

Religion War: Judaism's Impact on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

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By reteaching the basic roots of Judaism to the region, religion can become a healing power rather than a reason for tension.

Key Points

- A strong sense of national cohesion (SONC) from Israelis can cause conflict between themselves and Palestinians
- However, connecting Judaism, Islam, and Christianity back to Abraham creates a sense of attachment between members of those three faiths
 - Common knowledge of Abrahamic heritage has led people to become more understanding towards other religions, which draws upon humanism and diffuses conflict
- Left-wing Jewish Israeli activists love and mourn Palestinian culture through many means but some use solidarity activism
 - Reflecting on common heritage promotes peacemaking
- Data shows that religiously based dialogue can move both sides of the conflict to more favorable positions based on the similarities between the “opposing” religions.

Background

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been a politically charged issue for decades. Recently, there have been efforts to research how the issue can be resolved. Religion has been one of the ways that promotes peacebuilding between the Israelis and Palestinians.



Conclusion

- Further use and study of religious cultural elements to facilitate peace building can result in less danger for all affected by the conflict
- These studies can hopefully help shed light on ways in which this conflict can be solved

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