

In pairs please consider these two terms, choose one, and interview each other with the following considerations:

- What is the meaning of this word? Either in terms of significance or literal meaning?
- What importance has it had in Jewish/Christian history? Has history changed its meaning over time?
- What importance does the term have in relation to Jewish/Christian identities?
- What does the term evoke for you?

Take 5 minutes each answering the questions above, and then swap over. The person listening can **jot down the key words** they hear. If you finish early – consider doing this for another word in the glossary or something else entirely.



Jerusalem



Covenant

After conversation in pairs, here are some of the reflections on Zionism from the Listening Learning resource produced by CCJ UK and from a Jewish-Christian Glossary compiled by the Church of Scotland and Office of the Chief Rabbi (UK).

“Although God is seen to be present everywhere, Jerusalem is often used liturgically to describe the ‘home’ of God. Many hymns are based upon the Psalms, so Church of Scotland members have grown up singing about ‘going up’ to Jerusalem, entering her gates, and the ‘river that makes glad the city of God’”.

(Jewish Christian Glossary)

“Jerusalem is mentioned 669 times in the Hebrew Bible and alluded to variously in the Torah as “the place that Lord will designate to make his Name dwell there” (eight times in Deuteronomy alone).

(Jewish-Christian Glossary)

“...in the 19th century there was a new interest from Protestant churches in the city and the land. It is uncertain what drove this, but it may have been connected to new forms of Biblical criticism that emphasised the humanity of Christ; and, to an Enlightenment approach to faith that was interested in scientific ‘proof’ of Biblical stories.”

(Jewish-Christian Glossary)

“The unity of the city has significance across Jewish beliefs as so many Jews who would be willing to compromise on many other political issues are more concerned about doing so in relation to Jerusalem”.

(Jewish-Christian Glossary)

