

Special Issue

Modern Jewish Identities

Message from the Guest Editors

The editors of this special issue of Religions, which explores “Modern Jewish Identities,” have identified four overlapping topics that illustrate ongoing trends. First is the relationship between the modern state of Israel and Diaspora Jewry, especially in the United States.

Second is the matter of the denominational divide in American Judaism. In recent decades, the Orthodox have become increasingly endogenous, adopting very conservative preferences in terms of halakha and women’s and LGBTQ rights.

The third topic that now defines the American Jewish experience centers on the growing number of converts to the religion, including people doing so for personal reasons, rather than because of marriage.

Finally, there is the matter of increasing global antisemitism.

Our edited issue will invite scholars of diverse disciplinary perspectives to examine elements of these topics. We are looking for research articles based on primary source and data analysis that explore how Modern Jewish Identities are presently being transformed. Thus, begin to pose answers to the question of: What is a modern Jewish identity in the 2020s?

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