

**NACOEJ CURRICULUM PROJECT  
ETHIOPIAN JEWS ARE PART OF THE WORLDWIDE  
JEWISH COMMUNITY**

**GOAL**

To develop educational lessons on Ethiopian Jews for North American youth, sixth grade through high school.

**OBJECTIVES**

To enable North American youth to:

- learn about the unique 2,500-year history of Ethiopian Jewish community, called Beta Israel (The House of Israel).
- recognize that the Beta Israel community is a member of the worldwide Jewish community.
- learn about the struggle of Ethiopian Jews to maintain their commitment to Judaism while living in isolation from other Jewish communities for centuries in Ethiopia.
- learn about the cultural and religious practices the Beta Israel share with world Jewry as well as their African-influenced music and dance.
- consider how to put Jewish values into action, and recognize that helping Ethiopian Jews *is* a Jewish value.