

FROM A HOLY NATION (GOY) TO *SHABBES GOY* (NON-JEW):
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Abstract

This paper presents a chapter from a forthcoming book by Ishay Rosen-Zvi and Adi Ophir on the concept of the *goy* from antiquity to the present. The book is based on our English monograph *Goy: Israel Multiple Others and the Birth of the Gentile*, Oxford 2018, but dwells more on the contemporary implications of the concept of the *goy* for contemporary thought and politics. The chapter presented here deals with the Mishnah, which is, according to our analysis, the corpus in which the Jew/*goy* binary distinction appears for the first time.