Shalom, Y’al1!
Teaching Mississippi’s Jewish History

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On today’s agenda...

• Mississippi Jewish history on one foot

• Matzoh Ball Gumbo
  *Introducing the southern Jewish experience*

• Teaching Jewish immigration history
  *Exploring Jewish artifacts as primary sources*

• Debrief and discussion
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Artwork by Keith BraveHeart
Oceti Sakowin: Oglala Lakota
Distribution of U.S. Jewish Population

- Non-Florida South: 84.30%
- Florida: 8.70%
- Non-South: 7%

Legend:
- Non-Florida South
- Florida
- Non-South
Who is a Jew?

Religion

Nation

Ethnicity

Culture

“Race”

Some of the above.
Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Charleston, South Carolina (c. 1800)
Isaac Wolfe Bernheim came to Kentucky from Baden in the late 1860s
Confederate Soldier
Leon Fischel
Left: Rabbi Perry Nussbaum after the bombing of Beth Israel Congregation, Jackson, Mississippi, September 1967

Right: Perry and Arene Nussbaum after the bombing of their home, November 1967
Heather Booth and Fannie Lou Hamer, 1964

Jewish Women’s Archive, courtesy of Wallace Roberts
Joe Martin Erber and Meyer Gelman at Congregation Ahavath Rayim in Greenwood, Mississippi, c. 1990s

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