

Embracing and Discerning Jewish Identity

This reading must be complete before smicha week.

Primary Source: B. Yevamot 47 a - b

Secondary Sources: Please acquire the following books. They are available quite inexpensively on amazon.com.

1) Shaye J D Cohen, *The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties* (University of California Press, 1999).

Prologue pp 1 - 10

Chapter 5 140 - 174

Chapter 7 198 - 238

(Chapter 10 308 - 340 - optional)

Epilogue 341 - 349

2) Lawrence H Schiffman, *Who Was a Jew*, (Ktav, 1985)

note: available through Ktav Publishing, www.ktav.com, not on Amazon

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