

Understanding Major World Religions

“Judaism (A)”

I. Introduction

A. Oldest monotheistic religion

B. Name

1. Hebrew

2. Jew(s)

C. What makes a Jew?

1. Hereditary

2. Conversion

D. Further background

1. Smallest among major R_____

2. Yet, plays a major role

3. Founder?

4. Interchangeable designations

5. Sinai and the Law

a. Connection to Christianity

b. Connection to G_____ R_____

II. Key developments

A. Before Christ

1. Moses at Sinai

2. David and Solomon

3. 721-22

4. 586-87

5. Intertestamental period

6. Maintenance of identity

a. Will Durant

7. Antiochus Epiphanes IV

B. Time of Christ and beyond

1. Herod

2. 66-70 A.D.

3. Progressive developments

a. Muslim contact

b. Ottomans

c. 1948

1. United Nations

d. Six Day War, 1967