
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE JEWISH

Learning Goals:

1. NCSYers will feel that being Jewish is special, an honor, and a privilege.
2. NCSYers will develop a *personal* connection to Judaism.
3. NCSYers will think about their place in the Jewish people.

Advisor Toolbox:

ACTIVITIES/GAMES

- Draw a Jew (page 138)

VIDEOS/ARTICLES

- R' Sacks – What Jewish Marriage Taught Society - tinyurl.com/JewishMarriageLessons
- Debating Intermarriage (page 114)
- Dear Son (page 119)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the most important things Judaism has to offer?
- When you think about Judaism, what comes to mind?

A Little Explanation

1. A good way to start this session is to go round and ask the group what makes them proud or not of their Jewish identity. Positive Jewish moments or memories.
2. You can ask each teen to write a list what they think are the most important things that Judaism has to offer.
 - a. Look for: Morality, community, people hood, spirituality, ethics and meaning.
3. You can use this session a spring-board to discuss marrying Jewish and Jewish continuity.
4. *The last page from Chief Rabbi Sacks is very powerful – don't miss it!