



Judaism and Pacifism

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Abstract

The research explores and uncovers the truths concerning Judaism and its impacts towards peacemaking. It correspondingly, exposes the Jewish relationship towards the choice of non-violence and the commitment to the common good.

Questions

- How does Judaism impact peacemaking?
- What overall efforts have the Jewish community made in contribution to the common good?

Objectives

- Examine events relating Judaism and peacemaking.
- Explain and explore the aspects in which Judaism focuses on justice and antiviolence in relation to political and religious conflict.

Findings

Jewish communities often face two realities: their religious moral reality and their nation's political reality
"Anti-militarist activists [in Israel] face a trade-off between relevance and complicity" (Weiss, 180).
Beliefs supporting fear and violence in the Israeli-Jewish community hinder the peacemaking process (Bar-Tal et al, 97).

Implications

While religious differences may be celebrated in some areas, others may use those differences as justification for violence and conflict. This was the case for Amsterdam Jews during the Holocaust. Other Jewish individuals, like those related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, may feel tension between their religious morals and the expectations from others around them.

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