridor. Stresses the urgency to replant trees.

IN THE DAYS OF AHASUERUS

x244.3

1991

25 min

color

The animated book of Esther, narrated in English with Hebrew titles.

OUR FAMILY OUR PEOPLE

x246

12 min

color

Exploring Jewish life cycles, festivals , intergenerational relationships and the value of family within Judaism, through family photos old and new.

RABBI SUSAN TALVE

x246

1996

58 min

color

Making New Meanings from Old Traditions. Rabbi Susan Talve of Central Reform Congregation discusses Jewish ritual, spirituality, tikkun olam, Torah, G-d, & personal meaning.

CIRCUMCISION OR BRIS?

x246.1

15 min

color

Shows the significance of Brit Milah as a central symbol of Jewish identity and as a ritual to be performed by a mohel - not merely as a surgical procedure.

GOOD DEED, THE

x246.2 1992 14 min color

A Bar Mitzvah boy prepares himself at home the morning of his Bar Mitzvah. Teacher guide available.

JOURNEY: BAR MITZVAH, THE

x246.2 35 min color

A Russian Jewish youth fleeing the Nazi invasion of Leningrad is befriended by an assimilated American Jew who is suddenly placed in the position of preparing the youth for his Bar Mitzvah.

ALL OF US TOGETHER

x246.5 1998 16 min B/W

How families can include children in the mourning process. A grandfather dies and the family discusses how to include everyone in the process. Shiva, burial and other Jewish traditions are included.

SAYING KADDISH

x246.5 1997 60 min color

Tovah Feldshuh & Phyllis Newman star in this drama about a Jewish family affirming life in the face of death.

WHY I AM A JEW?

x250

120 min color

Dennis Prager speaks (in St. Louis) on the topic of why we should be Jewish and what it means to be Jewish.

ARE WE ONE?

x250

11 min color

American Zionist Youth Foundation presents a film that parallels two Jews, an American and an Israeli. How are they different? How are they alike? Answers the question, "What is a Jew?" Discusses Moses Mendelson and the concept of nationality and the meaning of religion. Topics also covered are the meaning of Israel, the diaspora, the Hebrew language, and cultural Jewishness. Great trigger film for civics, history, Israel study, and identity. Are we one?

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH SERVICE

x253

20 min color

Designed to help people feel comfortable in synagogue by familiarizing them with ritual practice and behavior through the duplication of a Shabbat morning service.

TREVOR'S CAMPAIGN

x255

7 min color

Documentary about eleven-year old Trevor Ferrell and what has now become his well-known work for the homeless.

INTERMARRIAGE: WHEN LOVE MEETS TRADITION

x304.2 1987 49 min color

A look at several different intermarried couples in a support group and how they are dealing with the problems of intermarriage. They describe their feelings and emotions and practical concerns of Jews while married to a non-Jew. Remember, it is always advisable to preview videos before showing them!

FROM A FAR-OFF WORLD

x304.2 28 min color

Depicts marriage customs of three different ethnic groups that have resettled in Israel: Yemenites, Libyans and Kurds.

RACHEL

x304.2 3 min color

A discussion-provoking film about intermarriage. A middle-aged father mourns his daughter's death, as the hour of her church wedding approaches.

WHAT PAUL TOLD SALLY

x304.2 11 min color

Two Jewish high school boys discuss the reasons for and against dating a non-Jewish girl. Film describes some of the underlying differences in backgrounds of Jews and non-Jews and implies that such dating can lead to intermarriage.

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE

x362 10 min color

A physically handicapped boy is aided by his helper dog, Kosmic, who carries his books, pulls his wheelchair & lifts him up. Wonderful example of Tikkun Olam!

JDC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

x362 10 min color

Stories of the Joint Distribution Committee's activities in helping Jews and non-Jews around the world.

PARTNERS-ISRAEL GUIDE DOG CENTER

x362.2 10 min color

The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind trains "seeing-eye dogs" for all types of Israelis to provide them independence.

SUNDAY'S BREAD

x362.2 8 min color

Details an interdenominational volunteer program for feeding the poor and homeless in Boston called Sunday's Bread.

RECLAIMING A PAST W/SOPHIE & JUDY SLOAN

x362.6 13 min color

Oral history exploration of elderly American Jews and an understanding of Yiddish culture through Judy Sloan's characterization of Sophie, an old Jewish woman.

REBBE'S ADVICE, THE

x398

40 min color

Fully animated version of a classic comical Chassidic story about an unhappy woman whose husband seeks advice from the Rebbe, only to realize that sometimes things have to get worse before they can get better.

MYSTICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEBREW ALPHABET

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x401

1989 30 min color

A very interesting tape that gives a brief history of the Alef-bet and then goes into a visual meditation that is intended for spiritual growth. Excellent to use for an art class, the visuals are intriguing and would give students ideas for projects.

BASIC HEBREW PART I

x470

81 min color

First of a two-video set of 15 lessons including the Alef-bet, pronouns, days of the week, family, transportation, the four seasons, and months. Accompanied by guide.

BASIC HEBREW PART II

x470

60 min color

Second video in a set of two. This part covers lessons on the holidays, opposites, restaurant words, the body, supermarket phrases, clothing, and a verb review.

HOW TO READ HEBREW (AND LOVE IT!)

x471

120 min color

A computer-generated video with 22 lessons for learning to read phonetic Hebrew. Oral reading exercises, review sections and animations included.

KEEPING THE EARTH

x574.5

1996 27 min color

Wonderful video and program to enlighten and inspire students! From the perspective that we are the stewards of the planet, Keeping the Earth includes interviews from scientists and religious leaders that deal with current issues and possible solutions.

MY FIRST JEWISH COOKING VIDEO

x641.5

30 min color

A practical step-by-step video guide to making the Shabbat meal a special one. Recipes include challah, gefilte fish, horseradish, chicken soup, matzah balls, meringue desserts and more.

HOT BAGELS: THE HOLE STORY

x641.5

1994 12 min color

A guided tour through the bagel-making process, from its origins to contemporary methods. Fun film!

JEWISH SOUL MUSIC

x780

50 min color

Virtuoso clarinetist, Giora Feidman, recreates the traditional music of the "klezmers," instruments of song. Film explores the roots and revival of klezmer music.

SHLOCK ROCK VIDEOS, VOLUME I

x784

1990 45 min color

Ten new music videos by Lenny Solomon with Jewish themes set to rock music, including Abarbanel, My Menorah, Minyan Man, To Unite All Jews, Emunah and more.

JEWISH RENAISSANCE CONCERT, THE

x784.1

60 min color

Featuring Moshe Yess singing "My Zaidy" and Moshe Shur and the Jewish Renaissance Jam Session.

FROM DAWN TILL DUSK

x784.3

42 min color

Ofra Haza, popular Israeli singer, in concert at an Israeli Army base, in old Yaffo and other sites in Israel. Songs include "Chai" and others.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY VARIETY PROGRAM

x784.3

50 min color

Israel Independence Day concert features Ofra Haza, Naomi Shemer, Ilanit, the Shalom Dance Company, Yehoram Goan, the Givatron and others.

YIDL MITN FIDL (YIDL WITH A FIDDLE)

x882 1936 92 min B/W

The 1936 classic Yiddish language musical comedy. Molly Picon plays a shtetl girl who, disguised as a boy, goes off with her father and a band of traveling musicians into the prewar Polish countryside. With English subtitles.

GOLDEN AGE OF SECOND AVENUE, THE

x882 70 min color

Narrated by Herschel Bernardi, this documentary traces the history of the Yiddish theater in America from the turn of the century. Includes film footage of Second Avenue and scenes from the Yiddish theater's best known plays and movies.

COURAGE OF FAITH

x900 18 min color

An account of the courage needed throughout history in order for the Jews to survive. Portrays courageous acts prompted by dedication to faith. A good history lesson.

FLIEGEL'S FLIGHT

x900 28 min color

Fliegel, the cartoon bird, takes children on an information tour through Jewish history. Characters and events, from Abraham through contemporary Israel, are brought to life with photographs, archive film, special effects and musical score.

STORY OF A PEOPLE, THE

x900

45 min

color

The story of 2500 years of the Jewish Diaspora. The video presents sculpture, artifacts, photos, etc. from the Museum of the Diaspora, as an ongoing history, with exhibits on family, community, faith, culture, nations and the return to Israel.

LOST ARK, THE

x901

1997

50 min

color

Unconventional theories about the origins and purposes of the Ark of the Covenant. This video includes creative graphics of the Ark and beautiful photography of the Old City and the caverns beneath the Temple Mount. Real life Indiana Jones? This video can be shown in two parts: The first 15 minutes focuses on the origin of the Ark, speculating on the scientific and mystical powers. The remaining 35 minutes chases the actual whereabouts of the Ark today. Jerusalem? Ethiopia? Scotland?

LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL

x901

2000

60 min

color

Israel's founding tribes were dispersed almost 3000 years ago and today, people from places like Ethiopia, India, and Japan are claiming to be the lost tribes of Israel. Excellent video, hosted by anthropologist Tudor Parfitt.

EXODUS REVEALED, THE

x901.1 2001 75 min color

Excellent archeological account of the truth behind the Bible story of the Exodus. Physical evidence for the Exodus such as 3800 year old Hebrew settlements in Egypt, records from the Egyptians of slaves, and the location of Mount Sinai. This video can be used in parts, where the class studies various elements of the research. This is also an excellent film to show during Pesach, discussing the Bible story of the Exodus.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF THE MIDDLE AGES

x902 1994 30 min color

Three, 10 minute instructions about specific times in Jewish history, make this an exceptional teaching tool. The first part is Babylon from the 2nd to the 10th Century. Clear descriptions, from clay models and displays in the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora. Excellent section on the compilation of the Talmud. The second section is from 1000 to 1492 and covers Spain. Topics such as the reconquest of the Muslims, rise of Christianity, the disputations, Maimonides, Nachmanides, and the Inquisition. The third educational piece is about the Middle Ages in northwestern Europe, the 8th to the 13th Centuries. This was the time when communities settled around the Danube and Rhine and developed Halachah for daily living. Rashi is featured, Tosefot is explained, and the section ends with the onset of the Black Death and the Crusades.

LITTLE SOLDIERS

x940.43 1990 12 min color

This video brings together veterans of the Jewish Partisan Armies who in their own words give testimony to the ordeals and triumphs of European Jewry in WWII. These were people who, against incredible odds, were able to strike blows against the Nazi war machine. Their reunion, in a forest in Israel, is reminiscent of the forests of Poland, Lithuania, and White Russia where most of the 6 million Jews were murdered.

MIRACLE AT MOREAUX

x940.444 1985 58 min color

A Catholic nun and her gentile students in France help three Jewish children escape the Nazis during WW II. For ages 9 and older.

AUSCHWITZ: IF YOU CRIED, YOU DIED

x940.492 28 min color

A chronicle of two Holocaust survivors as they revisit the Auschwitz concentration camp. Moving and shocking visuals contribute to understanding the dangers of prejudice and hatred.

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, THE

x940.492 1980 120 min color

An abridged version of Frances Goodrich's and Albert Hackett's play. It's based on a Jewish teen-ager's account of her two years in hiding from the Gestapo during World War II - a nightmare spent in a cramped Amsterdam attic that also housed three other Jewish refugees. In the course of the drama, forced intimacy and interdependence generate a tension that's alleviated by Anne herself, whose strong will, imagination and capriciousness affirm an implacable optimism in the face of desperation. Starring Melissa Gilbert as Anne.

STORY OF TWO SYNAGOGUES

x946 1996 17 min color

Two remarkable stories about Sephardic synagogues. The Ceiling, tells the story of an artist from the mid 1600's who designed the ceiling of the Chodorov synagogue in Poland. It describes the life of Jews, living at that time and gives an excellent discussion on Jewish art. The second segment is about a synagogue that stands in the Caribian, based on a Portuguese Synagogue from Amsterdam! Wonderful blend of Jewish culture, art, and history.

ISRAEL: A NATION IS BORN PART III

x950.12 1992 53 min color
Part III details the Anglo-French-Israeli Sinai Campaign of 1956, the Eichman Trial, and Nasser's plans to blockade and invade Israel.

ISRAEL: A NATION IS BORN, PART IV

x950.13 1992 51 min color
Part IV describes the events surrounding the Six Day War.

STORY OF THE YOM KIPPUR WAR, THE

x950.14 30 min color
Portrays the grimmer realities of war in a poignant documentary about the Yom Kippur war.

ISRAEL: A NATION IS BORN, PART V

x950.14 1992 57 min color
Part V chronicles the history of Israel from the Yom Kippur War (1973) to the present, including interviews with Nixon and Carter.

LET MY PEOPLE GO PART 1

x950.15 60 min B&W
History of Jewish persecution, Zionism, the attainment of a homeland highlight this educational video. The film is from the 1940's and as a result, poor quality.

LET MY PEOPLE GO PART 2

x950.15

60 min

B&W

Continuation of Part I, this deals with individuals from the Holocaust, escaping to Palestine, the Haganah, development of kibbutzim, and the creation of the State of Israel. Actual footage of the UN Session of the vote is quite moving. Excellent video to show on Israel Independence Day.

ISRAEL

x950.2

1992

8 min

color

Each conflict from 1945 to 1991 is introduced in this brief video. Excellent review or clip to begin a unit on the history of Israel.

BACK TO JERUSALEM

x950.2

30 min

color

Story of Israeli soldiers who reunited to remember the War of Independence, the 6 Day War. Great scenes of the Kotel, the Old City of Jerusalem, Hebrew University, and a variety of other places. In addition, there are scenes of Arabs, Jews, and Christians "living and working together".

BIRTH OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL: ST LOUIS JCRC

x950.21

1998

11 min

color

St. Louis individuals are interviewed and their stories create the background for this video on the creation of the State of Israel. Facts are mixed with feelings about Zionism and personal experiences bring reality to this important segment of history. Discussion questions available.

YOM KIPPUR WAR, THE

x950.24 1992 28 min color

October, 1973 the armies of Egypt and Syria invaded the borders of Israel. This video documents the battle in Sinai, the Golan Heights, air, and sea.

YOM KIPPUR WAR, THE STORY OF

x950.24 1985 30 min color

Footage of the Yom Kippur War, October 1973, highlight this documentary about the incident in Israel's history.

YOUNG AMERICAN JEWS SPEAK OUT ON ISRAEL

x950.26 2002 17 min. Color

This is a 17 minute video that can be used as a trigger for discussion about the current crisis in Israel, and related broader questions. It is not meant to advocate a particular solution to the problem, but simply to raise questions and elicit discussion. There are educational resource materials available for a facilitator/teacher to use as part of a lesson plan when using the video. The 7 sections of the video are: What Israel means to me; The Morality of Israel's actions; Media bias and getting straight information; The peace process and the two-state solution; Life in Israel during this current crisis; Antisemitism and Israel as a haven; and Our responsibility to act on behalf of Israel.

THE ALEX VIDEO

x950.26

15 min. Color

This is a video presentation of Alex Singer's life, art, and writings. Alex is the subject of the book, *Alex: Building a Life*, which is a compelling collection of letters written by a young American who make aliya and was killed at the age of 25 while serving in the Israeli army. The video is designed to introduce discussion on the questions and challenges raised by Alex in his letters.

CREATING PEACE: ONE QUILT at a TIME

x950.26

2001 17 min. C

This is a 17 min. video that presents an in-depth look at the results of the anti-Jewish, anti-Israel Palestinian educational curriculum. It was developed by MATCKH (Mothers Against Teaching Children to Kill and Hate), a grassroots organization founded in 1998 as a response to reports that the Palestinian-Arab educational system was distributing textbooks advocating killing, and glorifying suicide bombers.

ISRAEL: A NATION IS BORN PART I

x951

53 min color

Part I discusses the rise of Zionism following the Holocaust and the struggle for independence.

DREAMERS AND BUILDERS

x951

60 min B&W

A compilation of the silent films of the 1920's originally produced, photographed, and directed by Y'akov Ben Dov. Footage of the struggles of the people, creating the new State of Israel.

THE 50 YEARS WAR

x953.23 1999 150min e color

Historical documentary beginning at the UN decision to partition Palestine and continues through 50 years of warfare, mediation and negotiation. Interviews by many famous individuals.

ANAT'S KIBBUTZ ADVENTURE

x953.3 1991 10 min color

Anat describes life on kibbutz Tzor'a, from a child's perspective, as she searches for a lost baby deer, "Bambi."

KIBBUTZ, THE

x953.3 45 min color

An 80-year history of the kibbutz as a unique social innovation. Includes footage of early pioneers and agricultural beginnings to present day, hi-tech industry.

KIBBUTZ 2000

x953.3 1987 30 min color

The role of the kibbutz in a changing Israel is examined in this study made by Israel's kibbutz movement. The future of the kibbutz as an innovative and unique lifestyle is addressed.

TOWER OF DAVID MUSEUM...JERUSALEM BEGINS

x958 1994 45 min color

The colorful fabric of Jerusalem's history unfolds in this enlightening video. The viewer is taken on a journey through the exhibition halls of David's Citadel and its archeological gardens, with a view from its towers.

JERUSALEM: SOUL OF A PEOPLE

x958 1990 30 min color

Animation, photographs and documentary footage create an historical collage of Jerusalem from the days of David and Solomon through today.

JERUSALEM POTPOURRI

x958 1993 28 min color

A travel guide of Jerusalem as well as a teaching tool for learning about Jerusalem's history and sites.

WATER FOR CAESAREA

x958 1992 28 min color

Documentary explores the archeological wonders of ancient Caesarea's aqueducts and uncovers the answer to the ancient riddle of King Herod's unique water systems dating back from 10 B.C.E.

BACK TO JERUSALEM

x958.1 1987 13 min color

Between 1948 and 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city. Its triumphant reunification occurred during the Six-Day War of June 1967. This video is about the soldiers who fought in the IDF paratrooper brigade. Battle scenes are included, as well as interviews of those who participated in this historic period of Jewish history.

JERUSALEM: WITHIN THESE WALLS

x958.1 199 60 min color

Jerusalem's Old City is a tiny enclave where some of history's greatest dramas have been enacted. Busy and colorful, it is the fountainhead of three major religions, the site of many of the world's most venerated shrines, and home to 26,000 people of profoundly different cultures who live side by side in a fragile peace. This is made by the National Geographic Society for general audiences.

MANY FACES OF JERUSALEM

x958.1 1990 20 min color

Wonderful scenery of Jerusalem and the variety of people who live there. The film is in Hebrew with English subtitles and is in the format of a travelogue.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF FEZ AND SALONICA, THE

x961

1995

29 min

color

This video traces the history of 2 cities which once boasted vibrant Jewish communities. From the 8th century until their immigration to Israel following the establishment of the State, the Moroccan Jewish community of Fez sustained itself socially, religiously and economically. Particular attention is focused on communal life as well as family life in the Mellah, the Jewish ghetto. In the second part, Salonica, the focus is on the Jewish community's cultural achievements as well as the livelihood of the population, which revolved mainly around the port. In its heyday, before the war, close to 80,000 Jews lived here. Here, we observe the life of a Jewish family in this Greek port through a child's eyes.

JEWS OF DJERBA, THE

x961

26 min

color

Film about Djerba, an island off the southeast coast of Tunisia, that is home for a small Jewish community who see themselves as a living remnant of the Babylonian Jewish community.

JEWS OF MOROCCO

x961

59 min

color

Depicts Moroccan Jewish life including ethnic songs and prayers. Shows the "mellah" (ghetto) in Marrakesh, synagogues, and community celebrations.

AMERICA'S SYNAGOGUE

x973.1 1998 12 min color

Touro Synagogue, dedicated in 1763, is the oldest synagogue in the US and the only one to survive from the colonial era. The congregation was founded by descendants of Marranos, who fled the Inquisitions in Spain and Portugal. This video focuses on freedom of religion in America and has a wonderful segment on George Washington's letter to the people about bigotry. Finally, this short video covers the architecture of the Touro Synagogue, an example of an 18th century colonial structure.

FRISCO KID, THE

x973.2 1979 119 min color

Comedy of the adventures of an 1850's "shlemiel" Polish rabbi (Gene Wilder) as he travels across America's wild west to his new congregation in California. Also stars Harrison Ford. Mild profanity. Loads of humor!

VIEW OF JEWISH LIFE IN LATIN AMERICA

x980 1992 25 min color

A look at the Jewish communities of Argentina and Brazil.

DAYS OF AWE IN ARGENTINA

x982 55 min color

A systematic history of Argentine Jewry which also considers Argentina's current political situation.