

# PBS Documentary Film Series: *The Story of the Jews*

5 Sundays, May 6-June 10, 5-7pm (skip 5/27)



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MSAC presents another opportunity for lifelong learning, awareness-raising and respectful community discussion. Montpelier residents Jamie Granfield Carroll and Joseph Carroll host this series and share light refreshments representing different Jewish culinary traditions each date.

- ◆ Each episode is 55 min., followed by informal audience reflection and discussion for those who wish to stay.
- ◆ **All are welcome. No advance registration is required.**
- ◆ **Free and open to the public. Donations to MSAC are appreciated.**
- ◆ *Co-sponsoring and hosting this series does not imply endorsement of any particular position on the part of MSAC staff, the MSAC Program Committee or the City of Montpelier.*



Damascus Gate, Jerusalem

## Episodes:

Episode 1: The Beginning: Simon Schama embarks on his journey through Jewish history. **May 6**

Episode 2: Among Believers: Medieval Jews struggle to preserve their identity under Christian and Islamic rule. **May 13**

Episode 3: A Leap of Faith: For the Jews, Enlightenment was a bright, hopeful moment. **May 20**

Episode 4: Over the Rainbow: Schama travels to Eastern Europe to consider the Jews' profound impact. **June 3**

Episode 5: Return: Simon Schama examines how the Holocaust and the creation of Israel altered Jewish identity. **June 10**

**Series Summary (shortened from PBS website):** Author, documentary-maker and Emmy-Award winner Simon Schama hosts this five-part documentary series for PBS. It follows him as he travels the globe, exploring the imprint Jewish culture has made on the world. The series is a personal journey for Schama who has been immersed in Jewish history since his postwar childhood; a meditation on its dramatic trajectory, and a macro-history of the Jewish people's mark on the world. It draws on centuries of diverse primary sources, and Schama talks about the turning points of the recent history with living witnesses. More information about the series is available at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/story-jews/>