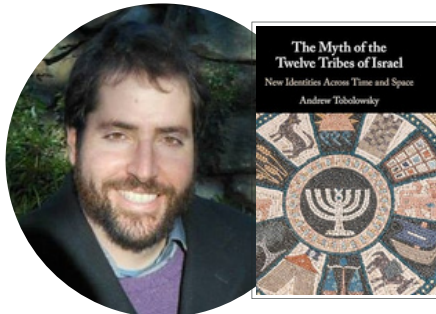




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The Myth of the Twelve Tribes of Israel **by Andrew Tobolowsky**

The Hebrew Bible offers the best known story of the twelve tribes of Israel - who they are, what they experienced, and what happened to them in the end. But all around the world, there are other stories - other people who identify as Israel, or have been so identified by others, usually through stories about where one or more of the tribes went after the close of biblical history. This paper explores the fascinating phenomenon of a world full of Israels - using the same traditions to claim the same past in different ways for different reasons.



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JMC Library, 332 Case Hall (3rd floor)

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