

# The Jewish Relation to Cannabis

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**The Jewish Relation to Nature**

**Kasher Ethics, Living Soil, Baruch Hashem!**

**Key Terms**

- Hashem: Hebrew for "The Name," indirect reference to our Creator
- Chai: Hebrew word for life
- Kabbalah: Jewish mysticism, the study of the hidden meaning of Torah
- Kosher: in compliance with Jewish dietary and agricultural laws (Kashrus) based on Biblical standards for treating plant and animal species
- Mitzvah: Hebrew for commandment, good deed

**Summary**

- The highest value in Jewish ethics is the protection of life.
- Jewish ethics requires respect for the sanctity of all species.
- The command to be kosher respects limits on how we treat plant and animal life.
- This is a reflection of the Jewish relation to the natural world: We are not masters over nature, but in awe of Hashem's world.

**CANNABIS IN THE JEWISH TRADITION I**

**Implications**

- The Jewish respect for nature provides context for cannabis use and plant-based medicine in the Jewish tradition.
- *Kashrut* is living law, and there is a difference of opinion about whether hydroponic cultivation of cannabis respects the agricultural laws.

1. Cannabis is a plant that helps to reduce suffering.
2. The protection of life is the highest Jewish value.
3. Thus, from a Jewish perspective, cannabis can be viewed as holy, provided by Hashem to heal us.

**"Sukkot: The Harvest Holiday" by Steve Marcus**

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*Cannabis Jew Magazine* (CJM) acts as a Jewish voice in the cannabis press and advocates for the Jewish community in the cannabis sector.


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CJM covers cannabis industry news from a Jewish perspective and promotes trade with Israeli cannabis companies.

## Outreach

CJM provides Jewish educational outreach in the cannabis sector to help professionals respect and connect with Jewish consumers.

Designed for a DEI program in cannabis education and training.



Editor-In-Chief Dr. Lissa Skitolsky has a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Jewish Studies and a post-secondary degree in Cannabis Cultivation. She designed the course to provide context for the Jewish role in cannabis history and an accessible, inclusive introduction to Jewish culture that counters implicit anti-Jewish bias. Her next book, *White / Jew*, is forthcoming from Indiana University Press in 2025.

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