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To further support these facts, the following should also be noted. Hebrew is a Semitic language and not European in origin. To those who do not know, Yiddish and Hebrew, are not one and the same. Hence, when we observe the use of the word Jew by scholars, we can correctly assume that they mean or refer to the Hebrews as Israelites and not European converts of the Jewish religion commonly known as "Jews".

Alfred Lilenthal, a prominent member of the Jewish community expressed these thoughts on January 6, 1975, in <u>Midwest Magazine</u> stating, "We, the so-called Jewish people, forgot the basic facts of history. In 1948 the Israelis (the name denotes a modern day inhabitant of Israel), drove out tens of thousands... from their homeland with Zionist propaganda. Zionists overlooked the fact that Judaism (which none of the original Hebrews knew of) was a proselytizing religion after Christ. Many of the Europeans were converted to the Jewish faith in places far from Palestine, and therefore, were not ethnic to the Holy land. The Indians could reclaim Manhattan, if the world was run on the principle of spiritual domain."

In the work of Steven Jacob and Rudolph Windsor, <u>The Hebrew Heritage of Our West African Ancestors</u>, they stated, what constitutes pure or distinctive Jewish traditions to the persons of European ancestry, is far different from that of Jews elsewhere. The so-called typical European Jewish foods such as bagels and matzo ball soup are not Hebrew, but Slavic and Hebrew words. The very word 'synagogue' commonly used to indicate a Jewish house of worship, actually is of Greek origin. Even the word "Jew" was made popular long after the Bible had been completed. The words "Israelite" and "Hebrew" are of much older vintage."

George Friedmann in his book, The End of the Jewish People, pointedly states that the Europeans who are claiming to be Jews, are nothing more than "Hebrew speaking Gentiles." The late President of Egypt, Gamel Abdel Nasser, stated on television, "you (the Jews) will never be able to live here in peace, because you left here (Palestine) black and came back white. We cannot accept you!" The relationship described in Genesis indicates that Jacob would supplant his older brother Esau. At

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