KEY TERMS

Introduction
Culture
Ethnicity
Identity
Judaism
Nation
Nationality
People
Race
Religion
Social identity

Chapter 1. Narratives
Ashkenazi
Becoming white
“Fact”
Jew of Color
Mizrahi
Narrative
Dominant
Subordinated
Passover/Pesah
Passover Seder
People of Color
Sephardi
“Truth”
“White” Jew

Chapter 2. Sinais
Bible (Tanakh or Torah, Prophets, Writings)
Biblical canon
Biblical criticism (Documentary Hypothesis)
Biblical Law (and ritual observance)
Biblical Narrative
Building texts upon texts
Bnei Yisrael (Children of Israel)
Chosenness
Monism
Revelation (Sinai vs. ongoing)
Sacred place
Sacred text
Sinai
Mount Sinai
Literal Sinai
Metaphorical Sinai
Textual interpretation
PaRDeS—pshat, remez, drash, sōd
Theism
Torah (Five Books of Moses)
Oral Torah
Torah scroll
Written Torah
Chapter 3. Zions

Assyrian Exile
Babylonian Exile
Destruction of the First and Second Temples
Diaspora
Exile
Israelite
Jerusalem
Jew
Judean
Kingdoms of Judah and Israel
Land of Israel
Proto-Jew
Ritual (how something becomes sacred)
Sacred center vs. Sacred centers (spider vs. starfish)
Temple vs. Temples
Zion

Chapter 4. Messiahs

Axis/axes mundi
Bar Kokhba
Christian Jew
Hasidism
Jesus
Messiah—anointed one
Priests
Prophets
Kings
Messiah son of David and messiah son of Joseph
Messianic age
Olam haba
Sabbatai Tzvi
Schneerson, Menachem Mendel (the Rebbe)
Tikkun olam
Tzadik

Chapter 5. Laws

Agaddah
Custom (vs. halakhah)
Feminism
Contextualized
Radical
Gemara
Halakhah
“Invisible Gorilla”
Kippah
Kosher
Maimonides or Rambam
Midrash (and midrash)
Midrash Halakhah
Mikveh
Mishnah (and mishnah)
Mishneh Torah
Priest
Rabbi (and “the Rabbis”)
Sanhedrin
Shma
Shulhan Arukh
Talmud
Babylonian Talmud
Jerusalem or Palestinian Talmud
Tallit
Tefillin
Yeshivah

Chapter 6. Mysticisms

Baal Shem Tov
Breaking the Vessels
De León, Moses
Ein Sof
Good and Evil (yetzer hatov and yetzer hara)
Hasidism
Kabbalah
Kabbalast
Karo, Joseph
Philosophers vs. Kabbalists (or Philosophers/Kabbalists)
Reward and punishment
Safed
Saint
Sefirot
Sōd
Soul
Nefesh
Ruah
Neshamah
Tikkun olam
Tzadik
Zohar

Chapter 7. Cultures

“Arab Jew”
Assimilation
Babylonian Jew
“Black Jew”
Chinese Jew (e.g., Kaifeng)
Culture (i.e., culturally Jewish)
Dhimmi (Jews living among Muslims)
Egyptian Jew
Ethiopian Jew (including Feres Mora)
Ethnicity (i.e., ethnically Jewish)
Greco-Roman Jew/Judean
Greek Jew
Romaniote
Salonikan
“Hyphenated” Jew
Indian Jew
“Cochini” Jew
Bnai Israel Jew
“Baghdadi” Jew
Integration
Iraqi Jew
Isolation
Israeli Jew
Jew living among Christians
Kurdistani Jew
Persian Jew
Religion

Chapter 8. Movements

Christian Jew
Conservative Judaism
Essene Jew
Haskalah, Maskil
Hasmonean
Jewish Theological Seminary
Maccabee
Matrilineal and patrilineal descent
Mehitzaḥ vs. mixed seating
Mendelssohn, Moses
Movement vs. denomination
Nondenominational
Orthodox Judaism
Modern Orthodox
Ultra-Orthodox, Haredi
Pharisee Jew
Pittsburgh Platform
Postdenominational
Reconstructionist Judaism
Reform Judaism
Religion
Religious
Not secular (problematic of binary)
Renewal Judaism
Sadducee Jew
Secularism (i.e., secularly Jewish)
Secular Humanist Judaism
Sicarii
Synagogue
Transdenominational
Unaffiliated
Zealot Jew
Chapter 9. Genocides

Antisemitism
Holocaust denial
Anti-Israelism
Stereotypes
Bigotry vs. antisemitism (and defining each)
Collective memory
Collective trauma
Genocide
Physical
Cultural
Spiritual
Holocaust
Lemkin, Raphael
Miscegenation
Nazi definitions of a Jew
Nazi-targeted groups (i.e., Jews, Roma, Sinti, non-abled bodied, Slavs, Communists, Socialists, Jehovah’s Witnesses, homosexuals)
“Never again”
Self-hating Jew
Shoah
One-of-a-kind event
Relevant to all Jews
Relationship to Israel
Non-Ashkenazi Jews
Education (e.g., “March of the Living”)
Six million
Universalism vs. particularism
Victim vs. survivor

Chapter 10. Powers

1967 or “Six Day” War
“A land without people for a people without a land”
Al-Nakba (The Catastrophe)
Anti-Zionism
“Arab Jew”
Becoming white
David and Goliath (archetypes)
Dati and ḥilumi (religious and secular)
Chapter 11. Borders

African Hebrew Israelite of Jerusalem
Ashkenazi-centric
Authenticity (i.e., Real Israelites/Real Jews)
Bnei Yisrael (Children of Israel)
Border characteristics
Denial of rabbinic authority
“Half-Jew”
Kabbalah Centre
Karaite
Matrilineal and patrilineal descent
Messianic Jew
Jew for Jesus

Chapter 12. Futures

Counting Jews (i.e., Jewish population)
Environmental Jew
“Hebrew school”
Intermarriage (also called outmarriage)
Israel education
Jewish continuity
Jewish Federation
Jewish parochial school
Jewish summer overnight camp
Multiethnic Jews (Multicultural Jews)
Professional Jew
Raising a child Jewishly
“Strong Jewish identity” vs. “weak Jewish identity”
Shaping Jewish identities
Taglit-Birthright Israel
Unaffiliated Jew