World Religions Spanish treatment of Jews: the Sephardim

- 1. What contributions did Jewish philosophers make to medieval society?
- 2. How did political powers of Europe differ in their treatment of Jewish Communities?

World Religions Kabbalah

- 1. What beliefs in the tradition of Kabbalah are similar to Hindu ideas about Brahman and Samsara?
- 2. What beliefs in Kabbalah can be traced to Torah and Talmud?

World Religions The Crusades

- 1. What two primary reasons are given for violence toward European Jews during the crusades?
- 2. What leaders tried to prevent violent attacks against Jews? What were their reasons?
- 3. What evidence is offered to prove that charges of usury against the Jews were unfair?