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## Interactive Lecture

Here is an Overview of how a Rabbi sees the history of religion today and the relationship of Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Listen to an explanation of the call of Abraham and then the sibling rivalry of the two sons of Abraham (Ishmael by Hagar, the slave girl) and Isaac (from his wife, Sara). Rabbi Jonathan Sachs of England gives the lecture.

**Print up this document before you start the video so you can follow it better and make your own notes in this Outline of his talk. Use this sheet for reflection on Doc. 3 and Discussion Board questions**



Begin video... [https://youtu.be/-UAZknOKg\\_Q](https://youtu.be/-UAZknOKg_Q) (Start to 34 minutes)

### Battle of the Book

0 – 3 Introduction

4 – 9 Fall of Berlin Wall 1989 – Burning of books in Britain – Radical Islam begins

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Wars of Religion in 1600's

Human rights, freedom of conscience – What else?

Are born in 1600's and are alive today?

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Separation of religion and power – 1700's and 1800's revolutions

Begin four centuries of separation of church and state and secularization

14 – 23

1. Connection between religion and violence

2. Violence among – Jews, Christians and Muslims

3. Is violence a basic part of those religions?

Cain vs Abel – first religious violence

Freud          Oedipus rivalry

Rene Girard   Sibling rivalry

“Violence gives rise to religion” – not the other way around

Old Test. stories of sibling rivalries – Cain and Abel, **Isaac and Ishmael**

(We will pursue in Required Readings, Doc. 3)

23 – 27

Why bloody relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims?

Christian anti-semitism from 300 AD in various forms until 1965, Pope John XXIII, Second Vatican Council and “Our Age” document on Christians/Jews

“Supersessionism means...

Christianity

Islam

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Saint Paul and Jews

Isaac vs Ishmael, Jacob vs. Esau

Philosophers don't resort to violence

Religious leaders do – sibling rivalry – Who is chosen people?