What’s Wrong with ‘Religion’?

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What makes one a Jew? In this lecture I hope to show why it is a bad idea to imagine the Jews as a “religion,” and still less a “faith.” To put it another way: it is unsatisfactory to posit the Jews as a group defined by and comprised of those folks who share particular beliefs and practices dependent on those beliefs. The Jews, I assert, are not and never have been defined by a shared “religion,” and, moreover, should avoid being so pegged.

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