
THE CHOSEN NATION

Learning Goals

1. NCSYers will understand that being a part of the Jewish people is special.
2. NCSYers will understand and can explain why Judaism isn't racist.
3. NCSYers will be more aware of a Jew's role as "chosen".

Advisor Toolbox:

ACTIVITIES/GAMES

- Basketball comparison

VIDEOS/ARTICLES

- R' Warren Goldstein video (Vehi SheAmdah) <https://tinyurl.com/RWarrenGoldstein>
- Spiderman: "With Great Power, Comes Great Responsibility"
<https://tinyurl.com/SpidermanWithGreatPower>
[for Jews, it's the opposite. Because of a great responsibility, we have a great power]

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What makes a "proud Jew"? Why would someone be a proud Jew? (Are you?)

Activities/Hooks

- Basketball Comparison
Ask: "Who plays basketball?"
 - Appoint captains to pick basketball teams from the chabura.
 - Takeaway: Being Jewish means you are Chosen; find something about Judaism that makes you feel chosen/that you were chosen for (find your mitzvah)

A Little Explanation

1. Explain that we are chosen for responsibility and that it is just like the kohanim who have more honor but more responsibility.
2. Chosen to inspire positive diversity: our chosenness is uniqueness and creates diversity and contribution to the world.
 - Chosen as firstborns – firstborns may identify with this. Sometimes there is more honor but there is often a feeling of heavier responsibility for the other siblings. The bond of the firstborn to the parent is often stronger as a result of their joint efforts in raising younger children.